

OUT NORTH EAST
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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Out North East
Charity Information
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees	Mr Peter Darrant Mr Brian Edward Johnson Ms Bernice Gillian Saltzer
Charity Number	1177074
Registered Office	Pride Media Centre Unit 1 Stonehills, Shields Road Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE10 0HW
Accountants	Kudos Accountants Ltd 15 Front Street Sherburn Hill Durham Co. Durham DH6 1PA

Out North East
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

We report on the financial statements of Out North East for the year ended 31st December, which comprise of the income statement, balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us. We conducted our work in accordance with statements of standards for reporting Accountants, and our procedures consisted of comparing amounts and disclosures in the financial statements with the accounting records and making such enquiries of the officials as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion. In our opinion the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account kept by the charity, and that on the basis of information contained in the books of account, they comply with the requirements of the generally accepted accounting practice of the United Kingdom.

The Charity has generated a surplus of £12,918 in the year, in a full trading window of 52 weeks. The surplus is a great achievement from what was in essence, a standing start for the newly appointed trustees. 2025 promises to be an even stronger year for the charity, and Kudos are looking forward to seeing a greater surplus on 2025's accounts.

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14th April 2025

Out North East
Income Account
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOME					
Market Stalls	7	12,742		12,742	533
Adverts	8	3,850		3,850	-
Sponsorship	9	53,485		53,485	-
Workshop	10	24,788		24,788	-
Donations received		2,858		2,858	-
OTHER INCOME					
Grants received	11		74,463	74,463	1,000
Direct event costs	12	(74,354)		(74,354)	-
Other event costs	12	(1,584)		(1,584)	-
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets		(411)		(411)	-
Other supporting costs	13	(82,919)		(82,919)	(798)
NET SURPLUS				12,918	735

Out North East
Balance Sheet
As At 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	4	1,437	-
		<u>1,437</u>	<u>-</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	15,590	-
Cash at bank and in hand		971	1,002
		<u>16,561</u>	<u>1,002</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	(4,078)	-
		<u>(4,078)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>12,483</u>	<u>1,002</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,920</u>	<u>1,002</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>13,920</u>	<u>1,002</u>
Unrestricted Funds		8,920	
Restricted Funds		5,000	
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>13,920</u>	<u>1,002</u>

On behalf of the board

Mr Peter Darrant
Trustee
14th April 2025

Out North East
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. General Information Out North East is a charity, registered with the charity commission in England & Wales, registered number 1177074. The registered office is Pride Media Centre, Unit 1 Stonehills, Shields Road, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE10 0HW.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting under the historical cost convention (unless stated otherwise) and in accordance with applicable charity accounting standards and relevant legislation in England and Wales. The financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position and results of Out North East for the year ended 31 December 2024.

2.3. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

3. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was: NIL (2023:)

4. Tangible Assets

	Computer Equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 January 2024	-
Additions	1,848
As at 31 December 2024	<u>1,848</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2024	-
Provided during the period	411
As at 31 December 2024	<u>411</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2024	<u>1,437</u>
As at 1 January 2024	<u>-</u>

Out North East
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

5. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	15,590	-
	<u>15,590</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,841	-
Other creditors	1,200	-
Taxation and social security	1,037	-
	<u>4,078</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Market Stalls

	2024
	£
Bar & Food	2,400
Event Stalls	10,342
	<u>12,742</u>

8. Adverts

	2024
	£
Pride Guide Adverts	3,850
	<u>3,850</u>

9. Sponsorship

	2024
	£
Wristband	1,400
Picnic	7,245
Lawn Bowling	5,395
Stop Smoking	4,595
Main Stage	11,500
Emerald 55	16,500
Other Events	6,850
	<u>53,485</u>

Out North East
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

10. Workshop

2024

£

Flags	13,635
Tombola	5,095
Inclusivity Training	1,100
Talks/Workshops	1,500
Other	3,458
	24,788

11. Grants

2024

£

Council	18,423
Community	32,350
Commercial	23,690
	74,463

12. Direct Event Costs

2024

£

Speakers & Performers	29,356
Design	10,740
Flags & Displays	3415
Health and Safety	2485
Equipment Consumables & Hire	24,299
Food Costs	629
	70,924

13. Other Supporting Costs

2024

£

Other Direct Costs	2,705
Advertising	27,865
Audit and Accounting Fees	1,200
Bank Charges	35
Car & Vehicle Hire	1,071
Charitable Donations	2,318
Consultancy	29,204
Insurance	3,597
IT & Computer Expenses	948
Motor Running Expenses	2,230
Printing, Postage, and Stationary	1,069
Refreshments & Sundry Expenses	2,016
Rent	6,300
Subscriptions & Licences	805
Tool, Property Repairs, and Renewals	1,556
	82,919

Out North East
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Market Stalls	12,742		533	
Adverts	3,850		-	
Sponsorship	35,485		-	
Workshop	42,788		-	
Donations received	2,858		-	
		97,723		533
OTHER INCOME				
Other operating income		74,463		1,000
		172,186		1,533
DIRECT EVENT COSTS				
Event fees	59,315		-	
Event security costs	3,429		-	
		(62,744)		-
OTHER EVENT COSTS				
Travel expenses	1,584		-	
		(1,584)		-
DEPRECIATION AND OTHER AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF ASSETS				
Depreciation of computer equipment	411		-	
		(411)		-
OTHER SUPPORTING COSTS				
<i>Other direct costs:</i>				
Equipment hire	11,610		-	
Consultancy fees	29,204		420	
Other direct costs	2,705			
	43,519		420	
<i>Premises expenses:</i>				
Rent	6,300		-	
Repairs and maintenance	1,556		-	
	7,856		-	
<i>General administration costs:</i>				
Vehicle running costs	3,302		-	
Computer and IT consumables	948		-	
Insurance	3,597		-	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,069		8	
Advertising and marketing costs	27,865		370	
Accountancy fees	1,200		-	
Subscriptions	806		-	
Bank charges	35		-	
Charitable donations	2,318		-	
Sundry expenses	2,014		-	
	43,154		378	
		(94,529)		(798)
NET SURPLUS		12,918		735

PRIDE FESTIVAL REPORT 2024





WHAT AN AMAZING SUMMER OF PRIDES.

When we started our journey in February 2024 to stage three month-long pride festivals, we didn't realise that we'd end up delivering 65 events ranging from dog shows to film screenings, crafting sessions and colour fun runs. Our aim was to engage with as many people as possible, with activities for all ages and abilities. We programmed events that entertained, educated, challenged and brought people together.

The result has been an incredible summer of activities made possible with the support of the communities of Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead who embraced the festivals and celebrated with pride.

We've also grown as an organisation.

Out North East was formed from a dormant charity in October 2023. We had an opening bank balance of £5 but our ambition and drive to deliver for the region was limitless. We rebranded the organisation and with the support of all three local authorities and Sunderland BID, met with partners, forged new relationships and shared our vision for the charity. In six months, we raised £200,000 to stage the festivals with £50,000 from grants and the rest in sponsorship, partnership and in-kind donations.

Of the 65 events staged, 90% were free including all the events organised by Out North East. The only paid for activities were from external partners who needed to charge a participation fee to cover their costs.

And though the weather challenged us at many of our events, it didn't dampen the spirit, enthusiasm and passion in which they were received.

In only a matter of months, Out North East has established itself as a charity that can work in partnership with local authorities, businesses, third-sector organisations, service providers and community groups.

We've also proved that we can be trusted to deliver.

Peter Darrant
Chair
OUT NORTH EAST



PRIDE IN SUNDERLAND

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Pride in Sunderland launched at the Bridges shopping centre with a day of activities, stalls, music and workshops. It was a huge success with the centre reporting a 14% increase in shoppers.
- ▶ We worked with Sunderland AFC to take over the game against Swansea and renamed it the Pride in Sunderland match. Over 2000 people visited the 'LGBTQ+' fan zone and 40,000 fans got involved during the game. The club is now launching its first LGBTQ+ supporters club, Pride in Wearside.
- ▶ The Pride March through Sunderland was attended by over 600 people with hundreds of shoppers cheering from the sidelines. It was loud, proud and full of love.
- ▶ Over 2000 people danced and celebrated at the Pride in the City concert.
- ▶ We had 700 families join us for the Pride Family Picnic at Sunnyside Gardens.
- ▶ We transformed an empty unit in the Bridges Shopping Centre into a pop-up gallery and exhibited the Flag in The Map exhibition which attracted 1500 people.

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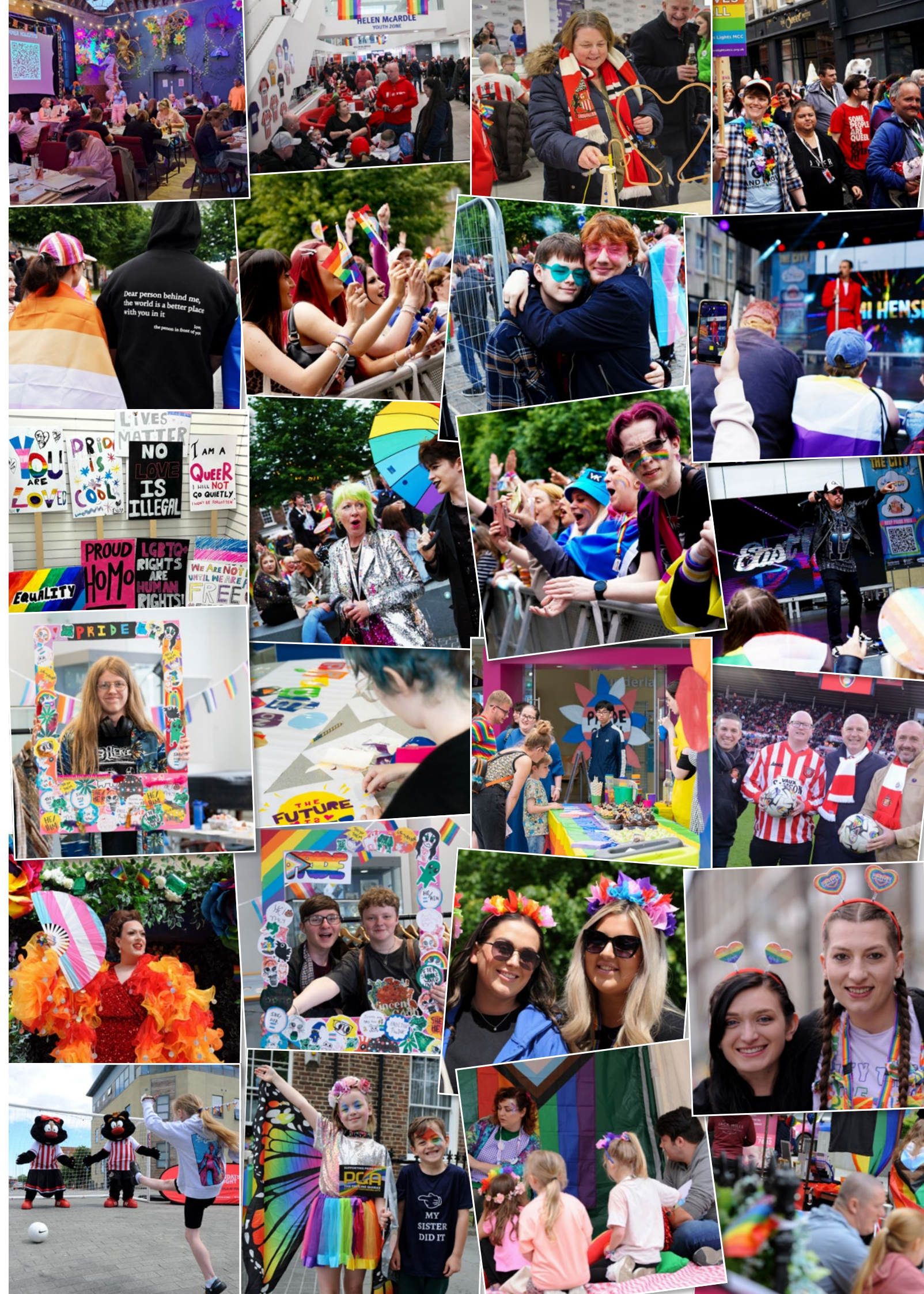
Wow – this year's Pride has been brilliant with so much to do. Can't believe it's all free.

Amazing to see Sunderland AFC supporting pride. Brought a tear to my eye.

Finally, a pride festival I can be proud of. Thank you Sunderland.

Loved the concert and it was free! Definitely be back next year.

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South
Tyneside
Council

PRIDE IN SOUTH TYNESIDE

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ The South Tyneside Summer Parade burst with pride with thousands of people taking part and flying pride flags.
- ▶ We staged the first Pride in Hebburn bringing retailers and community groups together.
- ▶ Over 100 dogs, and their owners, enjoyed a wet but fun day at Pride Pooches in Jarrow.
- ▶ The borough brought the X-Factor with Joe McElderry's Big Pride Party at The Customs House and Jade Thirlwall threw an amazing After Pride Party at Arbeia.
- ▶ Libraries across South Tyneside had LGBTQ+ book displays.
- ▶ The sun shone – for the first time in a long time – at the Pride in South Tyneside concert which attracted 20,000 people.

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I've really enjoyed the film screenings and learnt so much. It's great to see events for all ages other than a boozy party.

Joe's Big Pride Party was amazing. I danced, sang and celebrated with my lesbian daughter.

Pride Pooches was so much fun. My dog loved it. And we won a rosette, so we didn't mind the rain!

Thank you for a brilliant concert. It's the first time we've felt safe being our true selves in our hometown.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ We took over the Metrocentre for a day of pride which attracted thousands of people who took part in activities and visited LGBTQ+ stalls.
- ▶ The first Pride Lawn Bowling Tournament was held in Pelaw with sixteen teams battling it out to win the trophy.
- ▶ Over 1000 families enjoyed a sunny day at the Pride Family Picnic in Saltwell Park.
- ▶ The 5k Pride Colour Fun Run took place at Chopwell Woods with hundreds taking part and getting covered in paint. It was colourful, fun and a real community event.
- ▶ We celebrated Pride in Gateshead Town centre with a day of activities that connected Trinity Square, VANE gallery and the railway quarter.
- ▶ The Pride on Tyne Concert was staged on the quayside and though we experienced all the elements in one afternoon, including a small hurricane; hundreds turned out to celebrate.



The Colour Fun Run was amazing. We came as a family and loved it. So many happy memories made.

I never thought I would say this, but I LOVE LAWN BOWLING. What a funny, brilliant day.

The Family Picnic was lush. It's so nice to see so many families enjoying the day and I got a photo with the Metrognomes!

Walking through the Metrocentre and seeing how they've celebrated pride is amazing. As a young kid, in the closet, if I'd have seen this when I was shopping, then I wouldn't have felt so alone. It's brilliant.



OUT NORTH EAST DELIVERED MORE THAN A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF PRIDE FESTIVALS.

- ▶ Working in partnership with the Red Sky Foundation, we installed four lifesaving defibrillators in Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside. Each unit branded in the progressive flag.
- ▶ We worked with Sunderland AFC to launch their first LGBTQ+ supporters club, Pride in Wearside.
- ▶ We supported a video produced by Lumo, showcasing independent businesses based in Gateshead which has had over 20,000 views.
- ▶ We delivered 12 LGBTQ+ history, inclusivity and diversity training sessions.
- ▶ Working with the office for the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and an LGBTQ+ youth group, we produced a four-part podcast series aimed at supporting 13- to 16-year-olds called Our Voice
- ▶ Partnering with Lumo we delivered a national Rail Safety Awareness campaign at the Metrocentre
- ▶ We showcased Gateshead to the Mr Gay World delegates who shared their love of the borough across the world
- ▶ We donated £2245 to Pelaw Community Bowling Club to support their outreach work.
- ▶ £2000 of small grants were awarded to help organisations and individuals participate with pride.
- ▶ Working with Sorted Public Relations, we generated 153 million views on articles promoting Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead. This equates to over £1.5million in positive PR.
- ▶ Pride Radio donated 18 hours of radio coverage with coverage on BBC, Tyne Tees TV and influencer sites. This generated an additional PR value of £1million.



Not everyone was happy to welcome Pride

The following word cloud is made up of hate directed to Out North East on our social media platforms. We've not changed any words. Turning over might offend you. We make no apologies.

BUT IT'S MORE THAN NUMBERS, RIGHT?

We know organisations like to hear big numbers and we admit, it looks good in an eye-catching press release or when filling out a grant application. We could easily say 100,000 people engaged with all three festivals and over one million experienced the Flag in the Map exhibition however, for us, it's about the individual numbers.

It's the elderly trans person who approached us and said they felt so lonely they were ready to take their life who now is getting the support they need; the mother who asked for help talking to her son about his sexuality; the bisexual teens who attended an event and felt safe for the first time in their town and the grandparents who shared a happy memory with their queer grandchild. These moments and many more like them, are the numbers that matter to our charity.

FREAKS
STAY AWAY FROM OUR KIDS
DISEASED
WASTE OF MONEY
YOU'RE DISGUSTING
MOB OF SICKOS
HOPE IT RAINS
MINCING FAGGOTS
THE BIBLE SAYS
ADAM AND EVE NOT
ADAM AND STEVE
ALL FUCKING PERVERTS
DEPORT THEM
YOU'RE ALL SICK
GET BACK IN YOUR CLOSET
THEY'RE ALL MENTALLY ILL
WOKE SHIT
GO TO HELL
PAEDO SHOW
BAN PRIDE
BAN THEM ALL
ABOMINATION
GAY SNOWFLAKES

From May to September, we received over 2000 negative comments about the pride festivals on social media.

SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED
IMMORAL FREAKS
YOU'RE GOING TO HELL
PATHETIC
WEIRDOS
GET RID OF THEM
DISEASED
WHEN IS THERE A STRAIGHT PRIDE?
HATE THIS
PUFFS AND FAGS
AFTER OUR KIDS
PERVERTS
SOD OFF PUFFS
AIDS FEST
SICK IN THE HEAD
GROSS
MAKES ME SICK
BAN TRANS
HOMOSEXUALITY IS A SIN
GOD HATES YOU
MENTALLY ILL
HATE THE PRIDE FLAG
CHUTNEY FERRETS PARTY

One local newspaper even removed a positive news post celebrating the festival from their socials due to the amount of hate messages.

LOVE

RESPECT

FREEDOM

TOLERANCE

EQUALITY

PRIDE

There is still a lot of work to do to change hearts and minds but, as our first summer of pride showed, people are proud of who they are, their family, friends and the community they live in.

For every negative comment we received, hundreds cheered, took part in activities and celebrated their pride. And that's what Out North East aims to build on.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR



EMERALD 55 HERITAGE PROJECT

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE

Emerald 55 is a unique heritage project which asks the question – What does Pride mean to me?

Pride has been a rallying call for the LGBTQ+ community since the Stonewall Riots but it's not exclusive to our community. Pride is an emotion that connects everyone.

For some it's the celebration of sexuality, the fight for equality or publicly identifying as your true authentic self. For many it's the pride shared in a local

football team, a personal achievement or a memory.

Emerald 55 aims explore to what pride means to people in Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead.

We'll be holding a series of community workshops, online events and activities at schools, colleges and universities exploring what pride means. There will also be a pack to download for people to engage with on their own, with their family or friends.

All the experiences will be curated and form three major exhibitions which will be displayed in Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead during LGBTQ+ history month in February 2025. The collection will then be gifted to each local authority for their archives.

Emerald 55 is an important legacy project which will connect people and celebrate personal, community and civic pride.

THE HISTORY BEHIND EMERALD 55

This year we commemorated the 55th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a watershed moment in LGBTQ+ history that sparked political and social change and was the catalyst for the modern pride movement. Every pride festival we celebrate today stems from this act of protest and defiance.

On 28 June 1969, the patrons of the Stonewall Inn at Greenwich Village gathered to remember LGBTQ+ icon Judy Garland, who had sadly passed away six days earlier. Emotions were high.

On the same night, the New York police raided the bar, attempting to arrest employees and patrons for violating laws prohibiting same-sex relations, cross-dressing, and serving alcohol to LGBTQ+ individuals. Members of the community decided it was time to make a stand. Against a backdrop

of constant persecution for the "crime" of being gay or being considered to have a mental disorder, they decided the discrimination and recrimination they suffered at the hands of the police needed to stop – and they hit back.

Fuelled by years of frustration and anger they resisted attempts by the police to arrest them, refusing to go quietly.

Storme DeLarverie, a proud lesbian, drag king and lifelong gay activist is widely acknowledged to have thrown the first punch in protest, though drag performers and trans activists Marsha P Johnson and Sylvia Rivera soon became the public faces of the riots. Over the following days, hundreds of people showed their solidarity and also fought back, challenging the police for their strong-arm tactics.

The Stonewall Riots lasted for several nights, serving as a turning point in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. The demonstrations garnered significant media attention and became a rallying cry for the emerging gay rights movement.

It was also the catalyst for a worldwide movement for equal rights, leading to the establishment of the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Activists Alliance. The first Pride event was held and through the actions of a handful of brave people at Stonewall, the position of the LGBTQ+ community worldwide changed – and continues to do so.

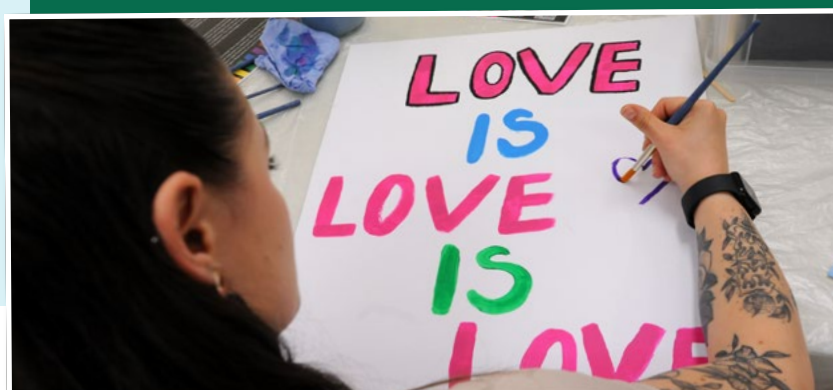
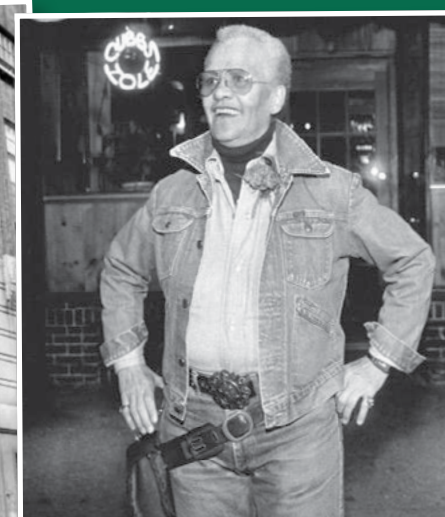
It is against this backdrop that we have created Emerald 55 – a chance to remember our past, celebrate pride in our achievements and bring communities together.

WHY EMERALD 55?

We've been asked about the name of the project. Let's explain it:

- It's 55 years since the Stonewall Riots
- Emerald is the gemstone for 55th celebrations
- Emerald connects Judy Garland (Wizard of Oz, Emerald City)

Emerald 55 – simple!





We'll be delivering Emerald 55 until LGBTQ+ history month in February and planning our next Summer of Pride festivals which will run from June to August in 2025.

This year we delivered 65 events; can we go bigger?

With the support we've received from the communities of Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead, and working in partnership with local businesses, charities, service providers and third-sector organisations, we believe we can.

We really want to engage with more people and build on the success of Pride in Sunderland, Pride in South Tyneside and Pride in Gateshead.

Pride is more than a celebration and it's much more than rainbow flags and marches. It's about showing authentic support for all communities and creating an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

We want everyone to be proud of who they are, where they live, their neighbours and community. We can only achieve this by learning from one another, respecting our differences and celebrating what brings us together.

With your support, we can do this.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT NORTH EAST OR WANT TO START A CONVERSATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Peter Darrant (Chair)

E: peter@outnortheast.org.uk T: 0191 695 1969

You can also reach us on linkedin or any of our socials.

Thank you for being part of our journey as we celebrate the region as a safe and inclusive place to live, work and visit. A North East bursting with pride.

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Charity Number 1177074





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Out North East

On accounts for the year
ended

1st January 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1177074

Set out on pages

1&2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **01 / 01 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

21/10/2025

Name:

Cameron Dewey

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

M.A.A.T

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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