

LGBTQ+ History Month

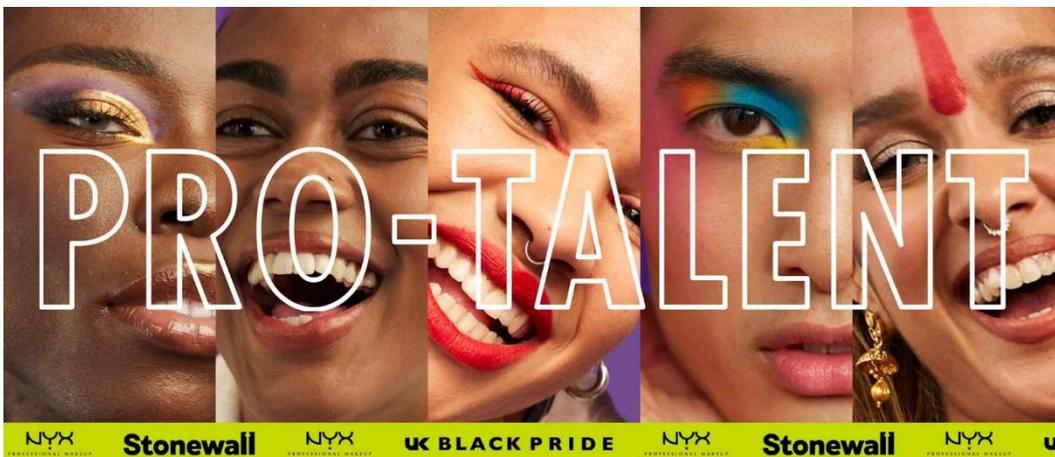
“Home is a feeling as much as a place. It is watching thousands of Black and brown people dance, embrace and sing. It is the warm embrace of Black women. It is safety, family, love and security. It is everything we've tried to build at UK Black Pride.” - Lady Phyll



Lady Phyll is an acclaimed British political activist and co-founder of UK Black Pride. She began Black Pride as a trip to Southend-On-Sea with the group Black Lesbians in the UK 17 years ago, and since then it has grown to be Europe's largest celebration for African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American and Caribbean heritage LGBTQ+ people.

In the last few years UK Black Pride and their partner Stonewall UK have been working with Nyx Cosmetics UK on the Proudly Pro You campaign which has helped survey and report on the experiences of BAME LGBTQ+ people in the UK, has showcased diverse talent and creatives, and is producing UK Black Pride's community action plan which will distribute grants to organisations working to help BAME LGBTQ+ people in the UK.

Black Pride works all year around raising awareness and working to address the issues faced by BAME LGBTQ+ people. In 2021 as part of their Proudly Pro You Campaign they released the We Will Be Heard Report, based on the findings of their survey carried out on BAME LGBTQ+ people in the UK. Across a wide range of findings, it particularly highlighted the increasing anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination happening in the UK, and the racism experienced by BAME LGBTQ+ people.



BAME LGBTQ+ people are still consistently experiencing racism and discrimination in places that are supposed to be safe for all LGBTQ+ people, and research into discrimination and experiences of LGBTQ+ people often overlooks BAME stories.

We want to commit to the Pride Network to being a safe space for **all** LGBTQ+ people, and work to raise the voices of BAME people in the hospital, whether they are in the Pride network or not.

If you'd like to read the report released by UK Black Pride, or learn more about their organisation and events, please follow the links below.

[UKBP \(ukblackpride.org.uk\)](https://ukblackpride.org.uk)

[UKBP 2021 Survey — UKBP \(ukblackpride.org.uk\)](https://ukblackpride.org.uk)

[Proudly Pro-You — UKBP \(ukblackpride.org.uk\)](https://ukblackpride.org.uk)