

9 May 2024



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### **Rainbow/LGBTQI+ events**

I refer to your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 8 April 2024.

Further to your original request for information made on 19 March 2024 requesting “all dates and functions hosted by the local Council Owned Buildings (Including Libraries) to Rainbow Storytime, and what costs were paid by the local Council to them for events since June 2020”, of which a response was provided to you on 3 April 2024, you have also requested the following information:

*I request all dates and functions hosted by the Local Council Owned Buildings (Including Libraries) to:*

- 1. Rainbow Storytime.*
- 2. Any other drag queen related events including Hugo Grrrl, Queen Olivia III or any other known drag queens or LGBTQI+ entertainers.*
- 3. Any Rainbow / LGBTQI+ events promoted for anyone under the age of 20.*
- 4. Covering 1,2,3: what costs or sponsorship were paid by The Local Council to them for events since January 2015.*

Your request for information has been partly granted.

Wellington City Council has proudly supported the rainbow community and various iterations of the Pride Festival and other events over the decade.

Below is a table providing the information you have requested:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Payments</b>
Rainbow Storytime with Stephii Onassis	4 March 2017	Central Library	17(e) of the Act
Rainbow Storytime with Laquisha St Redfern	11 March 2017	Central Library	17(e) of the Act
LGBTQIA+ Creative Writing Workshop with Jo Morris	21 July 2017	Central Library	\$0.00
Rainbow Storytime with Laquisha St Redfern	23 July 2017	Central Library	17(e) of the Act

Rainbow Storytime with Laquisha St Redfern	3 March 2018	Central Library	17(e) of the Act
Rainbow Storytime with Hugo Grrr!	14 March 2021	Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub	\$450.00
Rainbow Storytime with Hugo Grrr!	15 March 2021	Karori Library	\$450.00
Rainbow Storytime with Hugo Grrr!	20 March 2021	Ruth Gotlieb (Kilbirnie) Library	\$450.00
Youth Movie Night - Out On The Shelves	17 June 2021	Karori Library	\$0
Zine Workshop - Out on The Shelves (youth)	18 June 2021	Newtown Library	\$0
Youth Movie Night - Out On The Shelves	18 June 2021	Newtown Library	\$0
Karori Rainbow Youth Night	31 May 2022	Karori Library	\$0
Rainbow Storytime with Erika and CoCo Flash	9 June 2022	Miramar Library	\$350
Rainbow Storytime with Erika and CoCo Flash	10 June 2022	Cummings Park Library	\$350
Rainbow Living Library with Erika and CoCo Flash	10 June 2022	Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub	\$350
Dress Up Preschool Storytime	2 March 2023	Island Bay Library	\$0
Rainbow Youth Night	4 March 2023	Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub	\$0
Rainbow Youth Night	11 March 2023	Karori Library	\$0
Dress Up Preschool Storytime	14 March 2023	Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub	\$0
My Story, My Pride: A Youth Poetry Pride Workshop 14-18 years	7 March 2024	Newtown Library	\$0
Rainbow Youth Night	2 March 2024	Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub	\$0
Wear Your Pride: badge making and friendship bracelets (teens)	6 March 2024	Ruth Gotlieb (Kilbirnie) Library	\$0
Comics, Queerness, and Community: A workshop with Sophie Labelle and Sam Orchard, advertised for 16 years+	8 March 2024	Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub	\$300
Just to be Queer: zine-making workshop (teens)	14 March 2024	Newtown Library	\$0
Rainbow Youth Night	16 March 2024	Karori Library	\$0
Rainbow Storytime with Queen Olivia III	16 March 2024	Ruth Gotlieb (Kilbirnie) Library	\$450

Please note:

- This information includes rainbow/LGBTQI+ events that were held at Council owned properties and advertised to audiences aged 20 and/or under.
- With respect to four of the events listed in this information provided, we were unable to locate any records of payments made and therefore this has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the information requested, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. However, it is anticipated that these events incurred no payments by the Council.

**Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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**Official Information**