

# Pride & Prejudice Matters

The first Pride in London took place in 1972 and attracted 1,000 attendees. Now there are over 200 Prides in the UK, and millions of people participate. Polly, an award winning LGBTQ+ speaker, founder and former board Director of Pride in London, will discuss the importance of Pride today, covering:

## Session Outline

- The history of the movement and its evolution over 50 years
- The role it has played in addressing prejudice against the LGBTQIA+ community.
- What rights have been won in the last 50 years, and what challenges does the community still face?
- Why it's still important today, especially at a time when we are seeing DEI roll back and a rise in hate crimes.
- How businesses, organisations and individuals can better support the LGBTQIA+ community now.

## Session Includes

- Personal attention and feedback in a friendly, judgement-free atmosphere.
- Opportunity to ask questions.



### Facilitator: Polly

Polly was part of the team that set up the first ever Lesbian Visibility Week. And has a real drive and passion around ensuring that queer women and those who are non-binary are better represented in business, music, the arts and sport. She is also an advocate for wellbeing, having founded Pride Swims and Pride in Wellness. Polly is the founder of Out & Wild Festival and Events and a recognised global speaker on LGBTQ+, gender and allyship.

Post a successful corporate career, she has been active in the LGBTQ+ space for over 12 years, including 4 years on the Board of Pride in London. She has grown Out & Wild to be the UK's biggest Festival for LGBTQ+ women, now extending into retreats and day events and attracting attendees from over 20 countries.

Polly has been on the Pride Power and Outstanding Lists and recognised by the European Sponsorship Association for her work.