**LGBT50 VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK**

Pride Parade - 22nd July 2017

Just wanted to say what an amazing day we all had on Saturday. The sun shone for the Parade and the crowds of people that turned out were just fantastic. Queens Gardens was heaving and the music superb. I was so proud to be a CoC volunteer when the people of Hull pull out all the stops for something like this. I will remember this day for the rest of my life. Truly Amazing.

Just to say many thanks to all the team. Everything very well organised. Thank you for the opportunity to parade was a fantastic day you all looked fabulous in your pink.
Hope I didn't go on too much about it being my birthday but I couldn't have had a better one sharing it with all the fabulous team and volunteers.
A huge well done

I just wanted to say 'THANK YOU' for such a fab day yesterday at the Pride Parade - what a fantastic event to have been a part of!

Having been involved in many of the Lord Mayor's Parades (from when they used to go from Walton Street up to East Park and, as they do now, just around the Town Centre) I have to say yesterday tops each and every one of those for me!

Seeing you guys having so much fun and relaxed also made it enjoyable as it's quite often you're all in 'work' mode as it were - I know you all were yesterday but it didn't come across so much.

THANKS AGAIN GUYS - Not only do the Volunteers Rock, but so does 'THE TEAM'!!

Another highlight from 2017 and what an amazing day full of joy and thank you.

Thank you for the email. Yes, it was a wonderful, happy experience. Certainly one of my highlights this year-and there are many. I felt very proud, with my friends, carrying the special flowers at the front.

Had a wonderful time, sure it will be one of my hi lights of this fantastic year. Both yourselves and the Pride team must have worked so hard to ensure such a smooth running of such a large event so congratulations to all involved.

Absolutely loved it, my pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity.

Just a quick note to say what an amazing day to be a volunteer involved with the Hull Pride parade! The whole day was wonderful! Thanks for the opportunity.

Wonderful day. Thank you.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to take part. Our thanks should also go to the organisers and all helpers for what was a splendid experience. Queens Gardens was perfect the great concert afterwards.

What an amazing day!!!!

Thank you for the opportunity, I had an absolute blast, it was so brilliant and the rain kept off so was even better. Followed by a great afternoon in Queens Gardens with a fabulous crowd.

It was by far the best shift I’ve ever done, I’m still buzzing from the whole day now!

I had an amazing day and night loved Everything xx

I had a great time, it was so good to see everyone so happy. Thank you for all your hard work behind the scenes. We got the fun part.

It was a great event that I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in.

Please pass on our thanks to the Pride team as we had the most incredible day – and thank you for giving us the opportunity to take part.

Just wanted to say a big thank you to all the Hull2017 staff for looking after us and wearing their pink t-shirts, wonderful and much appreciated. The number of visitors lining the parade route got me quite emotional at times, it was lovely to see so many people.

This is exactly how a society should work, people helping one another, concentrating on the positive things in life, allowing each other's differences.

I’m just letting you know wot an amazing brilliant day I had. It was quite emotional and to be part of such a fantastic celebration. I love every minute of every volunteering role I’m part of. And look forward and get excited to all I’m going to do.

It was an absolute pleasure for both Jo and I to be part of it. Jo was so proud of laying the Volunteer Wreath she put the "tears" into "voluntears".

*Emma Wilkinson from Pride in Hull passed on the following to be forwarded to the volunteers who provided support in Queens Gardens:*

Just wanted to say a massive thank you for all your help last Saturday. I have been at a bit of a loss for words since then as the whole day was really overwhelming and far more intense than we could have ever imagined.

We never dreamt it would be so big.

So I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your energy, commitment, humour and willingness to get stuck in. We really could not have done it without you.

I appreciated your ability to just go with the flow and step up to any tasks that needed doing. You made the day really special. Thank you so much to those of you that did a stint at litter picking – it’s a back breaking thankless frustrating job but your efforts meant that by 11.30 pm the site was really litter free!

I hope you enjoy the rest of your adventures with the City of Culture

Duckie Tea Party – 29th July 2017

Hope you've recovered from Saturday - what a fantastic day and night eh? Didn't think Pride Parade and Concert could be topped but I was proved wrong - again hahaha :)

I felt compelled to email you regarding my volunteering opportunity as a waitress at duckies tea party on Saturday.

I have been involved in volunteering with the City of Culture since becoming a pioneer volunteer in March 2016. Since then I have had some interesting, exciting and emotional volunteering opportunities.

However, my experience at Duckies tea party exceeded all my previous experiences.  It was an incredible volunteering opportunity and I loved every minute of it. Dickie and his crew from Duckies organised and staged a fantastic event. Well done to them all. I understand it was Martin Greens decision to bring Duckies to Hull. A brilliant idea and all the people I served were full of praise for the event.

 My lasting memory of the day will be how complete strangers sat at a table had a chinwag over a cup of tea and a scone and became "friends" for half a hour, even taking pictures of their "new friends " That is for me what the day was about. I would do it all again in a heartbeat.

May I also say at the half way stage of the COC a big thanks to all of the team behind the organising and allocating of opportunities to volunteers. At times, I am sure it must seem a thank less task but I think you do a fantastic job. I have always been very happy with whatever I may be offered and appreciate not every opportunity can be offered to all volunteers.

I look forward to the next six months.