

One of Asia's Largest festivals celebrating “sexual” and “biological” diversity is back in Yoyogi Park for the first time in 3 years.

Announcing the Program for Tokyo Rainbow Pride 2022!

Kicking off with the Tokyo Rainbow Pride Parade and Rainbow Festival in Yoyogi park on April 22 (Fri.) through April 24 (Sun.), we will continue through Pride Month in June with the theme “**Change the Future Together**”

Tokyo Rainbow Pride (co-presidents: Fumino Sugiyama and Natsumi Yamada), a non-profit organization, is proud to announce that one of the largest LGBTQ-related events in Asia celebrating “sexual” and “biological” diversity, Tokyo Rainbow Pride 2022 (TRP2022), will be held once again in Yoyogi park this year for the first time in 3 years. TRP2022 will be held both off-line and online from April 22 (Fri.) through to June 26 (Sun.) as outlined below. Applications for the Pride Parade will be accepted from today, March 22 (Tue.).

Schedule of events:

April 22 (Fri.) - April 24 (Sun.) "Pride Festival" @Yoyogi Park

April 24 (Sun.) "Pride Parade" @Yoyogi Park (Shibuya - Harajuku)

June 3 (Fri.) "Pride Conference" offline

June 25(Sat.)-June 26(Sun.) "Pride Talk Live" online



Tokyo Rainbow Pride in 2019

Tokyo Rainbow Pride has been held in Tokyo's Yoyogi Park since 2012 and up until 2019, to celebrate and connect with LGBTQ people and their supporters (“allies”) as well as to celebrate “sexual” and “biological” diversity.

The "Pride Parade & Pride Festival" had provided a "venue for all to connect" but in 2020 and 2021, these events had to be held online due to the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. This provided a great opportunity to "connect" with those who had previously not been able to visit Yoyogi Park. In 2021 approximately 1.6 million people participated in our online events.

While we were able to discover new possibilities with the online events, we also received many requests from people who were looking forward to walking in the parade once again, as well as

from people who said they had been energized by the idea of gathering in Yoyogi Park once a year. We realized that there is still a need for an event in Yoyogi Park, as a place where people of diverse sexualities get together to be proud of who they are while respecting each other's individuality. Thus we decided to hold the event in Yoyogi Park for the first time in three years, even though Covid-19 infection is yet to be fully under control.

This year, however, we will be limiting the number of people who can enter the venue and participate in the parade via advance registration. We will operate the event in compliance with the guidelines of government agencies and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and will take thorough measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

The theme of TRP2022 is “Change the Future Together”

In addition to the TRP organizer's float at the Pride Parade on April 24 (Sun.), we will also host the float of YOUTH PRIDE JAPAN, an official project of TRP, which mainly consists of people in their teens and twenties, in order to "reach out to" the next generation.

The "JAPAN PRIDE NETWORK" float, which is composed of organizations that sponsor pride events across the nation, and other floats that focus on "reaching out" will also be on display. The stage at Yoyogi Park and other events in June will also offer programs for participants and themed according to this year's theme.

Tokyo Rainbow Pride 2022 - Outline

Official name : Tokyo Rainbow Pride 2022
Period : 22 April (Fri.) to 26 Jun (Sun.), 2022
Participation Fee : Free
Sponsor : NPO Tokyo Rainbow Pride
Supported by: Shibuya Ward (Tokyo) during April 22-24th period (as of March 22).
Media Partner : InterFM897, COURRIER JAPON

Outline of each event

▼ Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24 "Pride Festival

April 22: 13:00-18:00 / April 23 & 24: 11:00-18:00

Location: Yoyogi Park Event Plaza & Outdoor Stage

*Further details, including the time schedule, will be announced in a press release to be distributed in early April.

▼ April 24 (Sun.) "Pride Parade

Time : 13:00-15:00 (tentative)

Location : Shibuya - Harajuku

Please see below for participation instructions.

*Course and other details will be announced at a later date.

June 3 (Fri.) "Pride Conference

To be held offline

*Further details will be announced in a press release to be distributed in May.

June 25 (Sat.) - June 26 (Sun.) "Pride Talk Live

To be held online

*Details will be announced in the press release to be distributed in May.

The June events, which will be based on insights gained through our connections, will offer relevant information we hope will help educate people and help them gain new perspectives.

How to participate in the Pride Parade & Pride Festival

In order to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus, admission to the Yoyogi Park event site and participation in the Pride Parade will be limited to those who have registered in advance.

Participation in the Pride Parade:

How to participate: Application March 22 (Tue.) to April 5 (Tue.), 2022

Application form: <https://form.tokyorainbowpride.com/paradep/paradep2022.html>

Admission to the venue site:

How to Participate: Application April 6 (Wed), 2022 - April 12 (Tue), 2022

Application Form: To be made available on the Tokyo Rainbow Pride 2022 event website.

***Admission to the viewing area in front of the stage**

How to Participate: No advance registration is required, but those who have not applied for admission to the venue will not be allowed to view the event. (Note however that due to the limited capacity of this area, admission may be restricted at the entrance of the area on the day of the event.)

TRP2022 Theme and Statement

Change the Future Together

Capitalize on Connections

There are countless ways to connect

In this new normal world -

Regardless of whether we wish to or not -

As we still share our thoughts and feelings

Even if we are not physically together.

There are matters, some quite important, we have come to see

Because we can not meet.

And while we all want change,

There are times we don't want to see change either.

But now that we can see both the good and the bad,

Let's make our intentions clear, for our future selves.

Let's raise our voices,

Speak up,

And never stop moving forward.

Our future can only start changing when we are all connected.

<Background Info>

In the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have come to realize that we can connect to each other in so many ways. Our relationships have diversified. The ways we choose to stay together have grown many fold. We can now be, and see ourselves and our relationships as they really are. But while we have seen positive change in the way society perceives us, there has also been a growing number of people who have become lonely and isolated due to a lack of physical contact. Equally, it has become clearer that many problems still exist because the voices of the voiceless are being drowned out by the louder ones, and many “rules” remain unchanged even though we had raised our voices against them. Thus this year’s theme is brought about thanks to these new insights into our new connections and for this new era and a future where by speaking out and raising awareness, we can change society, not only for the LGBTQ community, but for all people to live happily and in safety.

Tokyo Rainbow Pride aims to create a society where LGBTQ people and other sexual minorities can live their lives positively without being subjected to discrimination and prejudice. Via TRP, we provide a place to celebrate and connect with LGBTQ people and their supporters (“allies”) and to celebrate “sexual” and “biological” diversity.

Tokyo Rainbow Pride Official Website: <https://tokyorainbowpride.com/>

TRP Official YouTube channel “TRP Channel”: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TokyoRPride/>

TRP Official Twitter Account: https://twitter.com/Tokyo_R_Pride

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