

THE LASTMINUTE.COM LONDON EYE

PRIDE IN LONDON KS2-5* ACTIVITIES – TEACHER NOTES

IN-POD

These activities have been designed to take approximately 10 minutes and act as the main in-pod activity during a visit to the lastminute.com London Eye.

IN-CLASS

These activities can also be adapted to be used as classroom resources. Guidance is provided on how this can be done for each activity.

INTRODUCTION

Share a brief introduction with students on what the lastminute.com London Eye will be doing to support Pride in London: **Lighting up for Pride in London on Saturday 1st July 2023 from sunset to sunrise the next day.**

Share additional information with students to help them understand the background and objective of the Pride in London Parade and the symbolism of the rainbow flag.

This year, the Pride in London Parade will take place on 1st July. It journeys through the centre of London from Hyde Park Corner to Whitehall Place. It is a celebratory community event that brings LGBT+ people together, to celebrate individuality, showcase diversity and raise awareness of LGBT+ issues.

The values of Pride in London are visibility, unity and equality. This is reflected in the symbol of the rainbow flag. The rainbow flag, also known as the 'pride flag' is an emblem of the LGBT+ community, rainbow colours reflecting diversity and the broad spectrum of the community. By displaying the pride flag, people from all communities show their support for LGBT+ people, their rights, and freedoms.

The London Eye will be lit up in rainbow colours, representing the pride flag, on the evening of the Pride in London Parade.

Facilitate a student discussion about the following:
How will this help raise awareness of Pride in London and LGBT+ issues?

Choose a 10-minute activity from the following options for your students to complete.

*Suggested age-ranges have been given on the pod-plan activities so you can choose those most suitable for the age range you are working with.



ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS AND ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1: TRACK THE PRIDE IN LONDON PARADE (KS2-5)

Looking out over the London skyline (West) and with the worksheet provided in this pack, ask students to identify some of the key London landmarks that the Pride Parade will pass and that can be seen from the London Eye. Students can also match the locations on an online map.

Pride in London Parade route and key landmarks for teacher reference:

1. The Parade starts at Hyde Park Corner
2. Green Park
3. Piccadilly Circus
4. Trafalgar Square
5. Whitehall Court - the Parade ends at Whitehall Place.

An online map can be viewed at:

prideinlondon.org/parade/map or prideinlondon.org/parade/residents-and-businesses-info/residents-information/

IN CLASS

This activity can be adapted to be an in-class activity. An image of the West view from the pod (included in this pack) will need to be provided for students to match to the map.

ACTIVITY 2: KEY LANDMARKS AND THE HISTORY OF PRIDE IN LONDON (KS3-5)

Looking out over the London skyline (South and West) ask students to locate some of the key landmarks in the history of Pride in London. Discuss how and why Pride in London has changed over time. There is a detailed resource sheet included in this pack.

Information to share with students before they begin sketching:

East

Vauxhall

In the 1970s, the Royal Vauxhall Tavern was a popular bar for LGBT+ people but was subject to a number of attacks from political groups.

The Houses of Parliament

In 1988, when section 28 was brought into force, demonstrations were held against it.

West

Hyde Park Corner

The Pride in London Parade begins here.

Whitehall Place

The Pride in London Parade ends here.

Trafalgar Square

A key landmark for the Pride Parade from the 1970s to today.

IN CLASS

This activity can be adapted to be an in-class activity. Students can sequence the key events on a timeline and locate particular areas of interest using the Skyline Views resource included in this pack.



ACTIVITY 3: DESCRIPTIVE WORDS (KS2-3)

Ask students to write a vocabulary list to describe the London Eye light up for Pride and the Parade. Using the student worksheet within this pack, students write a different word in each pod. They can go on to explain why the words are important for the LGBT+ community.

e.g. sparkly – to show that every LGBT+ person has a chance to shine! Words could be generated in the pod and then the activity completed in the classroom.

IN CLASS

This worksheet can also be used in-class

ACTIVITY 4: WRITE A SLOGAN (KS3-5)

Ask students to write a slogan to accompany the London Eye light up for Pride event. It should aim to advertise the event whilst promoting the values of Pride in London. e.g. *Shining a light on London's LGBT+ community.*

Using the architecture of the London Eye as inspiration, ideas could be discussed in the pod and completed in the classroom.

IN CLASS

This activity can also be completed in class.

ACTIVITY 5: NEWS REPORTER (KS2-5)

Ask pupils to imagine they are reporting from the London Eye during the Pride in London Parade.

They need to:

- explain what the Pride in London Parade is and why it takes place
- explain how the London Eye is raising awareness of Pride and LGBT+ issues
- explain what they can see / hear / feel (for this, students will need to imagine that they are at the London Eye, watching the Pride Parade)

- encourage others to visit the London Eye / Pride in London Parade.

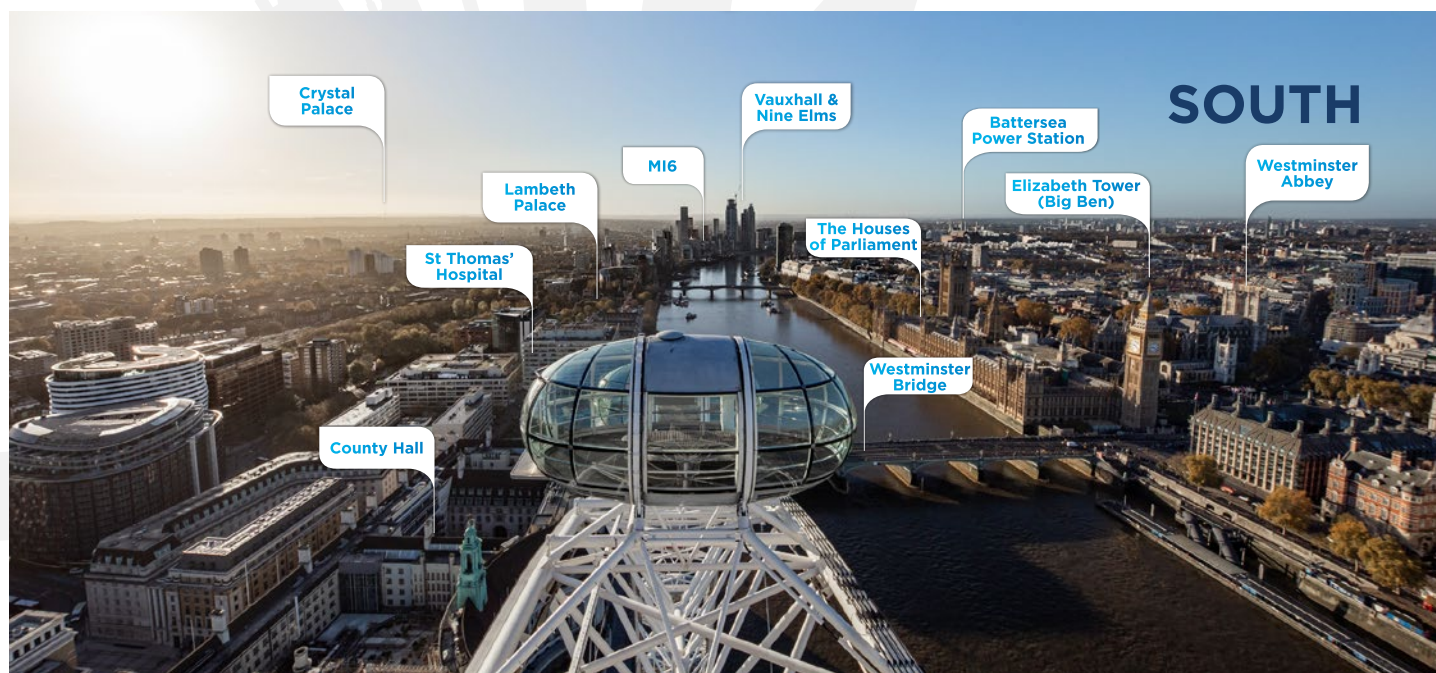
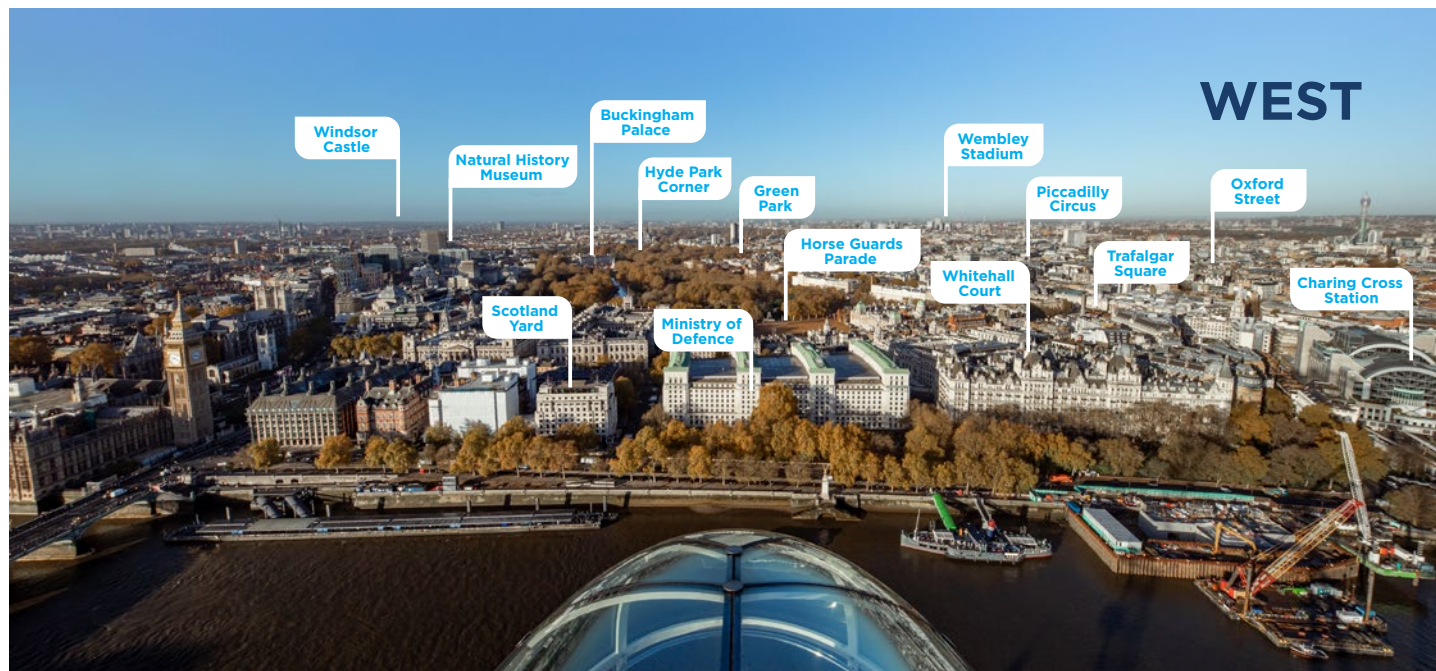
Pupils should use their main activity time in the Pod to plan their report. Some time back in the classroom should be allocated for creation and presentation of the report.

IN CLASS

Alternatively, both planning and writing/creation can take place in class.



THE LASTMINUTE.COM LONDON EYE SKYLINE VIEWS — TEACHER REFERENCE SHEET



TRACK THE PRIDE IN LONDON PARADE — KEY LANDMARKS STUDENT WORKSHEET



- 1 Hyde Park Corner
- 2 Green Park
- 3 Piccadilly Circus
- 4 Trafalgar Square
- 5 Whitehall



KEY LANDMARKS AND THE HISTORY OF PRIDE IN LONDON INFORMATION SHEET

The first official UK Gay Pride rally happened in London on 1st July 1972, with about 2000 people taking part. It was the first Gay Pride in a city in the UK and ran from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square. The date was deliberately chosen as the nearest Saturday to the third anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York. These were triggered by police harassment at the Stonewall Inn, a bar catering to New York's LGBT+ community.

Gay Pride Week 1978 included a march through Chelsea, via Earls Court to Shepherds Bush Green. There had been increasing attacks on gay people, including at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern. With the slogan 'Lesbians and Gay Men Come Out On the Streets', Pride was an opportunity for LGBT+ Londoners to show their strength and numbers.

Gay's the Word is a bookshop located on 66 Marchmont Street in Bloomsbury. Founded in 1979, it was the only bookshop in Britain that specialised in gay and lesbian literature. In 1984 Customs and Excise officers raided the bookshop and seized books on the grounds that they were obscene. The case went to the European Court in 1985 and the charges were eventually dropped.

In 1988, Section 28 was brought into force under the government. It criminalised the 'promotion of homosexuality' and discussion of gay issues in schools and sparked mass activism from the LGBT+ community. On the day that it was enacted, a group of lesbians protested in the House of Lords. At Pride, there was a record turnout of about 40,000 people that marched together to protest against it. Section 28 has now been abolished.

By the 1990s Pride was taking place over several weeks, with events, concerts and other large gatherings, as well as the march and rally. Participants met at Victoria Embankment, marched through Whitehall and Parliament Square, before rallying in Kennington Park. In 1992, London was selected to hold the first-ever Europride, with attendance estimated at 100,000. In 1996, Pride was renamed Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride, and had evolved to become the biggest music festival in Europe.

By 2007, the year of the 35th annual Pride Parade in London, the event had become one of the largest Pride celebrations in the world. It was now celebratory rather than protestive, reflecting the huge progress towards equal rights made during the intervening years. The Pride in London Parade now starts at Hyde Park Corner, via Green Park, Piccadilly Circus, and Trafalgar Square to Whitehall Place.



DESCRIPTIVE WORDS
STUDENT WORKSHEET

