

## UKPON CO-CHAIR / DIRECTOR

I'd like to put myself forward as new co-chair for UKPON.

I have been on the committee for Pride Cymru for the last three years and am currently co-chair. I am also one of the Trustees of the charity itself responsible for legal matters and governance.

I feel that I can bring a fresh perspective to UKPON and help further the network. Within Pride Cymru I deal with all legal matters and have helped to define our own constitution and resolve practical problems in the running and growth of our charity. I feel that this is something I can bring to UKPON.

I have also been solely responsible for sponsorships this last year or so and I have worked hard to establish new relationships to benefit Pride Cymru. I feel again this is something I can do for UKPON particularly with regards to attract commercial support for UKPON and what it stands for.

I'm told that I am easy to talk to and easy to approach with problems and I always make time to do what I can to support others within my committee and in my local community.

I would hope that as co-chair of UKPON I can work with the Board to facilitate better communication between Pride organisations across the UK and I know that I will do my best to help members who ask for support.

I think there is a lot of work we can do to strengthen the network both as a brand and as a collective support group for all member Pride's and I would be honoured to put myself forward as part of a team that will help to develop and grow UKPON.

If you have any questions or need any specific information, please let me know.

Many thanks

Gian :)



### **Gian Molinu**

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## **UKPON TREASURER / DIRECTOR**

I'm 45 years old and have worked within an Engineering environment since the age of 16. I currently work on the Railways (no I don't drive trains) as a Signal Sighting Engineer.

I joined the Swindon Pride Committee in 2008, mainly as the secretary and looking after the Stalls on the day, this was my baptism of fire! as little did I know, in 2009 I would take on the chair role, with this Swindon Pride became Swindon & Wiltshire Pride.

Across the years I have been involved in many aspects of organising safe events, and if there was a job to do it would get done. I have managed the budgeting and accounts over the last 9 years for SWPride. I have driven SWPride forward to ensure a Pride event happens in Swindon, as I believe in the positive ethos of Pride, how it brings the community together and how it helps educate people.

I volunteer as a Youth Leader for Out of the Can plus since 2004 which is an LGBTQ+ youth club, this meets weekly in Swindon, for young people aged between 13-19 years old.

I stepped down as chair of SWPride after our tenth anniversary in 2017, but I'm still involved as treasurer on the organising committee.

### **Jo Sharpe**

Treasurer  
Swindon & Wiltshire Pride  
[www.swindonwiltshirepride.co.uk](http://www.swindonwiltshirepride.co.uk)





## MEMBERSHIP

I am officially announcing I'm standing for election to the role of membership coordinator.

I have been involved in the pride movement for the last 4 years, 3 as production manager for the former Gloucestershire Pride and now chair of Pride in Gloucestershire, as well as being a trustee and the production director for Coventry Pride since 2017.

I have been a member of the UKPON board from its creation and have worked on the role of membership coordinator from the start.

The role over the last 2 years has not come without its challenges which have been overcome and worked towards the role that it is now. Since taking position on the board I have attended around 50 pride events around the UK as well as helping outreach to many others that have newly formed. I have been taking a pivotal role in forming UK regions, a process which is slowly taking shape, with 2 out of the 14 planned regions working and another 2 regions due to have their meetings in early 2019.

I believe I have so much more to offer the network in continuing my role as membership and working closely not only with our prides but also with EPOA and InterPride.

I look forward to working with UK prides and building stronger relationships throughout the UK

With Pride

**JayJay Potter-Peachey**

## INCLUSIONS LIAISON

Hi Folks

I wish to register my interest for the role of Inclusion Coordinator.

I believe this role is multi-faceted and that I would be a good fit. One of my main aims would be to unify the membership paying particular attention to minorities within our community from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle's etc... As I am myself from Northern Ireland with experience of living in England I understand first hand the difficulties with a London/mainland centric approach to operations.

I am the founder and chairperson of Newry Rainbow Community, Rainbow House Newry and Pride in Newry. I have been heavily involved in The Rainbow Project Northern Ireland, Love Equality NI and Belfast Pride. I also served as 'Gay Rights Officer' for Manchester Metropolitan University for three years during my time there attending and speaking at national conferences. I have also worked with the LGBT foundation and Gaydio in Manchester.

I am registered disabled and work closely with many disabled charities locally. I recognise the unique difficulties faced by disabled LGBTQI people.

If you require any further detail please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RORY RAFFERTY". The letters are slightly slanted and connected in a cursive-like style.

**Rory Rafferty**

Chairperson

Pride in Newry/Newry Rainbow Community

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## COMMUNICATIONS

LGBTQ+ activist Stephen A Ireland created Nine Radio alongside good friend Andrew Straiton, and has since developed a show within Pride season called The #PrideShow. The Pride show discusses issues covering LGBTQ+ community and its allies alongside mental health and disability. Stephen ensures a balanced view and has interviewed the likes of Ru Paul Drag stars, Pop stars and Unsigned artists. He has also covered interviews on air with charities such as The Samaritans, FLAGG and Terence Higgin's trust.

Additionally, Stephen founded 'Pride in Surrey' an organisation that connects the Surrey LGBTQ+ community, educates those within the spectrum and its allies and celebrates the amazing diversity and inclusion that Surrey has to offer. Stephen is also a patron of 'Educate and Celebrate', a charity which inspires, educates and supports teachers and children with various LGBTQ+ pieces.

Stephen attended 26 pride events in 2018 hosting at 11 including UK Pride and EuroPride. His passion and desire to deliver great pride events alongside ensuring the spirit of pride continues is evident.

Happy to help

Regards,

**Stephen Ireland**

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Please accept this as my application for the role of Communications Officer for UKPON. My name is Jordan and I am the current Marketing Manager for Pride in Gloucestershire. Over the past 12 months I have handled all communications via our Social Media Platforms and Website. In the run up to Pride in Gloucestershire 2018 our Social Media Platforms played a vital role in connecting with our Community. Without Social Media and our Website I do not believe that Pride in Gloucestershire would have been as great as a success as it was.

Looking back to the start of 2018, Pride in Gloucestershire's presence on Social Media and the Internet was pretty poor. Over the past 10 months I have successfully managed to double our engagement on all Social Media platforms as well as build and maintain our first Website. In doing this I was able to produce consistent branding that really changed the face of Pride in Gloucestershire.

I am applying for the role of Communications Officer as I believe that I have the correct skills to take UKPON's communications and outreach to the next level. If I were successful I would work to build a stronger online Community for all Pride Organisers by improving current communications across all Platforms. I would also like to set up a monthly newsletter (to be sent via email) that would provide all those that opt in with updates and communications from the Board. I will also make a point of marking all 'Special Days' (ie Trans Day of Remembrance) each month.

I believe that the UKPON website is a fantastic tool for all UK Pride Organisers, I would love to further the development of the website and make it a real 'hub' for encouraging and supporting all UK Prides, building on the fantastic work that has already been done.

I would like to thank you for your time in reading this application and I hope to hear from you soon. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

