



# **Media Release**

## **Pride House is set to return to Glasgow**

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**The successful Pride House project which took place in Glasgow during the Commonwealth Games in 2014 has been confirmed as making a return during this year's Homeless World Cup in Glasgow from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

The project will be led as a partnership between LEAP Sports Scotland who organised the 2014 project, and Unity Enterprise, and will take place at *The Spoon Café* on Trongate which is run by Unity Enterprise. This will also mark the first time that a Pride House has taken place at the Homeless World Cup. Pride Houses are pop up spaces at global sporting events which create a space for lesbian gay bisexual transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people to engage with and celebrate the event, to explore LGBTI issues in sport, and to build relationships with mainstream sport. The events programme is expected to be announced the first week in June.

Mel Young, Co-Founder of the Homeless World Cup Foundation welcomed the news by saying: *"We're pleased to see Pride House opening again, this time for the 2016 tournament in Glasgow. We've committed to ensuring that George Square will be the most inspiring place on the planet this July, and that means demonstrating tolerance, compassion and support for all communities who strive for equality and social justice."*

Depute Leader of Glasgow City Council and the Executive Member for Equalities, Councillor Archie Graham OBE, said: *"Football brings communities together and nowhere will that be more evident than at the Homeless World Cup in George Square this July. It will be a real celebration of diversity and I am delighted that Pride House will be at the heart of the celebrations. LEAP Sports Scotland are making a real difference in communities across the country and I am sure that Pride House will make a significant contribution to what will be a fantastic festival of football."*

Hugh Torrance, Executive Director of LEAP Sports Scotland said *"The role of sport in changing lives is centre stage at the Homeless World Cup, and so having a Pride House at the event which creates a space to explore such issues and to consider the impact of sport on human rights and social change is an important step. Together*



*with Unity Enterprise, we will present a programme that will give us an opportunity to bring a focus on important issues such as homelessness, asylum and migration of LGBTI communities.”*

*Emma Soanes, Chief Executive of Unity Enterprise said “The Homeless World Cup presents a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and achieve a sense of community right in the heart of the city, but reaching far and wide. We are delighted to be partnering with LEAP Sports and hosting a programme of events and activities that showcase the incredible skills and contributions of all our citizens.”*

More information can be found on the LEAP Sports website [www.leapsports.org](http://www.leapsports.org) where you can get involved with the programme, volunteering and so on.

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## Notes for Editors.

### LEAP Sports Scotland

LEAP Sports Scotland is a Scottish charity dedicated to working to remove the barriers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people from accessing, participating, and excelling in sport.

### Unity Enterprise

Unity Enterprise is a Scottish Charity dedicated to promoting the abilities of all people to ensure they can be fully included in their communities. We offer support, advice, training and employment in a variety of settings to people affected by homelessness, refugees, carers, young people and people with a learning disability.

More information on Pride House movement can be found here:

<http://www.pridehouseinternational.org/>

Photos from Pride House Glasgow 2014 to accompany articles can be obtained from [info@leapsports.org](mailto:info@leapsports.org)

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