

Sparkle

AN AMAZING WEEKEND OF TRANSGENDER CELEBRATION



The Transgender Celebration 2010 was another amazing weekend – this sixth *Sparkle* took place on the 9th, 10th and 11th July, in Manchester, UK.

Sparkle always begins with an official welcome event on the Friday afternoon – as always it was a great start to the weekend for the new people coming to *Sparkle* for the first time, as well, of course, for the more regulars too. It is estimated that *Sparkle* attracted over 3,000 visitors this year.

The main event – *Sparkle In The Park* – was a huge success. The fine weather ensured that the day was enjoyed by everyone. *Sparkle 2010* had the largest number of stalls and exhibits in its history, and the *Sparkle Stage* was packed full of ‘trans’ entertainment from bands, singing, comedy, and ending this year with the ‘Tranny Of The Year’ competition.

“It was the best Sparkle that I have attended...it was an amazing weekend” - Yvonne Oakley.

This year also saw the welcome return of the talks and workshops, held at the *The Mechanics Institute*. Topics covered everything from Transgender legal Rights and feminism, to make-up and beauty tips - the feedback on all sessions was very positive.

The Sparkle Ball was also introduced to provide an additional celebration for the weekend, and an alternative to the ‘the village’ in Manchester, which always provides a great location for the Sparkle Celebration and for everyone to enjoy who they are and what being transgendered means to them.

“Another fantastic day at Sparkle... This is just the type of event that helps increase trust and confidence in the communities.” - Veronica Milligan

The Sparkle 2011 dates are now confirmed as the 8th, 9th and 10th July 2011.

Sparkle – Our Mission:

Sparkle aims to cultivate a safe circumstance to promote equality and diversity, raising the awareness of transgender people by simply being visible, celebrating the strengths of their transgender community for a weekend. But at the same time not forgetting the discrimination, that members of the community still experience, and the effort needed to earn greater recognition and respect from the wider society.

Sparkle organizes, operates and promotes the *Transgender Celebration* to educate and inform, as well as celebrate transgender diversity and equality.

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