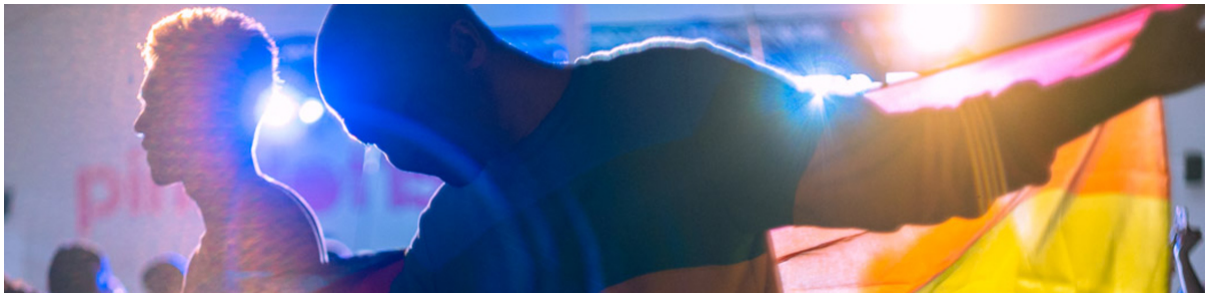




Takeaways

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On Saturday, we wear pink

It's Pink Dot weekend, and it marks yet another year of trying to convince the rest that queer people are indeed fellow humans who deserve human rights. Even with the repeal of 377A and a wider acceptance of same-sex unions, the general reality queer people face is still reminiscent of “four legs good, two legs better”.

Let's put it this way: Singapore is inclusive—it's just more inclusive to those who stick to the status quo. Be it sexuality, activism, or even artwork.

*P.S. We've also learnt some of you found your way here through your friends. If you haven't already, **subscribe** to our weekly newsletter today!*

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Gay men can't save lives



The stereotypical association of gay men and HIV still bar queer men from donating blood in Singapore.

The only workaround is being a celibate gay man.

**Post-377A, Discrimination is Still
in Our Blood (Donations)**

Take a walk



Singapore has a history of student activists advocating for rights and change. These days, though, activism gets called Western Woke-ism, even when students play by the rules with their modern brand of Singaporean activism.

**Assembly, Boycotts,
Convocations: The ABCs of
Student Activism in Singapore**

Why were the curtains blue



Somewhere along the lines, the complaints and protests start to sound like someone's best attempt at a general paper. That is, forced to write something, but oftentimes with little to no substance.

Promoting prostitution? Encouraging smoking? Feeding the male gaze? Just let the samsui woman live.

The Samsui Woman Kerfuffle Shows Some Complaints Aren't Worth Listening To

Chicken leg



There's plenty to do with an additional \$300, but if there's one thing we realised, it's that we don't always have to use it frivolously.

Mala, Massages, and More: Singaporeans Share What They Copped With CDC Vouchers



Short Grains, or *piping-hot* topics by the spoonful.

- The reviews are in and our man-made wonder has done it again. [Gardens by the Bay](#) was voted the eighth-best attraction in the world on Tripadvisor. (via *The Straits Times*)
 - What's better than Disneyland? Disney on water, clearly! The [Disney Adventure cruise ship](#) will be setting sail from Marina Bay in 2025 on three and four-night trips. (via *The Straits Times*)
 - Time to sing along to Hakuna Matata as you chow down on your lunch as local authorities could be allowing the sale of certain [insects as food](#) as early as July. (via *CNA*)
 - Stressed out from work? You're not alone. Gallup's 2024 Report ranked Singapore as third in Southeast Asia for [daily workplace stress](#). (via *AsiaOne*)
 - Why choose between delivering bread and delivering furniture when you can have both? This [Gardenia Bread lorry](#) does it all, but is now facing investigations. (via *Mothership*)
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Who knew you could turn a passion for feet into a career? Kimberley, a podiatrist, explains the importance of foot health and why you shouldn't take your feet for granted.

Feet Don't Disgust Me

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- [Pink Dot](#) is happening tomorrow—come join in the fun and celebrate love and inclusivity with the LGBTQ+ community!
- The [Asia Cat Expo](#) returns this weekend with two days of cat-centric programs and activities. Enjoy cat shows, interactive seminars, workshops on grooming and safety, and a cat grooming competition showcasing professional groomers' skills.
- Don't miss The Human Expression's Second Company at this weekend's [Cont.act Contemporary Dance Festival](#). Watch their stunning contemporary dance pieces and experience the art of movement like never before!
- In line with Pride, [Desert Blooms – The Dawn of Queer Singaporean Theatre](#) will be returning for a one-night-only show to recount Singaporean theatre's queer history through difficult times.
- Channel your inner Mozart by heading down to Botanic Gardens for [Music Oasis 2024](#), a free orchestral concert at the Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage. Pets and picnics are welcome too!

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