In this booklet, you will find LGBTQ+ friendly hanging out places, as well as organizations that organize events for the LGBTQ+ community!

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https://cocregionnijmegen.nl/

**Transgender Group Nijmegen** is part of COC Nijmegen, is for all trans men, trans women, cross dressers, non-binary people, or anyone who has questions about gender identity or feels connected to the transgender community. They organize a bi-weekly bar evening at the Pink House, but also lectures, workshops, films and other social activities.

www.transgendernijmegen.nl

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https://dekringen.nl/kringen/gelderland/regio-nijmegen/

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**Nijmegen’s own Roze Huis** (Pink House), located in a beautiful building in the city center, where several events are organized for the LGBTQ community, such as lectures, cultural events, concerts etc. COC and Dito organize many of their events and meetings in the Roze Huis. The venue is owned by an association of volunteers, and supported by the city of Nijmegen. You can also book (part of) the Roze Huis to organize your own event! The largest space can accommodate a maximum of 75 people, and is equipped with catering facilities.

www.rozechuisregionnijmegen.nl
Address: St. Antoniusplaats 1 Nijmegen

**Dito** specifically targets young LGBTQ+’ers, until age 28. They organize several social events, such as quiz nights, MiQ gay-minded parties in Nijmegen’s city center, city trips abroad, the Pink Week at Radboud University and HAN, Boardgame Nights, Lunches, and monthly Drinks (in Dutch: “borrel”) at Marcus Antonius. Everyone is always welcome to join any of these events!

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, Dito organizes a Pink Lunch in Radboud’s Student Church. The Pink Lunch is very easy to go to if you’re on campus anyway: Dito Lunch Studentenkerk, https://www.ru.nl/studentenkerk/activiteiten/ontmoeting-gezelligheid/dito-roze-lunch/. Come join for some free sandwiches and chat with like-minded people in a safe environment!

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Cafés, bars & Venues

Café de Plak
Bloemerstraat 90
Excellent venue for food and drinks! Collective Café De Plak is a sanctuary for playful activism in the field of gay, lesbian and women’s emancipation, squatters, international solidarity and much more. The company’s profits are donated to charities in the form of grants. The basement below the restaurant can be rented to organize parties and gatherings.

Danscafé Marcus-Antonius
St. Anthonisplaats 15
(opposite to Roze Huis Nijmegen)
Popular venue. Regular events. Bar & dancefloor

Bar De Regenboog
Van Welderenstraat 65
Popular bar in the city center. Regular parties and events. Bar & dancefloor.

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