

Vanessa Parellada, the head of social welfare, sat down today with department specialist Azuzena Carrasco to talk about the Council's activities programme for the upcoming LGTBI pride celebrations on Thursday June 28.

Parellada traced the decision to celebrate the day as a moment of reflection to the Stonewall riots that gripped New York City in 1969, calling it “a time to spotlight universal values like equality, respect, diversity, freedom and non-discrimination”.

Activities

Trumpeting a catchphrase that translates as “Proud to fight for equality”, the activities programme kicks off on Wednesday June 27 with a 7.00pm storytelling session in the Sant Ferran primary school . In *Contacotrans*, Lalioparda highlights the strength of our differences as human beings while avoiding the classic division of masculine and feminine roles.

At 8.00pm on Thursday, the Sala d'Actes of the culture department will host a screening of the documentary *Fuera de juego* . In an ensuing discussion, a staff specialist from the local office of sport will explore homophobia in football and the conspicuous invisibility of gay footballers today.

At 10.00pm on Tuesday July 3, Sant Francesc's Jardi de ses Eres will be the site of an outdoor screening of *Milk* (*Mi Nombre es Harvey Milk* in Spanish”). Set in the nineteen-seventies, Gus Van Sant's politically-charged biopic tells the story of San Francisco's first openly-gay elected official, earning Oscar accolades for both Dustin Lance Black (best original screenplay) and Sean Penn (best actor).

Parellada and Carrasco encouraged islanders to come out in force for the event, calling the 28th “a day to fight for freedom with pride”.