

# Empowering PRIDE: Jordan Wild

The National Composites Centre has some incredible Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champions. In celebration of PRIDE, we check in with those helping people with common identities come together in a supportive, safe space, to share lived experiences and gain peer support to help raise awareness of issues for their community and how they can be better supported in the workplace.

## Meet Jordan

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## PRIDE to me

PRIDE is an opportunity for everyone and anyone to express their authentic selves, and to appreciate the diversity in every day life that makes every one of us unique. It is also an opportunity for us all to reflect on what more we can do to help those around us express themselves, and what progress we need to continue to make as a society.



## Allyship to me

Allyship is being an open book – doing your best to accept those around you without judgement. It is about being prepared to show your support for those in marginalised groups. This could be demonstrated through participation in PRIDE activities, and being unafraid to confront behaviour you disagree with.

## How the NCC supports my community

There is an openness within the NCC, where nobody is questioned for being themselves. This is reflected throughout the organisation from the most senior leadership, which results in a culture where the type of uncomfortable 'banter' we've all heard about would not be entertained or go unchallenged. As a manager myself, I ensure I practice the openness I would hope to see in the rest of my team and that I would like to receive in return.

## Someone who inspires me

Rather than an individual, I am genuinely inspired on a daily basis by anyone who is confident enough in themselves to live unapologetically and authentically – which is not often an easy thing to do. I hope we all have the courage to move in that direction, so that being our authentic selves becomes the norm without question one day very soon. Until then, we can continue doing our bit to make positive progress.