Formentera Council president Alejandra Ferrer, equality and LGTBI councillor Vanessa Parellada, and department specialist Azuzena Carrasco gathered today in press conference to spotlight the bill of activities to celebrate World Pride Day. This year's LGTBIQ+ event will be celebrated 28 June under the banner “Proud to fight for equality”.

From Wednesday 26 June to Tuesday 2 July, the administration has lined up a series of cultural activities which are aimed, explained President Ferrer, at “defending everyone's right to diversity, here, and all over the world”.

Activities

Senior staff member Carrasco gave an overview of the what's on the programme. At 8.30pm on Wednesday 26 June, a film forum at Centre Gabrielet around *80 egunean* (80 days), a Basque romance by José Marí Goenag and Jon Garaño about homosexual love later in life. Kathrine Wenham will present and moderate.

On Thursday 27 June, a look at *Mots i Brases*, a collection of poetry by Nora Albert. The Obra Cultural Balear-sponsored event will be moderated by Maria Teresa Ferrer from 8.00pm at Centre Gabrielet.

At 8.00pm on Friday 28 June, Pride Day, a talk colloquium about LGTBI representation in culture will be held at Centre Gabrielet. The gathering will feature the participation of Nora Albert, Alejandra Melero and Michel Garcia Cruz. Emeritus professor of Catalan language and literature, Albert is also a translator, award-winning poetess and literary critic. Melero is a playwright, essayist and professor of Spanish cinema. His academic work has centred on the links between film and homosexuality. Garcia, an anthologist, worked on and compiled *Mañana hablarán de nosotros*
, an anthology of Cuban storytelling dealing with LGTBI-related issues. Espai Frumentària's Miquel Costa will present and moderate.

Rounding out the calendar is the opening session of Cinema a la fresca. The outdoor film series

kicks off at 10.00pm, Tuesday 2 July 2019, with a screening of Duncan Tucker's *Transamèrica*, a drama about transsexuality.

Councillor Vanessa Parellada said that with this year's culture-heavy activities programme organisers were gunning to see more islanders than ever getting involved. She trumpeted the now three-year-old tradition of starting off Cinema a la fresca with a LGTBI film as proof “that diversity's in good shape here on the island”. “Unfortunately there's still work to be done to make sure each person has the right to diversity—of gender, of sexual orientation and of self. So expect the fight for equality to continue”, she said.

The three women seized the opportunity to applaud the involvement of local groups in Pride Day. Formentera's chapter of OCB, Espai Frumentària, Eivissa-based sa Clau de s'Armari and additional collaborators all helped make the activities programme a reality.

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