# David Tennant and His Long Advocacy of LGBTQ+ Rights



Scottish actor David Tennant, known for his support of the LGBT+ community, faced criticism after telling Women and Equalities Minister Kemi Badenoch to "shut up" over her proposed legislation to make biological sex a protected characteristic. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and others criticized his statement, but Tennant received support from Labour MP Dawn Butler and former SNP politician Mhairi Black.

The incident occurred during Pride Month, a period dedicated to celebrating LGBT+ communities worldwide. Tennant continued his advocacy by wearing a trans rights pin at the Mean Girls Musical premiere in London on June 26, 2024.

Tennant has a history of vocal support for LGBT+ rights. In February 2023, he wore a non-binary solidarity pin while promoting "Good Omens." He also wore a t-shirt reading "Leave trans kids alone you absolute freaks" during a press tour in July 2023. In November 2023, he donned a Tardis-shaped pin at the Rolling Stone UK awards, which led to over £18,000 being raised for LGBT+ charity AKT.

Tennant's stance on LGBT+ issues has earned him recognition, including the LGBT+ Celebrity Ally award at the 2024 British LGBTQIA+ Awards and support for the Diversity Role Models campaign against homophobic bullying.

In addition to his activism, Tennant played a transgender character, Davina, in the 1980s Scottish sitcom "Rab C Nesbitt."

Tennant's actions have sparked debate, reflecting the ongoing societal discussions about LGBT+ rights and legislation.