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*Be part of
The Federation of
Gay Games*

The Federation of Gay Games (FGG)

is the umbrella international organisation responsible for the production of the Gay Games every four years. The Gay Games was envisioned in 1981 when Dr. Tom Waddell brought together a group of committed lesbian and gay sports people to hold the first Gay Games in San Francisco in 1982.

From that event, with 1,350 participants, the event has grown exponentially, with 12,000 participants from 90 countries expected at Gay Games 11, November 2022 in Hong Kong. More info at gghk2022.com

The site for Gay Games XII 2026 will be chosen in October 2021, also in Hong Kong.

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FIRST in ASIA
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HONG KONG 2022
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CHANGING PERCEPTIONS AND POLICIES

The FGG changes the world by challenging sports bodies, media, and governments to create more opportunities for athletes regardless of sex, age, or physical challenge. Since 1986, more than 1,000 people from 70 different countries have received scholarships to attend Gay Games events. Some highlights:

Gender. The FGG's transgender inclusion policy set the tone for the Olympics and others to follow.

Human Rights. Olympic diver Greg Louganis came out during the 1994 Gay Games in New York, the same year that the U.S. Olympic Committee awarded him its highest honour, which Louganis dedicated to Gay Games founder Dr. Tom Waddell.

Pioneering. The Gay Games have offered women's wrestling since 1994 — 10 years before the Olympics. The Games offer 10 weight classes for women; the Olympics offers only four.

HIV/AIDS. Participants with HIV/AIDS are among the most important at the Gay Games, where they regularly achieve their personal best.

Senior Participants. 25% of the LGBTQ+ population will be 50+ by 2030. The Gay Games offers categories for older participants in more than 14 sports.

Anti-Doping. In sports that require drug testing, the FGG has developed anti-doping policies that enable athletes on medication to participate in the Gay Games.

"Since 1982, the Gay Games has evolved into the largest gay and lesbian multi-cultural sporting event in the world. At its inception, Tom Waddell's intention was for the Gay Games to help our community eliminate stereotypes, especially those associated with ageism, racism, and sexism. He also saw the Games as a tool to help us educate people about who and what we are.

For 4 decades, this event has grown exponentially and has served as the vehicle to empower literally thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals around the world. Gay Games participants have ranged from those who were already "out and proud" to those who have taken great personal risk to leave their country and march publicly in the opening ceremony under the flag of their country.

Regardless of what specifically drives people to participate, in the end the consistent result is a week that has literally changed their lives forever. Your participation in the Federation and in the Gay Games can ensure this opportunity continues to present itself every four years!"

William McManus,
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FGG Partner Program

Any LGBTQ+ sport or cultural organisation that promotes the principles of **"Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best"**™ can have its logo displayed on the FGG web site, with a link to its own web site. The FGG provides all Partners with specialised communication tools to promote contact with participants in their sport or cultural activity. For details, write to memberservices@gaygames.net.

The Fine Print

Current Member Organizations are listed at <https://gaygames.org/Current-Members>. Examples of organisations that would be eligible as Associate Members include: a runners' club from a city, a national LGBTQ+ sport group, a swimming club from a region, or an LGBTQ+ chorus.

Examples of Full Member Organizations include: international single sport/culture groups, and multi sport/culture local and national groups.

These Full Member Organizations, in good standing, share the privilege and responsibility of selecting the next site of the Gay Games. To be eligible for that vote, organizations must meet certain qualifications.

Choose which category is right for you! Benefits of FGG Membership.	Full Member Organizations	Assoc. Memb. Organizations	Partners	Individual Members
Help improve the Gay Games experience for your members	✓	✓	✓	✓
Help lead the Gay Games movement; elect FGG Officers	✓	✓		
Select future Gay Games host cities	✓			
Publicise your organization via members-only e-mail lists	✓	✓	✓	
Network with international sports & cultural organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access valuable tools for expanding your capabilities	✓	✓		✓
Access our "best practices"	✓	✓	✓	✓
Benefit from technical assistance	✓	✓		✓
Expand LGBTQ+ sports/culture to underrepresented peoples	✓	✓		✓
Subscribe to the INCLUSION Newsletter	✓	✓		✓
Help shape Gay Games policies by working on Committees	✓	✓		✓



1982
San Francisco, CA USA



1990
Vancouver, BC Canada



1998
Amsterdam, The Netherlands



2006
Chicago, IL USA



2014
Cleveland + Akron, Ohio USA



1986
San Francisco, CA USA



1994
New York City, USA



2002
Sydney, NSW Australia



2010
Cologne, NRW Germany



2018
Paris, France

