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July 2017

Welcome to Participate!, the newsletter of the Federation of Gay Games.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to promote equality in sport and culture and helping us celebrate **35 years!**

Work continues as we focus on Gay Games 10 in Paris and our global, 35-year mission of promoting equality in sport and culture. Please make plans and register today for Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10, as registration fees escalate as we approach the games. Learn more at Paris2018.com



With greatest respect,



Joanie Evans, Female co-president



Sean Fitzgerald, Male co-president

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4 - 12 August 2018

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PARIS WORLDWIDE TOUR!

Join us and meet representatives from Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 at these exciting and upcoming events. Don't miss these unique opportunities to learn more about the Paris 2018 program. We look forward to seeing you all there, and PLEASE SHARE to friends and family; July Facebook events are linked!

BOSTON, Tuesday, 18 July, 6:30PM, Cathedral Station, 222 Washington St

SALEM, Thursday, 20 July, 7PM, nAGLY, 2 East India Square, Museum Place #121

NEW YORK, Sunday, 23 July, 4PM, LGBT Community Center, 208 W 13th St

PHILADELPHIA: Thursday, 27 July, 6PM, Boxers Bar, 1330 Walnut St

AMSTERDAM

Saturday, 29 July - Pride in the Park, Vondelpark, 13:00 - 18:00

Saturday, 5 August - Pride Canal Parade with partner PINK HOCKEY

PRAGUE

Saturday, 12 August, 13:00 - 19:00, Prague Pride in the Park, Letná Park

MONTREAL

11, 12, 13 August, Fierté Pride Sports Tournament

Saturday 19 August - Community Day / Journée des Associations - 11:00 à 17:00, St Catherine Street

Sunday, 20 August - Pride March / Marche de la Fierté

ZURICH: Rainbow Open Tennis Tournament, 17-20 August

BERN, SWITZERLAND: 25-27 August, Pride Ouest

LISBON: 17 August - Meeting with LGBTIQA Sport and Culture Community

BARCELONA: 15-17 September - Panteres Grogues Annual Tournament

SAO PAULO & RIO, BRASIL: 30 September - 7 October

VIENNA: 6-8 October, European Lesbian Conference

YOUR LOCAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES: If you would like to organize your own Paris 2018 promotional event, we can send you the videos and presentations. For marketing materials, if you are based in North America, you can contact Mike Myers at michael.myers@gaygames.net.

We are looking forward to seeing you all next year! Rendezvous with Paris in 2018!

[Travel and Accommodation with travel.paris2018.com](http://travel.paris2018.com)



You can book your accommodation through our Paris 2018 travel partner, KTS FRANCE, and help Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 to succeed! KTS France has the best offers for Paris 2018 and will arrange everything for you: flights, accommodation, transfers, activities and sightseeing, etc.

Are you part of a team or group? You can book the same hotel for your whole team or group using KTS France and take advantage of the best available prices!

[Rendezvous with Paris in 2018! CLICK HERE to register!](#)

Invite friends to Paris with this text:

Join me at Paris 2018 Gay Games 10, 4-12 August 2018. Celebrate diversity at the 10th edition of the world's largest quadrennial sports and cultural festival, open to all since 1982. 36+ sports, 14+ cultural events! Learn more and register at Paris2018.com #AllEqual #Paris2018

[Watch and Share this Incredible Promotional Video!](#)



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2022 GAY GAMES XI



Continued congratulations to our three shortlisted cities for 2022 Gay Games XI: **Guadalajara**, ([Gay Games Guadalajara 2022](#)), **Hong Kong**, ([Gay Games XI Hong Kong 2022](#)) and **Washington, DC** ([Gay Games DC 2022](#)).

On 1 March 2017, the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) announced the 2022 Gay Games XI shortlist bid cities, and we are proud to now announce that the site inspections began 19 June and concluded 1 July: [Gay Games XI Hong Kong 2022](#) 19 June through 22 June, [Gay Games Guadalajara 2022](#) 24-27 June, and [Gay Games DC 2022](#) 28 June-July 1.

Site inspectors were chosen from all over the world, including Australia, Germany, Canada and the USA, and spent 3.5 days in each bid city. Inspectors toured all venues for both sport and culture events.

CHECK OUT THE DAILY SITE SELECTION EXCITEMENT that took place on social media!

www.instagram.com/GayGames and www.twitter.com/GayGames

"The site inspection process was very exciting. Our three finalists had incredible cultures, and it was great to see what they have in store for 2022 Gay Games XI", stated [David Killian](#), Officer of Site Selection for the FGG Board of Directors.

Voting and selection of the 2022 [#GayGames](#) XI host city takes place at the [2017 Annual General Assembly](#) in Paris this coming October.

Press Releases and associated media here: <http://bit.ly/FGGMedia>



Gay Games Scholarship Fund

ALL-NEW Scholarship Challenge from Paul Oostenbrug and Jere Kelly



Paul has been one of the driving forces behind the FGG Scholarship program since Gay Games VII, Chicago 2006. He has worked tirelessly on reviewing scholarship applications, arranging travel, completing numerous visa applications, and driving scholarship participants to events. You name it and Paul has done it for the scholarship program.

Paul and his husband Jere Kelly will be matching up to \$5,000 on all funds received by August 4th, 2017, the one year to go for the Paris 2018 Gay Games 10. [Learn more here!](#)

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Do you know of a major sport or cultural event where the FGG should be promoting Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10? If so, please send an email with details to MARKETING@GAYGAMES.NET.

The FGG has a number of marketing materials that can be used at selected events, on social media and elsewhere. We've been promoting Gay Games 10 at dozens of events and yours could be next!



The [2017 European Championships in Same-Sex Dancing](#) is almost here!

The best couples from all over Europe will compete at the Equality Dance Championships between 27-29 July in Berlin, Germany!

The ultimate spectator sport – don't miss out on your chance to watch these world-class performances of your favourite ballroom, latin and show-dances.

[Registration is still open](#) for competitors and spectator tickets can be bought on the door. See you there!

The first ever “[LGBT International Powerlifting Championships](#)” are happening 28th, 29th and 30th July 2017 in London.

Up to 60 of the world's strongest Lesbian, Gay, Bi Sexual and Trans athletes are expected to attend from all over the world in what promises to be a very special occasion.



The championships will be hosted by Gay Games Powerlifters Chris Morgan and Dominic Patmore with the assistance of Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club in London. Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club was established in 1926 and is well known for its strong commitment to diversity within the communities it serves. [Check out their Facebook event here](#). We are also proud and grateful that [Chris Morgan](#) is an active Gay Games Ambassador!

DIVERSITY GAMES



On Saturday 8th July 2017, Brighton enjoyed the third Diversity Games organised by [BLAGSS](#) (Brighton's LGBT Sports Society). This year they held a Golf Tournament and a Same Sex Dance Championship.

The golf competition was well attended by LGBT golfers from Brighton, London, Dorset, and Cardiff. Helen Woodcock-Downey, the organiser, said "This has been the best attended and most closely fought golf competition in the history of the Diversity Games"

The competition was played as single Stableford for two categories of competition: Pride Shield for those with a Congu Handicap, and the Rainbow Challenge for those with a Society Handicap. This year there was a men's and a women's competition for the Rainbow Challenge. Helen Woodcock-Downey says she is looking forward to next year and hoping that more men will join in and compete for the Men's Pride Shield.

The day was hosted by MyTime Active at Hollingbury Park Golf Course – a course that saw fame as a qualifier for the Open, with the most amazing views of the south coast. With additional fun competitions for nearest the pin, and the longest drive, everyone said they really enjoyed themselves.

Winners of the Competitions:

- Val Buckland – Rainbow Challenge Women
- Jeff Wilson – Rainbow Challenge Men
- Lorraine Everard – Pride Shield.

BLAGSS hosts regular golfing competitions for its members. All are welcome to join – see www.blagss.org for details.



Olympic Channel launches *Identify*, an original series based on transgender athletes

On June 28, the Olympic Channel launched its original series, *Identify*. The five-episode docu-series features the inspiring journey of five transgender athletes and how sport helped them find their true identity. The show was produced for the Olympic Channel by VICE MEDIA.

The athletes scheduled to appear in the 5 *Identify* episodes are: Chloe Anderson (volleyball player), Schuyler Bailar (swimmer), Harrison Browne (hockey player), Pat Manuel

(boxer) and Chris Mosier (triathlete).

A trailer for this new show is at this link: <https://youtu.be/yg4ejm2Q7wQ>

The Olympic Channel is a ground-breaking global platform where fans can experience the power of sport and the excitement of the Olympic Games all year round, and is available worldwide via mobile apps for Android and iOS devices and at olympicchannel.com.

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PARIS 2017

26 October - 1 November 2017, Paris, France

Make plans today for our next AGA, taking place in Paris!

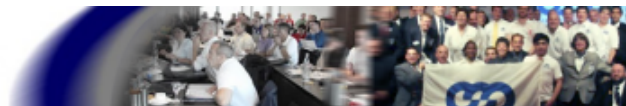
The "General Assembly" represents the voting members of the FGG, and this assembly meets annually to help advise and direct the Board of Directors, elect officers and vote on important matters.

In 2017, a highlight will be the voting and selection of the host city for Gay Games XI to take place in 2022. Many people believe this quadrennial decision is the most important one that the FGG makes.

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