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**March 2016****Welcome to Participate!, the newsletter of the Federation of Gay Games.**

On behalf of the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) Board and Honorary Life Members, our continued gratitude for your support as the FGG navigates our issues at hand, the road to Gay Games 10 Paris 2018, then 2022 and beyond.

In this issue you'll learn of the FGG's news regarding the One World Event discussions with GLISA. "The Federation and GLISA have developed a very cordial, positive working relationship over the past four years, which made this decision difficult..."

Since 1982, we continue our mission to promote equality through the organization of the premiere international LGBT and gay-friendly sports and cultural event known as the Gay Games.

One way you can help immediately with our mission is to "Seize the Day" and help send more athletes than ever to Gay Games 10 Paris 2018. Learn more here and [SEIZE THE DAY](#).

**Joanie Evans**, Female co-president**Kurt Dahl**, Male co-president

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## [Gay Games 10 Paris 2018](#)

Registration Opens May 2016 [www.Paris2018.com](http://www.Paris2018.com)

## 4-12 August 2018

With 36 [sports](#), 14 [cultural events](#), and multiple [conferences](#), 15,000 participants will celebrate for 12 days in the City of Lights together - ALL EQUAL

**All Paris 2018 Newsletters are available at [GayGames.org](http://GayGames.org):**

[July 2014](#), [June 2015](#), [September 2015](#)

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## FEDERATION OF GAY GAMES ENDS ONE WORLD EVENT TALKS WITH GLISA

On Sunday 28 February 2016, following seven years of ongoing negotiations, the Federation of Gay Games Board of Directors voted to end further discussions with Gay & Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA) to consider creating a new unified organization to present a singular quadrennial global LGBT+ sports, culture and human rights event.

The FGG released a [statement](#) on its website, [www.GayGames.org](http://www.GayGames.org), signed by co-presidents Joanie Evans of London, UK and Kurt Dahl of Chicago, USA. In it, the Federation Board explains its decision and its hope that GLISA and the Gay Games can remain engaged moving forward.

[A full version of the One World Event press release is available here.](#)

## 2022 GAY GAMES XI HOST CITY SELECTION PROCESS BEGINS

The Federation of Gay Games announced the 2022 Gay Games XI host city selection process. Interested cities are invited to send note of interest to [FGGBids@GayGames.net](mailto:FGGBids@GayGames.net). Official information, timeline and process are available [here](#). Deadline for sending in the Official FGG Request for Information (RFI) document is 11:59pm Pacific Time 15 April 2016.



The Gay Games is the largest sport and culture event in the world open to all since 1982 and perpetuates the legacy of changing cultural, social and political attitudes towards LGBT people. A core principle of the Federation of Gay Games is "Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™" and will next be presented in 2018 at Gay Games 10 in Paris, France. Registration begins in June 2016 at [www.Paris2018.com](http://www.Paris2018.com).

[A full version of the 2022 Gay Games XI host city selection press release is available here.](#)

## JUSTICE KIRBY CONFIRMED FOR AGA GALA DINNER



Honorary Life Members Kate Rowe and Paul White, organizers for the upcoming Sydney 2016 Annual General Assembly in partnership with Team Sydney, confirmed that Right Honourable Justice Michael Kirby, AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia, will serve as keynote speaker for the Gala Dinner where this year's Legacy Awards will be presented.

"On the final night of the Assembly we are organising a Gala Dinner open to our local community as well as delegates and guests," stated Rowe. "Justice Kirby's powerful speech at the Opening Ceremony of Gay Games VI: Sydney 2002 still resonates to this day." Since his retirement in 2009, Kirby was appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council to lead an inquiry into human rights abuses in North Korea.

The Awards Committee and AGA organizers have determined this year's slate of awards. Besides the Outstanding Male and Female FGG Volunteers, which will be presented at the opening night Mayor's Reception, Board member Les Johnson, Officer of External Affairs, confirmed that the following categories will be presented as well: Local Hero - Male/Female (Australian nominees only), Local Organization (Australian nominees only) and Social Justice (global nominees).

"All FGG Board, Assembly and Honorary Life Members can submit nominations," reminded Johnson "as will teams, athletes and others from Australia." Rules governing the nomination process will be sent to all FGG members shortly.

Proceeds from the Gala Dinner will help raise funds for Team Sydney's Paris 2018 Scholarship Fund.

The 2016 Annual General Assembly takes place in Sydney, Australia 22-24 October. Additional participation details to follow soon.

## Seize the Day campaign: FGG's Scholarship and Education Program

### [Seize The Day to help bring athletes and artists to Gay Games 10 Paris 2018!](#)

Our goal is to raise \$100 per day for the 1,000 days leading to Paris between 04 November 2015 and 05 August 2018. All donation levels are welcome, but each \$100 donation allows you to seize your own special day on the calendar to help the Federation of Gay Games "Change The World!" The Federation of Gay Games is a 501c3 non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



100% of your donation supports the Federation of Gay Games mission of "Participation, Inclusion, Personal Best" through targeted outreach and grassroots community development projects in Latin America (Pride House: Rio Olympics 2016); in Asia-Pacific (Annual General Assembly: Sydney 2016); and other underserved regions and constituents through our Annual General Assembly in Paris (Fall 2017); culminating in the largest gathering of global LGBT+ athletes, artists, advocates and allies for Gay Games 10: Paris 2018.

For the 2014 Gay Games 9, the FGG provided scholarship support to 47 scholarship recipients from the countries of Croatia, Russia, South Africa, Macedonia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, China, Kazakhstan, Argentina, Brazil, Slovenia, Philippines and Chile. The FGG scholarship program is funded in part by the Roy M. Coe Scholarship Fund, helping bring athletes to the Gay Games since 2002.

[CLICK HERE](#) to help change the world, and see you at Gay Games 10 Paris 2018!

## FGG Board Member Profile

*by Cillian Flynn*



Hello to all the readers of this month's Participate! My name is Cillian Flynn and I am one of the Officers at Large on the Board of the FGG. I am based in the beautiful Emerald Isle of Ireland.

My involvement with the FGG began in 2012 as Press & Communications Officer for the Limerick 2018 bid finalist to host Gay Games 10. Limerick made it all the way to Cleveland to make a final pitch and from then on I have been involved in the FGG in some shape or form.

I was elected FGG Officer at Large at the 2015 Annual General Assembly hosted by [Team Limerick](#), where I am Press & Communications Officer for Team Limerick Sports Club. My role as Officer at Large is to support the other officers in their roles and also to promote the spirit and message of Gay Games. I also sit on the Communications Committee and Culture & Ceremonies committee I was honoured to be presented with the FGG's 2015 Outstanding Male Volunteer Legacy Award.

Away from the FGG I have been involved with Limerick Pride Festival since 2010, sit on the board of The Blue Box Creative Learning Centre, and is also involved with Prism, Ireland's first LGBT Sports Network. I was also one of the thousands of volunteers who helped Ireland become the first nation to approve Marriage Equality by public referendum in 2015. I work as the Administrator for GOSHH – Gender

Orientation Sexual Health HIV, a Limerick based regional non-profit organisation.

When I have spare time, I enjoy travelling, listening to music and spending time with my partner Patrick and dog Elpheba.

FGG Co-Chair Joanie Evans, Officer at Large Cillian Flynn, Co-Chair Kurt Dahl, Vice President of Operations Sean Fitzgerald



## [EuroGames 2016 in Helsinki: June 29 - July 2](#)



**Finland's capital, Helsinki, welcomes you to this year's EuroGames, Europe's high-profile LGBTIQ sporting event.**

Helsinki offers itself as the ideal venue for this event this year. It is a cool and trendy city, filled with design, art, and culture. Ever heard of Tom of Finland and Marimekko? Yes, Jackie O' and Pablo Picasso already wore their fabrics, not to mention Michelle Obama! So it is no wonder that we are proud to have the support from many homegrown corporate partners and international sports stars to make this year's event so special.

Coinciding with Helsinki PRIDE week, we are currently expecting around ,3000 participants to compete in 14 different disciplines. An attractive range from Track & Field over Badminton and Dance competitions to team sports, such as Football, Basketball and Volleyball are sure to draw a lot of attention at a competitive level.

In addition, Helsinki is bracing itself for over 2000 visitors associated with this event, which will have the city quite literally overflow with all the colours of the rainbow.

The EuroGames Village is situated in the heart of the city and offers literally hundreds of attractions from open air clubbing to getting a taste of the Finnish sauna culture. Afterhours therefore promise to get really hot with food, bars and entertainment to experience the nightless nights.

Join us this summer, when the sun (almost) doesn't set on our city by the sea and enjoy the splendour Helsinki has to offer. Registration links can be found on our website together with information on travel and accommodation arrangements. [Follow us on Facebook!](#)

## [Munich SportFestival 2016: 29-31 July](#)

[Team Munich](#), the German Gay and Lesbian sports club and member of the FGG, invites you to SportFestival 2016.

Competitions and Workshops: Badminton, Bowling, Soccer men & women - 7x7, Golf , Kettlebell – Workshop, Ballroom Dancing - Workshop, Table tennis, Volleyball men, Yoga - Workshop



**team münchen**

**GAY - LESBIAN  
SPORTFESTIVAL**  
JULY 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>th</sup> 2016

Badminton, Bowling, Soccer (Women and Men), Golf,  
Running, Table Tennis, Volleyball (Men), Climbing  
Workshops: Rowing, Dancing, Yoga

Friday: Registration / Meet and Greet in the SUB  
Saturday: Competitions and Workshops, Graduation Party in the N.Y. Club  
Sunday: Graduation Brunch in the Paulanerbräu on Kapuzinerplatz

For further information about tournaments and  
workshops as well as the Get-Together  
and registration please go to  
[www.sommersportfestival.de](http://www.sommersportfestival.de)  
or write an e-Mail to  
[info@teammuenchen.de](mailto:info@teammuenchen.de)

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## [IGLFA World Championship XXII: Portland, Oregon, USA](#)

**6-13 August 2016**



## 2016 IGLFA World Championship XXII

Equality Through Football: The International Gay & Lesbian Football Association (IGLFA) was founded in 1992 in order to help promote and foster the growth of LGBTQ football world wide. Since IGLFA's creation, more than 100 teams/clubs representing over 30 countries have joined and participated at IGLFA competitions. Each of these teams/clubs have played a vital role in helping IGLFA accomplish its goals and uphold its mission. Learn more at [IGLFA.org](http://IGLFA.org) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IGLFA)



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Since the first Gay Games in 1982, the Federation of Gay Games has promoted equality in and by sport and culture and ensured that the Gay Games, the world's largest sports and culture festival open to all, take place every four years under the founding principles of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best.

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