



Welcome to the August 2020 version of INCLUSION!

A Few Words From Our VP of Member Services

On behalf of Member Services and the Membership Committee, greetings and welcome to the latest version of 'Inclusion'.

In this edition of would like to highlight some of what the FGG Board and Steering Committee for Gay Games 11 in Hong Kong have been doing and are planning for the future.

For those of you who missed the recent online meeting regarding the upcoming Gay Games in Hong Kong in 2022, there will be a follow up meeting in which you can participate coming again this Fall. Lookout for more information coming your way.

We hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and well during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

William McManus

Vice President of Member Services





*

Webinar with GGHK2022

Thank you for those who joined this session. All delegates would have received the link as part of the survey we sent after the webinar.



*

2026 Site Selection

By now we hope you have heard that the 8 semi-finalists to host the 2026 Gay Games have been announced:

- Auckland New Zealand
- Brisbane Australia
- Guadalajara Mexico
- Munich Germany
- San Diego USA
- Taipei Taiwan
- Toronto Canada
- Valencia Spain

In the coming months you have the responsibility to help choose the host for Gay Games XII. The Process is as follows:

1. Each semi-finalist city will submit a 50 page bid book by November 1.
2. Each FGG member will receive a link to every bid book.
3. Please take the time to read each one and ask questions.
4. There will be a web page to submit questions to either a single city, or to the entire group. You have until December 15 to post your questions.
5. The cities will respond by December 31.
6. On January 1, 2021, each city will submit a 15 minute video presentation highlighting their bid and their city.
7. There will then be a second round of questions through January 15.
8. Those questions can be follow ups from the answers from the first round or about the video presentations.

- 9. Each city will answer those questions by January 30. We will also have open discussions during the AGA in January.
- 10. On January 31, we will hold an online vote to choose the three finalists

Full member delegates will receive a ballot via their gaygames.net email address. This will be a specific link for each voter that cannot be transferred. Single delegates from Full Member Organizations will need to access both email accounts in order to place both votes. More details on the process will be made available over the coming months.

There will then be another round of questions through the month of February.

On April 30 we will receive expanded bid books from the three finalists. This will be followed by another round of questions.

On September 15, 2021, you will receive the Site Visit Report from the Site Selection Committee followed by a final round of questions.

In November 2021, we will come together in Hong Kong to view presentations by the three finalists, discuss the reports from each FGG committee and choose the presumptive host of the 2026 Gay Games. The full schedule can be found on our website at <https://gaygames.org/site-selection/>

We thank you in advance for your participation in the process to choose the best host for Gay Games XII.

*

Latest Developments with Membership

Have you joined us?

The Membership Committee has set-up a private [Facebook](#) group just for our Assembly Delegates to keep-in-touch and get regular updates.

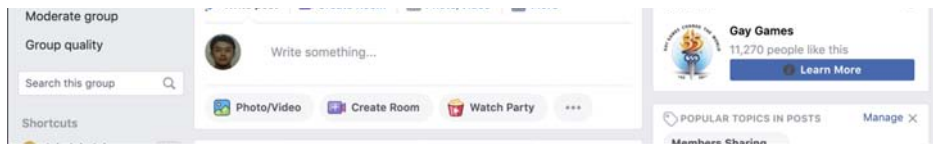
There are benefits to joining this Facebook group and the list is as follows:

1. Regular updates of FGG developments
2. Sharing on LGBTQ+ Athletes stories / articles
3. Success stories of LGBTQ+ Sports & Cultural events
4. Member Organizations can share updates on their activities.
5. Interactive discussions / active participation in forums / polls.
6. Video highlights
7. Video conference for learning. (i.e sharing by professionals about better way organizing your organization)

To date we have 18 active communications and 39 delegates on the group. We hope you to see you there! To sign up:

1. Click this link [here](#)
2. Answer a few of the pop-up questions for verification purposes.
3. Approval process: we will grant your permission to join the group when the answers match.





*

Get to Know Our Members

GAPEF : Member of The Federation since 2019.

GAPEF (Gays Apasionados Por El Fútbol) is a non-profit Argentinian civil association, whose main goal is to stimulate sports practice, defending and promoting the recognition and full exercise of human rights of people without distinction of sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, ideology or socioeconomic status.

Founded on July 17th, 2010, just two days after the “equal marriage law” was approved in the Argentinian Congress, the association began its functions with the activity that its acronym indicates, football, and only with gay people. Then others sports were added, such as volleyball, tennis and swimming; and the entire LGBT+ spectrum was incorporated.

In 2013 with 12 teams already playing the 5-a-side football tournament, the Board of Directors wanted to take a step further at the Latin American level and organized “Copa de las Américas LGBT”, with teams from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. This gave impetus to the local tournament -which grew in the number of registered teams from its initial 4 to 24 in 2020- and new national and Latin American tournaments, mainly in the region. Since 2014, several GAPEF teams began to participate in the new tournaments outside the country: Santiago, Antofagasta (Chile), Lima (Perú), Gramado (Brasil), Bogotá (Colombia) and Montevideo (Uruguay).

In 2015, GAPEF proposed to the government of the city of Buenos Aires a sport segment for the annual LGBT event that they organized (Orgullo BA) and also proposed to the LGBT Argentinian Federation (FALGBT) the creation of the TNI (National Tournament for Inclusion), of which it took charge of leading its organization, with the idea of decentralizing the Argentinian LGBT sport, taking competitions throughout the country, even to very conservative provinces, such as the last one, Corrientes, that had 850 participants.

At the end of 2017, GAPEF requested support from INADI (National Institute against Discrimination) and the Netherlands Embassy in Argentina to carry out “training courses on sexual diversity” in professional soccer clubs, being able to materialize the first talk in May 2019.

GAPEF is member of the COMO -organizing committee of the LGBT Pride March of Buenos Aires-, and of the LGBT Honorary Advisory Council of the city of Buenos Aires, and is undisputed benchmark for LGBT sports in Latin America, already having subsidiaries in Chile, Colombia and Mexico.

We participated in sport events organized by UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and the Social Reintegration Program of the national prison system. In 2019 we joined the Federation of Gay Games.

By last, all 2020 tournaments were moved to 2021, including the LGBT Continental+ Games in Buenos Aires.





Share your stories of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™ with the hashtag #gaygames

Since the first Gay Games in 1982, the Federation of Gay Games mission promotes equality in and through sport and culture and ensures 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™*.

Copyright © 2018 Federation of Gay Games, All rights reserved. You have received this email newsletter because you agreed to receive communications from the Federation of Gay Games or subscribed to the Participate! newsletter.

[Facebook](#) • [Twitter](#) • [Instagram](#) • [YouTube](#)

[Unsubscribe](#) • [Past Newsletters & Press](#) • [EMAIL US](#)

Address: 584 Castro Street Suite #343 • San Francisco, CA 94114 • Phone: +1-866-459-1261

