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the Newsletter of the Gay Games



Welcome to the October 2021 Edition of Participate!

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Joanie Evans, Co-President



Sean Fitzgerald, Co-President



This month..

...Was quite an eventful one and we had a lot of decisions to make, especially with the postponement of Gay Games Hong Kong from November 2022 to November 2023. More details are below and on the latest 'Coffee with GGHK' webinar.

We've also been busy organizing our first face-to-face Annual General Assembly in two years!

Because of current COVID restrictions, we have decided to move the AGA from Hong Kong to Brighton, UK. It will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday 8 November 2021 and take place at Brighton Mercure Seafront Hotel, 149 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2PP, United Kingdom.

Meetings will last until 5:00 PM Friday 12 November 2021.

Register for it [here](#).

We also understand that some members of the General Assembly will be unable to travel due to COVID restrictions in their home countries. We will therefore continue to offer virtual participation. To maintain the integrity of the Site Selection process, we are putting in some safeguards for those voting in Site Selection to attend the presentations, whether in person or virtually. Please review the 2026 Site Selection Voting Protocols document [here](#) to maintain your voting eligibility.

This is when we will be announcing the presumptive host of our Gay Games in 2026.

Looking forward to seeing those who can make it.

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Leviathen Hendricks

Tribute Evening

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Friday December 17th at 7PM GMT

Virtually
&
linking Out For Sport the EGLSF & Gay Games
for a global evening of celebration
on his birthday.
More information to come.

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Gay Games 11 Update



‘Postponed to 2023: What Now’ Webinar Recording

FGG Presidents Joanie Evans and Sean Fitzgerald joined GGHK Co-Chairs Dennis Philipse and Lisa Lam on the latest ‘Coffee with Gay Games’ webinar. They discussed the decision to postpone the event to 2023 and the important reasons behind why the decision was made early. As well as the exciting next steps for the event.

Watch the recording of the webinar on our [YouTube channel](#).

Thank you for your support!

The decision to delay Gay Games 11 Hong Kong by a year to November 2023, due to the unpredictable progression of COVID variants and the corresponding travel restrictions that continue to make it challenging for participants from around the world to make plans to travel to Hong Kong, was not taken lightly. The overwhelmingly positive responses that we've received from FGG Member Organizations, participants, partners, media and the community has buoyed us. Thanks to our 200+ strong GGHK volunteer team, and each and every one of you for your continued support of GGHK. Bring on 2023!



Thanks to many FGG Member Organizations for their feedback

International Front Runners

"We expected the postponement from HK and FGG...we all get a year extra to train, learn more Cantonese and get one year older...stay strong and committed."

LGBT Powerlifting Union

"The decision to postpone the Gay Games until 2023 is a positive one, as it gives more time to prepare and make key decisions about travel arrangements – especially those who would have been travelling long distances to Asia from Europe and the United States of America."

International Association of Gay & Lesbian Martial Arts

"I believe it is absolutely the correct decision. There remains so much uncertainty over the many COVID-19 variants, and uncertainty over travel restrictions and quarantine requirements. Hopefully by late 2023, we will all be in a much better position to attend and enjoy the Games in Hong Kong."

**National Gay
Basketball
Association (NGBA)**

"Bravo this is the right
decision as difficult as it
was to make."

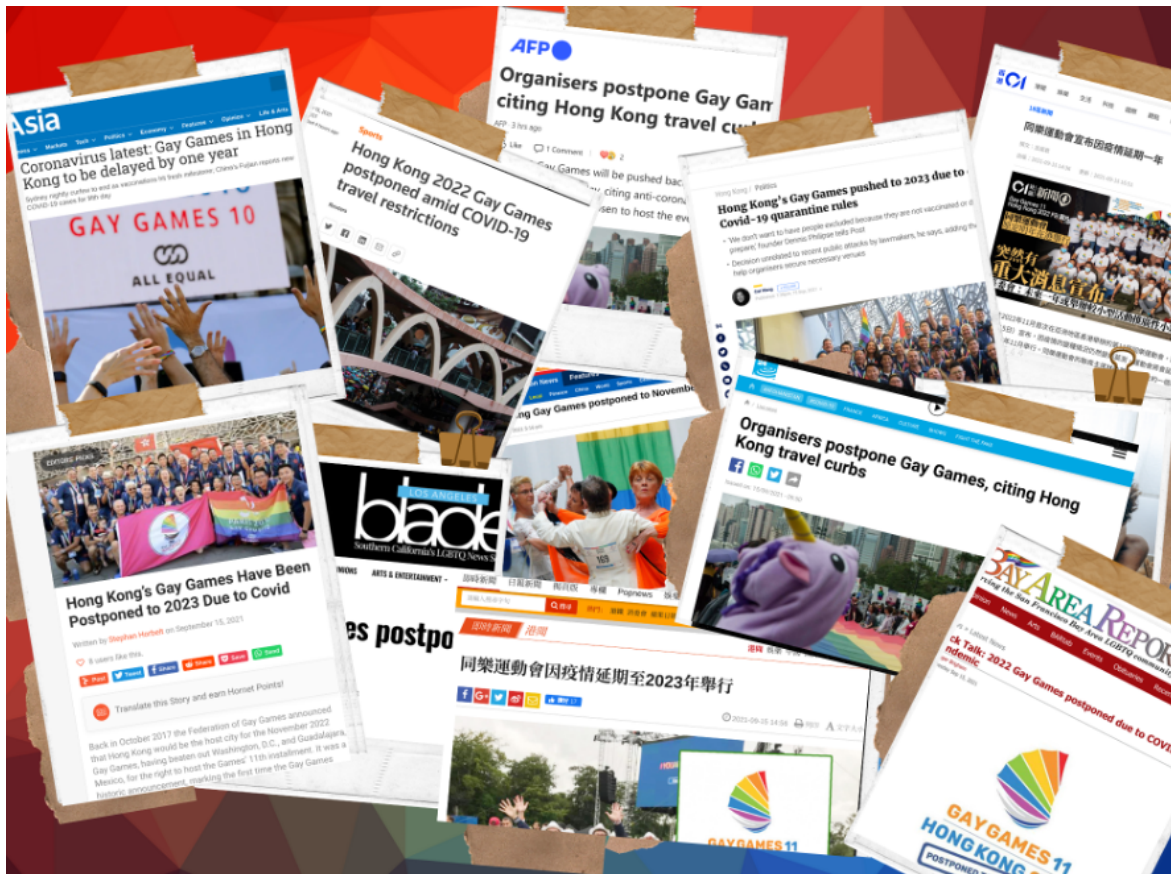
**Gay & Lesbian
Tennis Alliance
(GLTA)**

"We weren't surprised by this
announcement. I'm sure this is a
bit of a disappointment for you.
But we all think this decision
makes good sense. Surely by 2023
Covid will be a distant memory!
Keep up the good work"

**Wrestlers WithOut
Borders (WWB)**

"The athletic preparation required
for a Gay Games Team or individual
is ~1-2 years...it would be a bigger
health risk (forget COVID) for
Athletes to NOT have trained
properly...This decision shows that
you are respecting the Gay Games
ATHLETIC mission."

Here is a snapshot of some of the international media coverage



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Marketing

Pick Your Fave Pix - Gay Games 40th Anniversary Photo Exhibit Coming to Hong Kong

At the Festival Village in Hong Kong, a Gay Games 40th Anniversary photo exhibition will be presented. It will feature iconic images from every Gay Games, since the very first in 1982. Whether you've participated in all of the Gay Games or if Hong Kong is your first, you will find this visual retrospectives fascinating. Now, you have an opportunity to help choose some of the photos!

One of the categories of photos will show celebrities and other famous people who have appeared in the Gay Games. One of these is international Singer, songwriter, actress, and activist Cyndi Lauper. Cyndi performed at the Closing Ceremony of Gay Games VII in Chicago held at Wrigley Field in 2006.

Catch future issues of "Participate!" for additional voting polls on your favorite photos.

Finally, if you have any of your own Gay Games photos you'd like to contribute to the FGG's online archives, please send them to marketing@gaygames.net

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