

PARTICIPATE!

the Newsletter of the Gay Games



Welcome to the August 2022 Edition of Participate!

Join us for Gay Games 11 in Hong Kong and Guadalajara, November 3-11, 2023!

Joanie Evans, Co-President



Sean Fitzgerald, Co-President



Happy 40th Anniversary!

The Gay Games will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first Opening Ceremony on August 28. Over the past few weeks, the FGG has been chronicling our history through our Passing the Torch series. You can check it out here: https://gaygames.org/40th_Anniversary_History_Series

The Gay Games has been promoting Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best since 1982. Now we'd like to hear your story. It's time for you to take center stage and share your Gay Games story with the world. Tag our social media accounts with your story and use the hashtag #MyGayGamesStory. We hope to see you soon in Hong Kong and Guadalajara!

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Franie" in a cursive script, with a large, stylized flourish underneath that ends in a small circle.A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is a simple, cursive "Sun" with a long, sweeping underline.

“PASSING THE TORCH” CAMPAIGN TO CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY HAS BEGUN. CATCH UP ON DAILY POSTS



Passing The Torch

1982–2022 RUBY ANNIVERSARY EDITION

A 40-PART SERIES OF GAY GAMES HISTORY

On 28 July, the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) launched a 40-day series of online posts chronicling its history, told by those who have led the global LGBTQ+ sports and culture movement since its inception. Entitled “Passing The Torch,” this series of essays is accompanied by iconic images from the FGG digital archives.

Read the posts and re-live the memories of 40 years of the Gay Games, or learn about this event for the first time.

The series will run from 28 July – one month before the 40th anniversary of the original Opening Ceremony at San Francisco’s Kezar Stadium – and run through 5 September, the anniversary of the Gay Games I Closing Ceremony.

Read the individual daily posts by visiting

<https://gaygames.org/latest-news>

Or, read all the posts on one webpage at this link:

https://gaygames.org/40th_Anniversary_History_Series/

All posts will remain online and available for viewing at the FGG website, www.gaygames.org and on the FGG’s social media spaces. Also at the FGG website, you can participate in the celebration by purchasing some of the 40th Anniversary pins now on sale (visit <https://gaygames.org/store>)

The 40th Anniversary of the first Gay Games will also be celebrated during Gay Games 11, being co- hosted in November 2023 in Hong Kong and Guadalajara, the first time the Gay Games will be held in Asia and Latin America. For Links to both host city websites will be available soon and found at www.gaygames.org.

If you are interested in sharing YOUR Gay Games memories, there are two ways for you to do that:

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1. Do your own social media posts and please use the hashtag #MyGaygamesStory
2. Provide your story directly to the Federation of Gay Games at this link: <https://forms.gle/Z7aQAfCisttHFpQT9>

Gay Games 11 Hong Kong 2023 (GGHK) Update



Pre-Register



Funding Support



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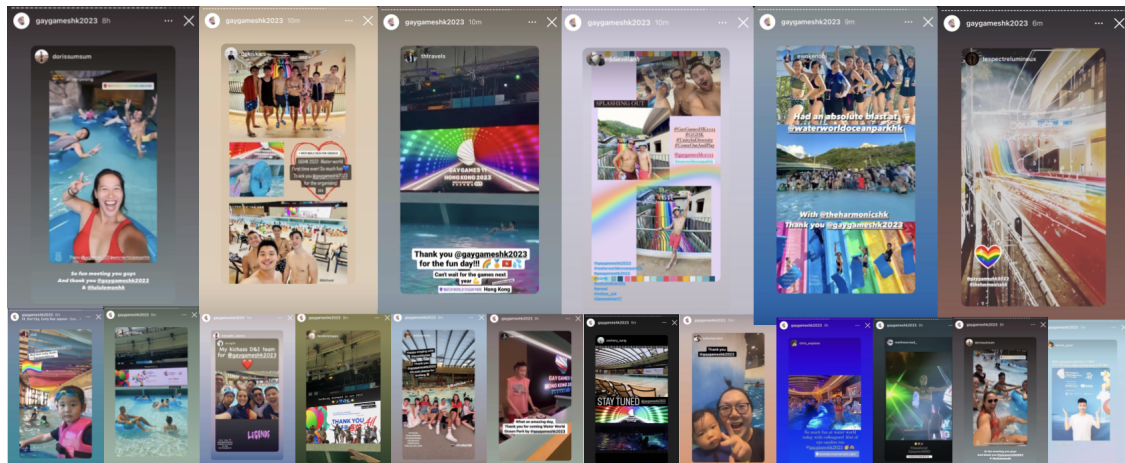
Donate



Volunteer

Last month, we celebrated GGHK with some of our hundreds of passionate volunteers as well as some supporters and fans by taking over Hong Kong's Water World with a Splashing Out Party!

It was an amazing day, and we were thrilled to watch social media explode with pictures and videos of the almost 2000 attendees.



With the relaxation of social distancing requirements, it was a wonderful experience to be able to bring together some of the people in Hong Kong dedicated to bringing the Gay Games to Asia for the first time.



Our Water World Takeover was also a great example of how much fun we can have while doing impactful work at the same time. As part of the Water World celebration we invited Ricky Chu, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in Hong Kong to tell us more about the support the EOC has for Gay Games 11 Hong Kong.

“The Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission has and will always be a staunch supporter of LGBTI inclusion. We believe that, as human beings, everyone deserves a fair chance to thrive and enjoy life free from discrimination and prejudice, and this is exactly what the Gay Games is about.”

Thank you Ricky and the EOC, for your unwavering support.



Thank you for your support!

Thanks to our 200+ strong GGHK volunteer team, and each and every one of you for your continued support of GGHK. We're energised and ready to host the best Games in Asia. Bring on 2023!

GAY GAMES 11 GUADALAJARA
UPDATE: GUADALAJARA MORE READY THAN
EVER



GAY GAMES 2023

Guadalajara

JUNTOS CREANDO HISTORIA
MAKING HISTORY TOGETHER



If there is a city in Mexico that can talk about sports and international events, that's Guadalajara, capital of the State of Jalisco and host to countless international sports competitions.

Guadalajara has an impeccable history, since the 2011 Pan American Games, the city has become the cradle of great athletes and spectacular events. That has completely transformed the face of the city; the venues to host each discipline in 2011 have remained in use and have been the basis for Jalisco to be the national champion of youth sports for 21 consecutive years.

Those same Pan American venues are the ones that will receive LGBTQI+ athletes from all over the world and will once again witness how we are the best hosts in the world.

Guadalajara has a long sports history, but recently, we have been named one of the hosts for the FIFA World Cup in 2026 for the third time. In 2021, given the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the situation in China, with just three months' notice, we successfully held the WTA Finals. Due to the speed and great organization and being an unparalleled host, in 2022 our city once again will host this event. We can't leave behind the fact that in November of this year, we'll also host the TaeKwonDo World Championship, another one of the most important disciplines worldwide that designated Guadalajara as the venue for the great advantages it offers for the event and its visitors.

To talk about Gay Games Guadalajara 2023 is talking about a great party that we will celebrate in the cultural and sports field. Our city is at its best in terms of public policies of Diversity and respect, we have a wide range of tourist services where the LGBTQI+ community will be welcomed with open arms and will enjoy unforgettable days in the heart of Mexico, the land of the mariachi and tequila.

The path began several years ago. Along with the work of the city and the social organizations, we have carried out a very important task in the sports area. The Mexican Sports Federation for Diversity, base of the sports operation of Gay Games Guadalajara 2023, has promoted national events and opened the doors of sports to members of diversity, offering first-class spaces and the respect that each individual deserves to practice the sport of their choice in a safe space and with pride.

Like never before, LGBTQI+ sports have a presence in our country, disciplines such as soccer and volleyball have an extensive calendar of events in Mexico, all of them will have the opportunity to feel privileged to compete, share the experience and celebrate with the rest of the athletes from around the world.

Today, the committee of the Gay Games Guadalajara 2023 presents a very important sports calendar where the disciplines that will see action are the following:

Aquatics (Diving, Swimming, Water Polo), Athletics (5 / 10 k, Marathon & ½ Marathon, track & field), Badminton, Basketball, Beach VolleyBall, Bowling, Cheer, Dance Sports, Golf, Soccer (7 and 11), Softball, Tennis, VolleyBall, Wrestling, Powerlifting and Pink Flamingo.

There will be 9 days of unforgettable festivities from November 3 to 11, 2023 when Guadalajara will historically become the first city in Latin America to host the games that celebrate their 40th anniversary this year. There is no better place to have this great celebration party than Mexico!

Pack your bags, make your reservation, the big party is coming up.

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE LGBT SPORTS CLUB ISRAEL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST LGBTQ+- PHOBIA IN SPORTS

For the last 7 years the LGBT Sports Club Israel invested much of its advocacy resources in two major issues, which we both accomplished during the last two months. First, the club pushed for an amendment to the current regulation concerning combating violence in sports. According to the previous regulation only racist chants in sports events were considered illegal. After the amendment, which was suggested by the club, LGBT phobic chants are now also consider as illegal and can be prosecuted.

Second, in August the Ministry of Sports aired a national campaign against LGBT phobia in sports. This was the first ever governmental campaign in Israel which deals with LGBT issues. The campaign presents three athletes: Razi, a gay soccer player; Lisa, a lesbian volleyball player; and Shai, a transman Judoka. The three are practicing their spots while in the background one can hear LGBT phobic chants. The climax of the clip comes as the athletes achieve their sporting goal and the chants stop. The slogan for the campaign is "Overcoming prejudices – Winning in sports" (it sounds better in Hebrew). The campaign airs on all national broadcast channels (during prime time), the Sports channel in Israel as well as in social media. It is also schedule the be aired again during the world cup in soccer.

Like to the campaign <https://fb.watch/f1KVtpkKhJ/>

40th Anniversary Pins Are A Winner – Get Yours Today!

Hadley also noted that pin trading has become an unofficial sport at many events held around the world including at the Olympics. "With this pin set, we hope to continue and expand this tradition at Gay Games 11 in Hong Kong."

When introduced to the pin puzzle concept, Jeffrey Pike, Project Designer, immediately saw the possibilities. The interconnected nature of puzzle pieces that contribute to a whole idea immediately resonated with his experiences from the Gay Games. "Over the past 40 years, each of the Gay Games that I have attended has had a unique character to it. Each innovates. Each enlarges the community. And each fits into the greater Games



40th Anniversary Individual Pin

movement by passing forward the uplifting and transformative spirit of Dr. Tom Waddell's vision."

The concept of interconnectedness, or flow, from one Gay Games to the next, led to envisioning the individual events fitting together along a path. The path in this case turned into the

three interlocking circles of Federation of Gay Games logo.

Doug Litwin, Co-Project Lead, said, "We hope all purchasers of this collectible Pin Puzzle can join us at Gay Games 11 in Hong Kong. Wear your 40th Anniversary pins proudly knowing you support the Federation of Gay Games and its ongoing mission of achieving equality in sports and culture."

Doug Litwin
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Jeffrey Pike
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Project Designer
FGG Honorary Life Member



The Gay Games 40th Anniversary pins have been on sale since January 2022. To see what people think of these pins, purchasers were surveyed to get their reactions. These pins are a BIG HIT. Don't take our word for it; here's what the survey said...

- Pin Puzzle Overall Satisfaction: 82% gave the highest rating possible
- Trading Pin Overall Satisfaction: 80% gave the highest rating possible
- Pin Quality: 64% gave the highest rating possible
- Would Recommend the Pins to others: 75% gave the highest rating possible

Individual Comments:

- Wonderful creative design
- I think they are amazingly beautiful and are of such great quality. Nice job!
- Would have liked to have been able to purchase a specific issue number
- Thank you for producing the beautiful pins.
- All I can say as a pin collector is WOW!
- I like that the pins have two backing posts to support its substantial size to keep from losing it due to weight.
- The quality is there; it is a really nice pin. These are nice enough to give as gifts.

To preview these exciting collectible offerings, check out [THIS VIDEO](#).



At the online store, you can purchase individual pins or bundles of 5 or 10 pins.

- Single Pin = USD 10 plus shipping
- Pack of 5 Pins = USD 45 plus shipping
- Pack of 10 Pins = USD 90 plus shipping

ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT THE FGG

The net proceeds from all pin sales will be used to further the global mission of the Federation of Gay Games, in the spirit of founder Dr. Tom Waddell.

Order your 40th Anniversary Pins today! Visit <https://www.gaygames.org/Store>

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

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