

# PARTICIPATE!

the Newsletter of the Gay Games





## What a Pride Month!

The Gay Games has had the pleasure of getting out and joining some of you as we **celebrate Pride Month** together with a plethora of Pride events around the world.

And while we're all out in the streets celebrating, we're seeing **more and more registrations** for the Games at both host cities - Hong Kong and Guadalajara.

With just over **3 months to go** before the Games kick off in the two cities, we're more excited than ever to share some of the news



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# Gay Games Hong Kong release their ambassador video

This is **the first Gay Games in Asia**, so no matter who you are, you are welcome to participate in this one-of-a-kind event and be a part of this special moment for **equality and inclusion in sports**.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to **compete, connect, and celebrate** with athletes and supporters from around the globe.

Check out the new video that the team in Hong Kong has made with their help of some of their **ambassadors**.



[Watch the video](#)



*2014 Tom Waddell Award recipients Elvina Yuvakaeva and Gene Dermody*



# Tom Waddell Award nominations now open

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Tom Waddell Award. This is the **highest recognition** offered by the FGJ and is **presented at the Opening Ceremony** of each Gay Games to two people of differing genders, one announced in Hong Kong and the other in Guadalajara.

We are looking for nominees who **inspire pride through leadership** and excellence in sports, culture, or volunteerism. They should devote their energies to the success of the Gay Games and **participate at their personal best**, as well as personify standards of **commitment, selflessness, and love of humanity**.





*2018 Tom Waddell Award recipients Gert McMullin and Paul Oostenbrug*

Anyone may nominate someone for the award, and the deadline for submitting nominations is 31 August 2023.

[Learn more](#)








# 40th anniversary trading pins still on sale

This pin celebrates the 40th Anniversary with the designs from all 11 of the Gay Games cleverly arranged in the shape of the iconic FG G logo. The logo designs for both Hong Kong and Guadalajara are represented on these pins.

The individually-packaged pins measure 2" or 5cm across and has a gold border and back. There are two posts to hold this pin to any shirt, jacket, hat, or elsewhere.





This limited-edition collectible **Pin Puzzle** is the perfect item for celebrating the Gay Games 40th Anniversary. It features 12 individual pins cleverly arranged in the shape of the iconic FGG logo.

The pins may be removed from the "puzzle" and **worn** however you like, or left in the elegant gold ribbon box for displaying in your home.

[Go to the store](#)



# Join our Human Resources Committee

We are looking for Human Resources professionals or people with HR experience to join a newly created Human Resources Committee to help us to **create and manage a positive and inclusive volunteering culture** for the FGG.

Interested? Get more info by speaking to Viv Woodcock-Downey

Email Viv



**THE OFFSIDE PROJECT**

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# The Offside Project - this weekend in Leeds, UK

The Offside Project is proud to present this rare exploration of the experiences and stories of **transmasculine individuals in the world of football**. This event will feature a series of oral histories from transmasculine players and fans, highlighting their journeys, challenges, euphoria and fraternity found in the sport.

Don't miss this event-packed weekend to exploring the perspectives and experiences of the beautiful game from our **transmasculine, nonbinary and GNC community**.

[More info and tickets](#)





**PLAY AT FULL VOLUME**

5 - 11 April 2024 | Auckland, New Zealand

# Join the Rainbow Games in Auckland, New Zealand next April 2024

Join in the fun at the **Rainbow Games Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland 2024** and Play at Full Volume! This new and inclusive multi-sport event features 14 sports from 5-11 April 2024 in New Zealand.

Starting with a **glittering opening ceremony**, the event features **six days of exhilarating sporting action** alongside a fabulous line up of **arts, culture and social activities**, before rounding off the week with a **closing ceremony**.

Make new friends, have lots of fun and pick up a sweat.

[Register now](#)





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*.

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