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

Thank you for your continued support of the Federation of Gay Games and our mission of promoting equality in sport and culture! Now more than ever, it's vital for all of us to promote our principles of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™ in our local communities.

We encourage you to share our vision and help get more artists and athletes than ever to [Paris 2018 Gay Games 10](#) and register today!

With greatest respect,



Joanie Evans, Female co-president



Sean Fitzgerald, Male co-president

PARIS 2018 GAY GAMES 10

www.Paris2018.com 4 - 12 August

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LGBT Women in Sport: FREE EVENT

April 15, 2017, Brighton, United Kingdom

Speakers from the world of sport - amateur and professional - will explore the issues and barriers that discourage LGBT women from participating.

We aim to find ways to support and inspire LGBT women to get involved in sport – both in organised and informal settings.



Welcoming delegates will be [Joanie Evans](#) and [Sophia Rodriguez](#). Joanie is Co-President of the Federation of Gay Games and was instrumental in establishing the first lesbian football club based in Hackney, London. Sophia is chair of the FGG's Diversity Committee which has been examining the issue of increasing participation in the Gay Games.

Delegate places are available free of charge to interested women from the LGBT community and their straight allies.

[Information and registration](#)

PERSONAL BEST: An interview with Fernando Carvahal

Fernando received an award from the city of Santiago for his service promoting equality and inclusion through sport. His interview is below, and he was an FGG scholarship recipient at Gay Games Chicago in 2006 -- which helped launch his career in diversity and inclusion in sport across Chile. The organisation he founded, [Movdeinchile](#), has been a member of the FGG Assembly for several years.

FGG: Congratulations on your great honor. What led to the award? Fernando (translated) 1) The constant work of sports integration that I have assumed with a lot of responsibility and on a voluntary basis. 2) Through the performance of sports meetings of integration during the 9 years that has Movdeinchile. 3) In the spaces that I have obtained through the municipality of Santiago and the sport ministry of Chile, since without this support I would not be able to hold sporting matches in Santiago.

FGG: Why were you selected? Fernando (translated) I was recognized for my outstanding work in the service of sport, my leadership and work, recreation and healthy living in the Santiago community. Also for being an organized sports club that works for the sport integration.

FGG: What impact does it have on the recognition of LGBT sports in Chile? Fernando (translated) The impact on society is to establish ourselves as serious, responsible, organized, respectful and integrative organizations.

FGG: What impact did your first experience with Gay Games have? Fernando (translated) Indeed the experience I had in Chicago in 2006 was life-changing both in my sports career and personal life; this led me to form the sports club Movdeinchile (Sports Movement of Integration Chile) in Santiago, and to work hard to make sports meetings of integration in Chile. My great dream is to see the Gay Games held in Chile one day.



2022 GAY GAMES XI TIMELINE

The Federation of Gay Games announced the 2022 Gay Games XI [host city selection process 3 March 2016](#), and the [list of cities continuing the bid process 1 July 2016](#).

Final Bid Books were due on 30 November 2016: Austin, Dallas, Denver, Guadalajara, Hong Kong, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Washington DC. The shortlisted three cities will be announced early March 2017, and the vote for the host of Gay Games XI from three finalist candidate cities will take place in October 2017 at the FGG Annual General Assembly meeting in Paris, France.

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PARIS 2017

Make plans today for our next AGA, taking place in Paris!

The "General Assembly" represents the voting members of the FGG, and this assembly meets annually to help advise and direct the Board of Directors, elect officers and vote on important matters.



In 2017, a highlight will be the voting and selection of the host city for Gay Games XI to take place in 2022. Many people believe this quadrennial decision is the most important one that the FGG makes.

[The next AGA takes place in Paris, France 26 October - 1 November 2017. Learn more at our Facebook Event Page.](#)

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Please help us promote Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 by sending an email of interest to MARKETING@GAYGAMES.NET. We are looking for major sporting and cultural events with promotional possibilities: collaborations, marketing materials, social media, logos, etc.

[Tel Aviv Games 2017](#)



[European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation: Annual General Assembly: Dusseldorf, 4-5 March](#)



The first ever “[LGBT International Powerlifting Championships](#)” are happening 28th, 29th and 30th July 2017 in London.

Up to 60 of the world's strongest Lesbian, Gay, Bi Sexual and Trans athletes are expected to attend from all over the world in what promises to be a very special occasion.

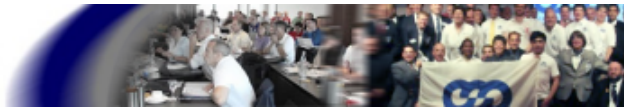
The championships will be hosted by Gay Games Powerlifters Chris Morgan and Dominic Patmore with the assistance of Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club in London. Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club was established in 1926 and is well known for its strong commitment to diversity within the communities it serves. [Check out their Facebook event here](#). We are also proud and grateful that [Chris Morgan](#) is an active Gay Games Ambassador!

Paris 2018 Gay Games 10: Promotion at [Sin City Shootout Sports Festival](#)

Members of the Federation of Gay Games Board of Directors encouraged thousands of athletes to "rendez-vous" in Paris in 2018 for Gay Games 10! Activities included promotion at the popular opening night party, at various sports events, and by competing as a team in kickball!



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