

Declaration of Cooperation

Between Kyiv's and Munich's LGBT Communities

We hereby solemnly publish and declare the cooperation between Kyiv's and Munich's LGBT communities. Close friendship and respect as well as the common will to change things for the better enable us to act. Our goal is for both sides to learn from each other. Together we seek to build a world without hatred, fight back disenfranchisement, persecution and assault. Simultaneously, everything possible shall be done to make the LGBT community in both cities a home for every lesbian woman, every gay man, all bisexual women and men, trans women and trans men as well as queer people. The city partnership between Munich and Kyiv provides a solid foundation for this engagement.

Our cooperation is based on two levels:

FIRST, CSD München (Munich Pride) and the International LGBT Forum and Festival, called "KyivPride", decided to establish a long-term relationship within the framework of the existing partnership between the twin cities Kyiv and Munich in order to improve the Human Rights' situation of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender in both countries.

The cooperation includes an exchange of information, experience and people. CSD München and KyivPride provide each others' cooperation partners with know-how on organizing a safe and educational Pride. Groups of experts will advise each others' organizers. People from Kyiv and Munich will participate in Munich and KyivPride with own events and send official delegations.

Support for this cooperation comes from all LGBT groups in both cities as well as from the City Council of Munich.

SECOND, beyond Pride, the LGBT groups of both cities work closely together. In Munich, these are currently LeTRa (Lesbian women), Münchner Aids-Hilfe, Rosa Liste (Pink Party) and Sub (Gay Community Center), shareholders of CSD München, and groups like Daneben (Subculture for women and transgender), Diversity (LGBT youth), Gay Outdoor Club, Gay & Gray, Forum Homosexualität (History of LGBT movement), InsideOut Munich (Tennis Club), Münchner Löwen Club MLC (Fetish), Team München (Sports Club), TransMann (Transgender), Queeramnesty (Amnesty International), QueerCampus (Students), Queerrelations (Film Network) and VelsPol Bayern (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender policewomen and policemen in Bava-



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ria). In Kyiv, these are primarily the organisations Fulcrum (Gay and bisexual men: Advocacy, HIV-prevention), Gay Alliance (Gay and bisexual men: Community Center, HIV-prevention, Counselling), Gay Alliance Ukraine (LGBT: Mobilisation, Advocacy, Public Awareness, HIV-prevention), Gay Forum Ukraine (LGBT: Mobilisation, Advocacy, PR), Insight (Lesbian women, Transgender: Community Center, Research, Advocacy), Nash Mir (LGBT: Advocacy, Research, Trainings, Human Rights' Case-management) and New Wave (Lesbian women, Rainbow families: Mobilisation, Health Issues, Counselling, Advocacy, PR). A volunteer-based Contact Group (Munich Kiev Queer) acts as an interface between the LGBT subcultures of Munich and Kyiv; it initiates, moderates, coordinates and carries out projects in cooperation with the large groups and associations of the respective communities.

These activities are grouped into the following categories:

- **Exchange of information and experiences:** Both partners in Munich and Kyiv maintain contact with each other. The groups and organisations of both communities discuss their work and the political developments in their countries: Topics include HIV-prevention, psychological counselling, self-help groups, political campaigns, lobbying and PR.
- **Continuing Education:** In order to learn from one another, the respective communities plan special workshops, study trips and internships in the areas described above. Each party benefits from the experiences of the other. Our target groups are volunteer and professional counsellors, social workers, HIV-prevention experts, cultural and project managers, the press etc.
- **Culture:** People might exchange their knowledge on a professional basis. But it is even more important to know and to appreciate each other. Cultural events like exhibitions, lectures, films, concerts and more help to open ourselves to the lives of the unknown others.
- **Public Relations:** Both partners regularly inform LGBT and general press of both countries about ongoing campaigns and actions. We want them to know especially about the Human Rights' situation in Ukraine and Germany and put pressure on officials in both countries.

The cooperation has just started, so we may expect a whole bundle of common activities to be planned and carried out in the future. The pursuit of happiness is a fundamental right of every human being; together we will fight for it.



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In order to support the cooperation, Contact Group Munich Kiev Queer has launched a website where all the common activities and actions of both LGBT communities are described and will be kept updated regularly.

You may visit it on www.MunichKievQueer.org.



The undersigned organisations of the Kyiv-Munich partnership

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CSD, Munich

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Daneben, Munich

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Diversity, Munich

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Forum Homosexualität, Munich

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Fulcrum, Kyiv

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Gay & Gray, Munich

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Gay Alliance, Kyiv

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Gay Alliance Ukraine, Kyiv

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Gay Forum Ukraine, Kyiv

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Gay Outdoor Club, Munich

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InsideOut, Munich

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Insight, Kyiv

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KyivPride

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LeTRa, Munich

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MLC, Munich

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Münchner Aids-Hilfe, Munich

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Munich Kiev Queer

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Nash Mir, Kyiv

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New Wave, Kherson

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Queeramnesty, Munich

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QueerCampus, Munich

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Queerrelations, Munich

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Rosa Liste, Munich

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Sub, Munich

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Team München, Munich

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TransMann, Munich

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VelsPol Bayern, Kempten

