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Pride 2022

30 Years of Pioneers
*Celebrating Gay Pride in the Port
Authority and our local communities*

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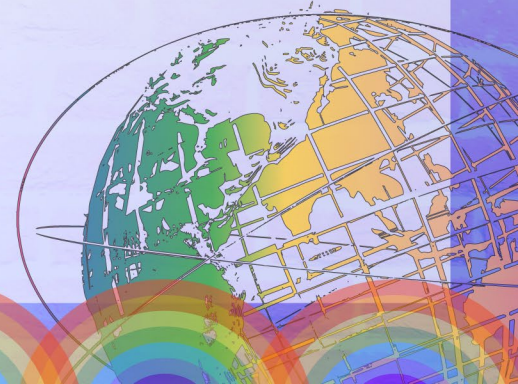


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Queens Pride

The Queens Pride Parade and Multicultural Festival is the second oldest and second largest pride parade in New York City. Founded in 1993, it is held annually on the first Sunday in June, in the neighborhood of Jackson Heights. The first Queens Pride Parade and Multicultural Festival took place on June 6, 1993, and an estimated 10,000 people attended.

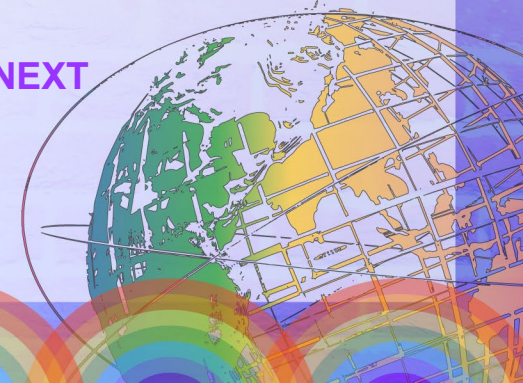


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Queens Pride Local Pioneers

Queens is home to a rich and vibrant LGBTQ+ Community. To highlight the impact of this community, there are notable Pioneers that have promoted the visibility, accomplishments, and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ Community listed below:

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Daniel Dromm

Former City Council Member/Queens Pride Parade Co-Founder

🏳️‍🌈 A resident of Jackson Heights, Dromm began his career as a public school teacher in 1984 at P.S. 199 in Sunnyside, Queens. As an educator, he promoted teaching acceptance of LGBTQ+ individuals through the Rainbow Curriculum and publicly came out in 1992. He was instrumental in the initial planning and formation of the Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (QLGPC) and the first Queens Pride Parade.

🏳️‍🌈 Heavily involved in the Queens County Democratic Party, he served as Democratic District Leader in the 39th Assembly District. He is one of the first two openly gay City Council members from outside of Manhattan. Dromm was elected to the City Council in 2009, representing the 25th district in Queens and re-elected in 2013 and 2017.



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Maritza Martinez

Queens Pride Parade Co-Founder

🇺🇸 Maritza Martinez is the Executive Director of Somos Familia, a community based organization working to build leadership in LatinX families and communities to create a culture where people of diverse genders and sexual orientations can thrive. As a queer Latina, nonprofit professional, leader, and activist, Maritza's works with Somos Familia to increase family and community acceptance of LGBTQ+ Latinxs is deeply personal.

🇺🇸 Prior to joining Somos Familia, she worked as an organizational development consultant with organizations across the country on issues of diversity, leadership, environment, education, and innovation. Maritza is a founding member of the LGBTQ+ LatinX Giving Circle at the Latino Community Foundation and a member of Rise Up's inaugural California cohort of the Gender Equity Initiative. She was born and raised in Queens, NY.



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Karine Jean-Pierre

White House Press Secretary

🇺🇸 Karine Jean-Pierre is the current White House Press Secretary for President Joe Biden. She was raised in Queens Village and her mother worked as a home health aide and was active in her Pentecostal church, while her father was a taxi driver. Since both parents worked most days of the week, Jean-Pierre was often responsible for caring for her younger siblings.

🇺🇸 In her first press briefing as White House Press Secretary, Jean-Pierre said “I would not be here today if it were not for generations of barrier breaking people before me. I stand on their shoulders. I benefit from their sacrifices. I have learned from their excellence, and I am forever grateful to them.”



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Nneka Onuorah

Local Queens Artist

🇺🇸 Nneka Onuorah was born in Queens, New York and raised in Lefrak City. Her father is Nigerian, and her mother is African-American. Onuorah is openly gay and began to identify as a lesbian at age 14. She studied dance at Broadway Dance Center and later received her associate degree in psychology from LaGuardia Community College.

🇺🇸 Onuorah took an internship at BET in 2009 and was later hired as a producer. She worked on Black Girls Rock! and various music documentaries. After six years, Onuorah left the network to work on her first film, The Same Difference. Her stated inspiration to produce the documentary was the dearth of representations of Black LGBTQ+ people in mainstream media.

🇺🇸 Onuorah independently financed her film, The Same Difference, a documentary about strict behavioral roles for studs and femmes in Black lesbian communities. She has spoken about experiencing backlash from other lesbians when she chose to dress feminine rather than her usual masculine of center presentation. The Same Difference premiered in June 2015.



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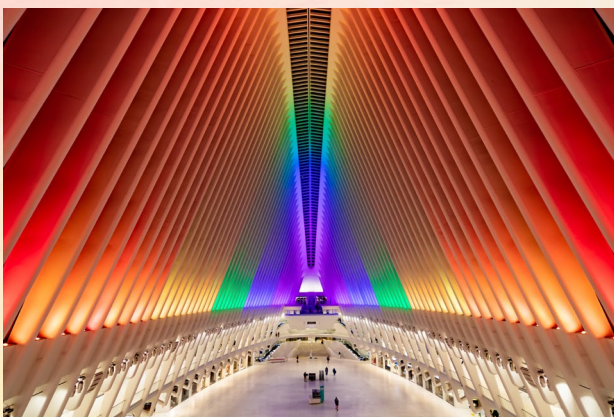
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Port Authority Pride

PA PRIDE, which stands for People Respecting Individuality, Diversity & Equality, is an Employee Business Resource Group (EBRG) of the Port Authority, and was formed to support the LGBTQ+ community and its allies both in the workplace and throughout the region. Additionally, they provide input to Port Authority departments on best practices for creating safe and inclusive environments.



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Port Authority Pride Events 2022

Social Events

🇺🇸 Out in Government NYC: Pride event June 29 at 5:30pm. PA Pride members will be invited to participate.

NYC Pride March

🇺🇸 Sunday, June 26. The PA marches with State of NY and other state agencies contingent.

NYC LGBT Center – Employer Workshops

🇺🇸 90 minutes, up to 50 participants. Introduced in 2021 and were incredibly well received – all sessions were full and had waiting lists.

🇺🇸 Pronouns, Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity – June 22 (Tentative).

🇺🇸 Allyship (to be scheduled later in 2022).

🇺🇸 Intersectionality (to be scheduled later in 2022).

Pronouns Form

🇺🇸 On June 15, the Port Authority announced a new **preferred pronouns** feature for Microsoft Outlook accounts. Employees can now update their display name to include preferred pronouns next to their name.

🇺🇸 The pronouns that we use are essential to our sense of self and belonging. Using proper pronouns when interacting with or referring to our colleagues creates a workplace where employees can be authentic while feeling safe and respected.

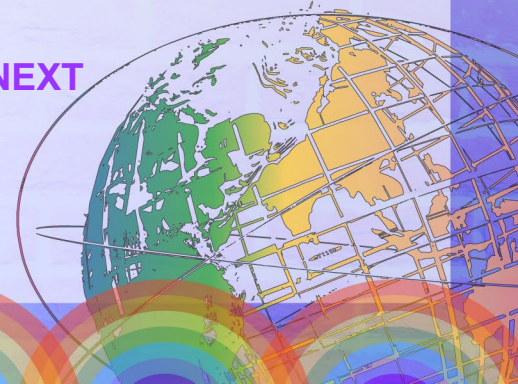


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Local Organizations

Queens is home to several local LGBTQ+ Organizations. Listed below are two local LGBTQ+ organizations that offer a welcoming and nurturing environment that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

 Generation Q Youth Center

 Queens Center for Gay Seniors

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Generation Q Youth Center

Generation Q Youth Center is an after-school youth center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth and allies, between the ages of 13 and 21. They offer:

- 🏳️‍🌈 a friendly, safe environment with a wide variety of educational and recreational opportunities, as well as social and emotional support.
- 🏳️‍🌈 A safe space to meet friends.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Academic support.
- 🏳️‍🌈 One-on-one and group counseling in a confidential setting.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Advocacy and leadership opportunities.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Field trips and special events, workshops, art and self-expression.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Access to a variety of free services, including college counseling, youth employment opportunities, internship and volunteer placement and more.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Parent and Family Support Group.



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Queens Center for Gay Seniors

The Queens Center for Gay Seniors provides a culturally-rich environment where older adults can engage with peers, make new friends, enjoy a hot meal, keep physically active, learn new skills and explore new interests, and give back through volunteer opportunities. Their services and programs:

- 🏳️‍🌈 Affordable breakfast and lunch, served fresh everyday.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Free Transportation to and from center.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Cultural programs led by professional instructors, including multimedia art & writing courses.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Educational workshops & events.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Field trips and special events.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Exercise classes, including yoga, Zumba, chair aerobics and more.
- 🏳️‍🌈 Access to a wide variety of FREE services including Adult ESOL Classes, Immigration Support Services, Housing & Eviction Prevention Assistance, Afterschool Programs & Camps, and so much more.



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