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AFTER STONEWALL - 50 YEARS OF PRIDE

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AN INTERNATIONAL PHOTO EXHIBITION

THE RCN EXHIBITION AFTER STONEWALL 50 YEARS OF PRIDE

The Rainbow Cities Network (RCN), which today includes more than 30 cities, was established in 2013 on occasion of the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT). The network aims to discuss local approaches in equality and anti-discrimination work for LGBTIQ persons, to learn from each other, and to develop joint strategies.

As a joint project, the Rainbow Cities have organised a photo exhibition with the title “After Stonewall - 50 years of pride“ on occasion of IDAHOT on 17 May 2019: Seventeen cities participate and provide one photo oder poster each for the international exhibition.

In the night from 27 to 28 June 1969, police forces in New York held yet another raid at Stonewall Inn, a bar for homosexual and transgender people in Christopher Street. This time, however, violent clashes erupted between the police and the bar’s patrons, who refused to accept this form of homophobic and transphobic harassment any longer. This was the first of a series of violent protests, which in turn marked the start of a new human rights movement for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex or queer. Their initiatives developed into the modern LGBTIQ* movement, which soon created the rainbowflag as its defining symbol.

Today, this symbol is known all over the world, and has become a banner for the fight against persecution and discrimination, to achieve recognition and equal rights in all fields of life.

Soon after, the LGBTIQ* community in Europe started taking to the streets to finally become visible, demanding diversity, sexual self-determination and human rights, as well as protesting against discriminatory legal regulations. Proudly and self-confidently, they stood up for their rights and identity, and have been speaking out for diversity ever since. Today the LGBTIQ* community is still known for its outspoken criticism of any form of repression by national, legal or religious institutions, be it in legislation, family life, education, working life, healthcare, public space or any other areas of day-to-day life.

Now that 50 years have passed since Stonewall, it is more important than ever that we pause to look back on our accomplishments with gratitude and pride. Fighting against established institutions was just as necessary as the fight for our cause within institutions. Loud public activism was as important as more restrained, rational argumentation. Individual trailblazers were as significant as the combined power of many. Establishing organisations, groups and centres for LGBTIQ* human rights was just as essential as the support of more and more cities, as city leaders come to realise that they are meant to play a key role in this fight. As Rainbow Cities, we want to express our gratitude to the many, many people who have dedicated their energy and commitment, their hearts and minds to this cause. We thank everyone who stands up for human rights to become reality for all LGBTIQ* people. This exhibition is held in your honour.

Wolfgang Wilhelm, Vienna
Curator of the exhibition

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NO. 1, GENEVA

RAINBOW GENEVA

by David Wagnières/Ville de Genève

The famous Geneva Jet d'eau fountain is proudly rainbow enlightened each year for IDAHOT, showing the commitment of the City against LGBTIQphobia

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NO. 2, BARCELONA

LGBTI PRIDE AND FREEDOM ON LA RAMBLA IN BARCELONA

by Ricard Martínez

The city's first LGBTI pride and freedom demonstration was held on La Rambla in Barcelona on 26 June 1977. It was organised by the Catalan Gay Liberation Front (FAGC). Some four thousand people demonstrated that day, in favour of sexual and gender freedom. The demonstration mobilised trans people, lesbians, gays, bisexuals and libertarians, feminists, trade unionists and sympathisers. The photo, made by Ricard Martínez on 2017, offers a combination of images from that day and other LGBTI demonstrations held on La Rambla which put Barcelona at the forefront in the fight for LGBTI rights.

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NO. 3, TORINO

FROM THE '70s TO THE NOUGHTIES. TORINO LGBT HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES

by City of Torino Historical Archives (b&w pictures), Roberto Emprin (colour picture), graphics by Gianni Zardini

The images document the evolution of the LGBT movement in Torino, from the first initiatives -the gay 1978 New Year's Eve, the Congress of the Lesbian Women of the "Fuori" movement, Celeste, a transgender person portrayed on the background of the Po river and the "Monte dei Cappuccini", the dressing room from the first gay football tournament at the "Pala Ruffini"-up to the rainbow flag of the LGBT Rights jointly unrolled by the Municipal Authorities and the local LGBT activists from the Torino Town Hall to the people marching in the 2009 Torino Pride Parade. The black and white pictures come from the City of Torino Historical Archives, the colour photo from the archive of a local activist.

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NO. 4, HAMBURG

THE SECOND STONEWALL- PARADE IN HAMBURG, 1981

by Chris Lambertsen

The Stonewall Riots has come to be associated with revolt under his oppressive policy and defending rights. In Hamburg too, on actual occasion-harassment of gay people by police- the first manifestation "Homosexuellen Aktionswoche" with 1,500 participants was held in 1980. In a concerted media-campaign, LGBTI* took action against "Rosa Listen (Pink List)" and monitoring on toilets.

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NO. 5, PARIS

MEET FRANCIS CARRIER, FOUNDER OF “GREY PRIDE“ (NGO FOR ELDER LGBT+)

by Jean-Baptiste Gurliat/Mairie de Paris

The LGBT pioneers of yesterday are old today, so no question of going back in the closet. Our struggles have accompanied our whole lives & are written in each of our joys and wounds. With GreyPRIDE, we still have to fight to be able to age with dignity and remind all new generations that our struggles have allowed their freedom. Let us not forget all those who are no longer there but to whom we owe everything.

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NO. 6, COLOGNE

FIRST PRIDE DEMONSTRATION IN COLOGNE: 26 JUNE 1982

by Guenay Ulutuncok/laif

This photo was taken in Cologne on 26 June 1982. About 500 people participated in the first recorded pride demonstration in the city – which was organised by a group called "Kölner Gay Freedom Day". The banner says and demands "Human Rights for Lesbians & Gays". The photo is archived at the "Centrum Schwule Geschichte e.V." in Cologne. Today, Cologne's "Christopher Street Day/CSD Parade" is one of the biggest pride demonstrations in Europe.

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NO. 7, MANNHEIM

THX FOR FIGHTING! BATTLE ON!

by Alexander Kästel

Pride Parade 2018 in Mannheim: Rainbow families marching. The Federal Minister of Justice chats with a gay man in a leather dress. A fearless trans activist from Turkey - invited by the City of Mannheim - claims her bodily autonomy. This shows remarkable change since the Stonewall riots 50 years ago. But until today 70 countries criminalize same-sex love, the physical integrity of intersex children is violated and trans* people are killed. The lesson is clear: Many reasons to celebrate but also a duty to continue the legacy of Stonewall.

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NO. 8, BERGEN

WHERE ARE ALL THE LESBIANS IN BERGEN?? GAY DAYS 1983, BERGEN, NORWAY

by Homofil bevegelse i Bergen/Skeivt arkiv, University of Bergen Library

Saturday, June 25th, 1983. The two gay organizations in Bergen, Norway, had banded together and organized Homodagene ("Gay Days") as a remembrance and celebration of Stonewall and Gay Liberation Day. Homodagene 1983 included radio broadcasts, waffles and coffee in the main city square, a lecture on AIDS, and a parade through the city center, pictured here. Amongst the banners, two are written in the local Bergen dialect: "Is it us you're scared of?!" (front left) and "Where are all the lesbians in Bergen??" (back left). Another banner (front right) reads "Gays and lesbians – come out".

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NO. 9, BRIGHTON & HOVE

PROUD TOGETHER

by BHCC LGBTQ Workers Forum

Brighton & Hove Council's LGBTQ Workers Forum parade entry in Brighton Pride 2018, our theme was migration, and how the cities LGBTQ populations are often drawn from all over the world. The Forum invited campaigning group Lesbian and Gays support the Migrants and the Inter- Faith Contact group to join us in the parade.

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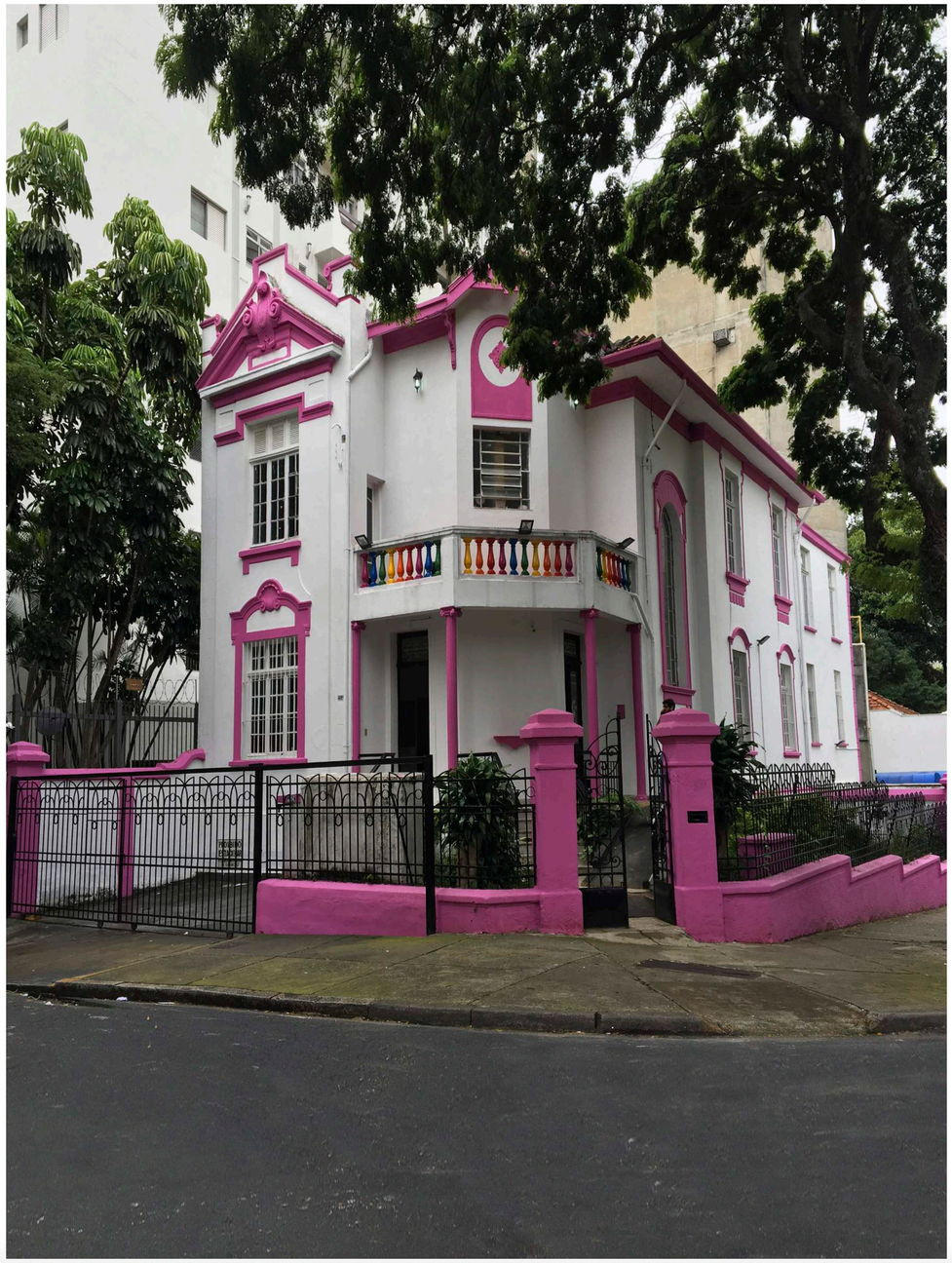
NO. 10, SÃO PAULO



STONEWALL STILL ECHOES

by Ricardo Olímpio

The LGBTI Citizenship Center - Luiz Carlos Ruas, created in 2006 as the Center for Combating Homophobia, is the first social service to promote LGBTI citizenship in the city of São Paulo. Its perpetuation and updating symbolizes the existence and the diversity of our community.
Through the struggle and resistance to remain in operation for more than 13 years, it expresses our capacity for resilience and overcoming a society marked by the submission of the LGBTI population."

NO. 11, VIENNA

PROVINCE OF VIENNA: DECORATION OF HONOUR AWARDED FOR LGBTIQ ACTIVISM!

by Stadt Wien PID/Martin Votava

On 10 November 2016, Helmut Graupner, human rights lawyer and President of Austria's LGBTIQ civil rights organisation Rechtskomitee Lambda, received the Decoration of Honour in Gold for Special Services to the Province of Vienna from Executive City Councillor Sandra Frauenberger. The Decoration of Honour in Silver was awarded to Andreas Brunner, co-founder of the QWIEN Centre for Gay and Lesbian History and Culture, and co-initiator of the first Rainbow Parades held in Vienna. The historic ceremony marked the first time ever that public decorations were awarded for LGBTIQ activism in Austria.

NO. 12, LJUBLJANA

A STONEWALL OF OUR OWN

by Niki Lapkovski

The photograph depicts transgender activists and allies at Prešeren Square in the center of the city of Ljubljana during a flash mob. The flash mob was part of a larger event called TransMisija V (TransMission V), which was the first public march for transgender human rights in the history of Slovenian LGBT+ social movement and the largest moment of transgender visibility in Slovene media. TransMisija, which was previously an expert annual conference for 4 years, was relocated to the streets to symbolize that trans persons too exist in Slovenia, that we aren't fearful and we will take up public space as long as our human rights are being violated. Even if this shouldn't be necessary 50 years after Stonewall, which was exactly this - trans and gender nonconforming persons going to the streets, this is still a reality of many communities worldwide, Slovenian included.

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NO. 13, LEUVEN

THE FIRST L-PRIDE AT LEUVEN ON A BEAUTIFUL OCTOBER DAY 2018

by Els Mombeek

The first Lesbian Pride took place in the city of Leuven in october 2018. It was a great succes and the pride did shine as bright as the sun that day.

NO. 14, NÜRNBERG

NÜRNBERG UNDER THE RAINBOW

by GAYCON Pressefoto by Norbert Kiesewetter

“After Stonewall - 50 Years of Pride” and 22 Years Christopher Street Day in Nuremberg. THANK you for PRIDE, LOVE and RESISTANCE. Human Rights, Equality, being out, Family, Friends, Children, Marriage, Discrimination, fight back, Empowerment, Community, Justice and law, self-confidence, still going on....

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NO. 15, ROTTERDAM

ROTTERDAM PRIDE – PORT OF LOVE
by Jordy Brada

During the fifth anniversary of Rotterdam Pride in 2018 drag queen Ma'Ma Queen walked in front of the Pride Walk: Show Your Love with a self-designed and made dress inspired by the original eight colored rainbow flag, designed by Gilbert Baker in 1978. The theme of Rotterdam Pride 2018 was Port of Love, which stands for the connection, love, colours of the community and a safe haven for all - together we make Rotterdam Pride.

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NO. 16, MUNICH

Submitted + supported by ❶ Patricia (trans activist and tutor for LGBTI awareness) and ❷ Sandra (supporter of family and relatives of trans people)

This motto is one of the basic ideas that ignited the modern pride movement starting with the Stonewall Riots 50 years ago. But even though we have achieved many positive social and legal changes in the past 50 years, we are still or unfortunately again confronted with discrimination and right-wing activism against LGBTI-people. So it is still – and maybe even more than ever – essential to never hide your pride today and in the future.

Submitted + supported by ❸ Sibylle (historian and activist for Munich Kyiv Queer) and ❹ Frank (graphic designer for Munich Pride)

Let's stop and reflect for a moment. To celebrate 50 years of the Stonewall riots means remembering those who came before us, those who fought for us and who often sacrificed so much. Many LGBTI activists and pioneers suffered horrible discrimination and injustice, and many still do today. It is our very responsibility to honor their legacy of courage and pride by continuing the fight – we must learn from history and we must bow to those who gave us everything.

Submitted + supported by ❺ Markus and ❻ Eva (both are activists and board members of diversity München – LGBTIQ youth organization)

The winning entry that became Munich Pride's official motto for 2019 aims at connecting the movement's ongoing fight for equal rights and acceptance for LGBTI people with its beautiful diversity. "We wanna show the world who we all are and celebrate all that the LGBTI movement has achieved. But we must understand and show that there's still a lot of work to do."

THREE FOR MUNICH PRIDE 2019

by Matthias Keitel (photographer), Frank Zuber (Concept, art direction), Eva, Markus, Patricia, Sandra, Sibylle and Frank (soul of the project :)

Every year the LGBTI community in Munich is invited to participate in the process to find a motto for Munich's Pride celebrations - Christopher Street Day München 2019: 50 years of Stonewall. This year more than 80 ideas were submitted of which three made it to a final shortlist. This photo shows three very different ideas and approaches to the meaning of this special 50th anniversary of the beginning of the modern pride movement and the people who came up with them. On January 22nd a panel of 55 members and activists from all sorts of LGBTI groups voted on the official motto after a very lively debate: 50 years of Stonewall - Celebrate diversity! Fight for equality!

NO. 17, ZURICH

«WE DIDN'T CHOOSE IT - WE WERE JUST LUCKY!»
by Sabine Wunderlin and Sabine Rock

Members of the group «Milk Youth» pose in front of the Grossmünster in Zurich for a group foto, all tarted up for the yearly milk ball. Their motto is: «We didn't choose it – we were just lucky». 50 years after Stonewall we've come a long way: From fear and hiding to resistance and anger to self-assertion and pride!

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