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Resolutions?

As 2009 is drawing to an end, most of us reflect on the year which has passed. What has happened with the resolutions we made?

EGLSF celebrated 20th anniversary in 2009. We made some resolutions for this year. In this Newsletter you will be able to read whether we were true to them or not.

Whatever your personal New Year Resolutions might be, we hope you will realise them; hopefully in our company!

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2009 in Review

The year 2009 has been marked for us by 20th anniversary of EGLSF. It is legitimate to feel proud of it and, at the same time, feel the urge of keep on working and facing the many challenges we have in front of us. One year ends and another begins and, as usual, EGLSF Board sends you the letter of best wishes and a summary of activities in 2009.

The Hague Annual General Assembly (AGA 2009) & EGLSF 20th Anniversary

EGLSF held its Annual General Assembly (AGA) in The Hague, the Netherlands (5th – 8th March 2009). It was the occasion also to celebrate 20th EGLSF Anniversary.

Prior to the AGA, the “Building Bridges 3” Conference took place, organised in cooperation with Homosport Nederland.

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.”

Edith Lovejoy Pierce,
English author

Representatives of several institutions and bodies actively participated; Olympic Committees, Dutch Sport Federations,





European Commission, UEFA, Council of Europe, ILGA-Europe to name a few. Once again, the need of cooperation and the common interests were highlighted.

For all the issues discussed, decisions and outcomes, please consult the draft AGA minutes available at EGLSF webpage (www.eglsf.info).

EGLSF Board

Five Board members were re elected at The Hague AGA: Pepe García Vázquez (Co President), Lou Manders (General Secretary, Gabriella Körmendi (Board member) and Andrej Pisl (Board member). Juha Meronen (Treasurer) was re-elected for one year term and Louise Englefield was elected as a new Board member.

During 2009 we had to lament the resignation of Female Co President Anne Jensen and Board Member Gisela Weil. You all know already about it and have received the relevant messages. The rest of Board members, speaking on their behalf but also, most surely, on behalf of all EGLSF members take advantage of this occasion to again thank them warmly for the work done and their commitment.

The Board met in January (Brussels, Belgium), March (The Hague, The Netherlands), May (Benidorm, Spain), July (Copenhagen, Denmark) and October (Rotterdam, The Netherlands). Next meeting is scheduled in January (Helsinki, Finland).

Full information about Board work during 2009 will be included in the papers for Manchester AGA 2010.

EuroGames

At 2009 AGA, Rotterdam and Budapest, presenting a joint bid, were selected as organisers for next EuroGames 2011 and 2012, respectively.



EGLSF Board met with Rotterdam organisers in October. At 2010 Manchester AGA, both bidders will present a status report.

Organised by our member club FVV, a workshop meeting concerning EuroGames and its future took place in the beginning of December in Frankfurt.

Due to the celebration of Outgames in 2009 and Gay Games in 2010, no EuroGames are held these years.

II World Outgames – Copenhagen

From 25th July to 2nd August, the II World Outgames took place successfully in the Danish capital. For results and additional information please go to <http://www.copenhagen2009.org>.

EGLSF Board, representatives and members participated actively both at the Human Rights Conference and at the different Sports. At the Conference, EGLSF presented “The Copenhagen Principle of Sport.”

VIII Gay Games - Cologne

VIII Gay Games will take place in Cologne from 31st July to 7th August. For additional information, go to <http://www.games-cologne.de>.

EGLSF, as partner, is cooperating with the organisers mostly about outreach issues.

All our members are invited to participate at the Gay Games in Cologne!

Advocacy

EGLSF continued its advocacy work during 2009. A full report about this activity will be included in next AGA papers.

EGLSF pursued its cooperation with FARE, ILGA-Europe, European Commission and Council of Europe.

As an element to be highlighted, we can choose the proclamation of

“The Copenhagen Principle of Sport” (see the text at EGLSF webpage www.eglsf.info), included in the Human Rights Conference held in the Danish capital in parallel with II World Outgames.

Outreach

EGLSF's Regional Outreach activities during 2009 focused mostly on AGA participation and in cooperating with World Outgames Copenhagen and Gay Games Cologne in the field of European participation.

Manchester Annual General Assembly (AGA 2010)

From 4th to 7nd March 2010, EGLSF will hold its next Annual General Assembly



(AGA 2010), with Pride Sport Manchester as our host. You will find full information about it, at EGLSF web page (www.eglsf.info). The summarised draft schedule:

• **Strategic Planning Day**

Friday, 5th March

• **Annual General Assembly**

Saturday, 6th and 7th (morning) March
(A reception by Manchester Lord Mayor is scheduled Saturday evening)

• **Elections**

Three Board positions are open for election:

- Female Co President
- Treasurer

- One Board member at large
According to article 11.4 of EGLSF bylaws, gender equality must be assured at EGLSF Board level.

In order to ease the task of AGA delegates concerning elections, we advise potential candidates to send to EGLSF General Secretary (lou@eglsf.info) a brief note prior to the AGA. The letter should indicate which position you are running for, including a brief curriculum and presentation, in total one (1) A4 sheet. The General Secretary will forward this message to all EGLSF members.

According to EGLSF bylaws (article 11.7.2), candidates should have been members of an EGLSF member club for at least one year. Members clubs are asked to check among their own members for qualified candidates and, if they wish so, to nominate them for the vacant positions.

Out of fairness and transparency, we inform you that the current Treasurer will run for re-election.

• **AGA Draft Agenda**

At EGLSF website, you can find the AGA draft agenda.

You are invited to make comments and suggestions that the Board will duly evaluate and take into consideration.

• **AGA 2011 host candidates**

Clubs having the intention of running for being the 2011 AGA host, are advised to make their intentions known as soon as possible. In this sense, a small presentation report should be sent to EGLSF General Secretary (lou@eglsf.info) explaining the grounds for this candidacy, as well as information about venues and other practical issues. EGLSF General Secretary will forward this information to all EGLSF members.

2010 Membership

• **Form and Fee**

You can find the online membership form at <http://www.eglsf.info/membership-form.php>. Please fill out the online providing all the required information, as indicated in the form. Please, do not forget to fill out the sections on sports offered with number of men and women at every sport. This information is needed for statistical backgrounds (perhaps some people do more one sport, so it could be that the members number is lower than the total per sports).

The number of members determines the fee each club has to pay as EGLSF membership fee for 2010; the table is enclosed in the membership form. No additional invoice will be sent unless specifically requested. Please, pay the fee by international bank transfer to ING Bank Amsterdam (the former Postbank) using the following codes:

IBAN: NL23INGB0000768040
SWIFT/BIC: INGBNL2A

EGLSF has to receive the correct and full fee without any bank transfer fees, which are at each club expenses. If your club does not have a bank account, it is possible to pay the fee as well by credit card via Pay Pal. In this case, contact EGLSF treasurer Juha Meronen (juha@eglsf.info).

• **Payment**

Membership fee for 2010 has to be paid by the 1st February 2010. If the fee has not been paid by this date, voting rights during the Annual General Assembly will be decided case by case. EGLSF treasurer can monitor payments to the EGLSF account per date. In this sense, it will not be needed to present further proof of payment when registering for AGA. All members are urged to pay as soon as possible and respect the deadline date as a condition of full AGA participation.

• **Outreach Fee**

At 2006 Budapest AGA, a reduction of the membership fee for clubs from outreach countries was agreed on, taking into account the concerned country average income. EGLSF Board, after evaluating the available data, decided to adopt the most favourable approach to the clubs. Here are the countries and the percentage of the due fee to be paid by the clubs from these countries: Bulgaria (20%), FYR Macedonia (20%), Romania (20%), Russian Federation (30%), Turkey (30%), Croatia (50%), Hungary (60%). For any doubt or additional information, please contact EGLSF treasurer (juha@eglsf.info) or general secretary (lou@eglsf.info).

We would like to remind you, that in order to get reduction of EuroGames participation fee in 2011 Rotterdam, the club must be a member of EGLSF for two years in a row.

Last, but not least, as you all most probably know, on 1st of December the Treaty of Lisbon entered into force. It means that, from now on, sport becomes an element of European Union policies. For EGLSF, this opens new and promising chances for funding and cooperation.

The EGLSF Board wishes you all the best for the New Year!



EGLSF Info

Acclaimed Welsh Rugby Athlete Comes Out



Former Welsh Rugby International Gareth Thomas followed in the footsteps of Irish Hurling star Donal Óg Cusack this weekend by making the public announcement that he was gay. This makes him the only openly gay professional rugby player still in the game. Thomas, who is Wales' most capped player, still plays at a club level for Cardiff Blues, having retired from International Rugby in 2007.

The story was sympathetically revealed in the English newspaper the Daily Mail, a newspaper which had recently caused outrage amongst the UK and Irish LGBT community for publishing an article which speculated about the death of Stephen Gately, a gay man and member of Irish pop band Boyzone.

What makes Gareth Thomas 'coming out' particularly interesting, is his acknowledgement that being a young person and gay can still be difficult in the UK. "I don't know if my life is going to be easier because I'm out, but if it helps someone else, if it makes one young lad pick up the phone to Childline (the UK's NGO helpline for young people), then it will have been worth it."

As with Donal Og Cusack, Gareth Thomas' announcement has been met with overwhelming support from within his sport. Nic Scott, Rugby Football Union Equity, Inclusion & Safeguarding Manager in England told EGLSF: "Gareth is one of many great ambassadors to the sport of rugby union, his 'coming out' at the weekend seems to have caused a minor sensation in the media but within the sport it really only caused a ripple of interest. Rugby union welcomes everyone, whatever their background and whether they are gay or straight, and I'm sure Gareth will be treated no differently to how he has been for many years on the pitch or the terraces, or in the changing rooms and bars."

In interviews this weekend, however, Gareth Thomas has acknowledged that he was aware of his sexuality as early as 16 or 17 years old, but that he himself could not accept it.

Lou Englefield, EGLSF Board member from the UK sees Gareth Thomas personal revelation and acknowledgement that 'coming out' may still not be easy for young gay men as significant: "We have come a long way in improving the rights and visibility of lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the UK, but a recent report by the National Union of Teachers highlights that homophobic abuse is still widespread in UK schools. Meanwhile, young gay men are four times more likely to commit suicide than the population as a whole and as Gareth Thomas himself explains, many young people are still afraid of making their sexuality known. Having great gay sporting heroes is hugely important for all young LGB athletes and even for those of us who don't play or follow sport. Knowing that you can be gay and achieve in all walks of life is invaluable to the self-esteem and personal development of all young LGB people."

AGA outreach reminder

We would like to remind you that - as you may have read in the last newsletter - there is an outreach fund available for EGLSF AGA (Manchester, UK, 5-7 March, 2010), for up to 20 delegates.

The fund includes GBP 150 towards flights, hosted housing and all meals for the weekend.

If you feel you could use some form of outreach support, please send an email to lou@pridesports.org.

The **deadline for applications is January 4, 2010**. Applicants will be notified by individual emails.

10-01-10: EuroGames 2011

10th of January 2010 is an important date for EuroGames 2011. Starting on that day, the organisation will become officially operational, although the preparations have been in full swing already for a while.

The EuroGames 2011 organisers are preparing a welcome party on this day at the COC Rotterdam headquarters, starting at 5PM. The new official website of the Eurogames will also be launched, and the organisers are preparing other surprises. Do not miss <http://2011.eurogames.info> after that date!





News Section

News submitted by our members

FARE network celebrates 10 years

8 December 2009

The Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network celebrates 10 years of campaigning this weekend as over 100 fans, activists and NGO's come together at the Franz-Horr-Stadium in Vienna, home of FK Austria.

The two day conference, on 13 and 14 December, will mark some of the network's key achievements since its formation in Vienna in 1999, as well as looking forward to new challenges with a series of workshops looking at various areas of discrimination in the game.

FARE's role in tackling racism at all levels of professional and amateur football has seen its membership grow to a presence in 40 countries across Europe. As well as monitoring activity at domestic football in all these nations, it now plays a role in major European tournaments through a partnership with UEFA.

The work of FARE has been supported by some of the biggest names in European football. Lillian Thuram and Marcos Senna are just two players who have assumed the role of ambassadors. Another is former Celtic, Aston Villa and Bari player, Paul Elliott who commented: "Discrimination in European football is a complex issue taking many forms, which is why the work of FARE remains so crucial. Its far-reaching presence into so many different countries means trends can be monitored and action taken."

Kurt Wachter, from host FARE member,

FairPlay-vidc, said: "The FARE network has had many successes in the past decade. We'll be using this conference to look back at some of these, but also to new challenges ahead, such as the programme of work toward the European Championship in Poland and the Ukraine in 2012 and how to take the next step in challenging homophobia in football."

A FARE media reception will take place on Sunday evening at SK Rapid Vienna's Gerhard-Hanappi-Stadium. Speakers at the reception include UEFA representatives, the Austrian Football Association, the Austrian Football League, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the City of Vienna.

These will be joined by a host of current and former players such as Paul Elliott, Samuel Koejoe (Dunajská Streda, Freiburg), Yves Eigenrauch (Schalke 04), Oliver Prudlo (Wacker Innsbruck), chairman of the Austrian Players Union.

The Vienna networking conference "Football for Equality: Challenging Racism and Homophobia across" is supported by UEFA, the European Commission and the City of Vienna.

<http://www.farenet.org>

New alliance to tackle homophobia in football

11 December 2009

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) in the United Kingdom announced a new alliance of unions and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) campaigners to tackle the prejudice faced by LGBT people in football. The TUC is UK's national centre for trade unions and is the voice of Britain at work. The organisation aims to raise the quality of working life and promote equality for all.

Representatives of the Professional Footballers Association, Pride Sports,

Kick it Out!, Schools Out!, the LGBT Sports Network and the Brighton-based Justin Campaign came together with members of the TUC LGBT committee to form a new alliance at the TUC headquarters in London yesterday afternoon.

The organisations have agreed to coordinate their efforts to take action against homophobia at all levels of the game. Specific suggestions for how to tackle prejudice will be conveyed to the Football Association, to build on their commitment to deal with the problem. Unions will encourage their members to join in this action.

Millions of people are involved in playing or watching football, from the playground to premier league clubs, but no one dares to be "out" at senior level in the game for fear of the abuse they will endure, says the TUC.

TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber said: "At a time when popular attitudes to LGBT people have improved greatly, football grounds remain bastions of homophobic prejudice. Over a long period, campaigns like Kick it Out! have succeeded in making racism unacceptable in football. The TUC believes that something similar is needed to challenge homophobia and we have begun this task today with the launch of a new alliance."

<http://www.tuc.org.uk>

FARE Co-ordinator Job Advert

18 December 2009

FARE was established a decade ago as a European network to campaign against all forms of discrimination in the sport. It has been very successful in raising awareness at all levels of the game and its work has expanded to extend across nearly 40 countries. FARE is currently reforming its governance arrangements so that



they remain fit for purpose, becoming a formally constituted democratic entity in its own right. This includes establishing a small professional secretariat, headed by a co-ordinator with administrative/ financial support. The secretariat will also be responsible for contracted functions of project and communications management.

FARE now seeks to recruit a full-time co-ordinator. S/he will ensure that the secretariat functions as a coherent and effective unit, supporting the board and implementing its decisions. It will be critical that the secretariat supports the activist fabric of the network rather than becoming bureaucratic and remote from it. It will also represent FARE on a day-to-day basis with the governing bodies of the sport, funders and the wider public.

The role of co-ordinator is thus an exciting but also demanding one. The successful candidate must be self-starting and dynamic, and able to manage a range of relationships with colleagues across the continent. They must be committed to contesting intolerance wherever it is to be found in the sport and to the empowerment of members of minority communities. They must ensure that FARE behaves in an impeccably professional manner in delivering on its commitments to funders and other stakeholders.

The chosen candidate will enter discussions with the FARE management board as to the location from which s/he and their back-up will work, which could involve a personal arrangement or an arrangement with one of the FARE partner organisations. A competitive salary, and assistance with any reasonable relocation costs, will be offered.

An information pack is available to download from FARE website, where also other information is available. The closing date for applications to be received is 31st

January 2010. Interviews will take place in February.

Potential applicants wishing to discuss the post should contact Howard Holmes at Football Unites, Racism Divides, on +44 114 255 3156, or via email at howard@furd.org.

<http://www.farenet.org>

Register for Gay Games VIII before prices increase

19 December 2009

The current base registration fee is 125 Euros, and will be increased by 25 Euros on 1 January 2010. So don't wait – register now. Gay Games VIII will take place in Cologne, Germany from July 31 to August 7, 2010.

Some 12,000 participants from more than 70 countries are expected to participate in over 35 sport and cultural events. Up to now, over 3,500 people have registered for the Games. Built upon the principles of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best, since 1982, the Gay Games have empowered thousands of LGBT athletes and artists through sport, culture, and fellowship.

The first Gay Games took place in 1982 in San Francisco and have been held every four years since. The Gay Games are open to everyone – gay or straight, male or female, transgender or transsexual, beginner or experienced.

<http://www.games-cologne.de>

Canal Plus primetime on gay sport

20 December 2009

French TV network Canal Plus will be broadcasting two special shows devoted to LGBT sport on January 4. The program will be made up of two documentaries commissioned for the evening.

The first, *Sport et homosexualités: c'est quoi le problème?* (sport and homosexuality: what's the problem?) was directed by César-award winner Michel Royer, and was supported by the FGG. The film presents various aspects of sport and homosexuality, starting with the obstacles for elite athletes to come out. Among the athletes featured in this section is Matthew Mitcham, who opens and closes the film. Another section of the film deals with LGBT sport, and in particular the Gay Games. The film is rich and dense, touching on the history of gay and lesbian athletes, reminding us of some forgotten victims of discrimination, and introducing us to new heroes. Important insight from people outside the LGBT community is offered by former international rugby player Serge Simon and football star Lilian Thuram.

The second film, *Ramène tes fesses à Copenhague!* (get yourself to Copenhagen) is much lighter. It takes the form of a faux reality TV show which sees three young straight men from the French suburbs go to the 2009 Outgames, where they have to compete each day in challenges which lead them to question their own prejudices about homosexuals and sport.

It's very entertaining, and we look forward to having the millions of subscribers to Canal Plus being able to enjoy these two films.

<http://www.canalplus.fr>

2009 Gay Athlete of the Year

27 December 2009

Readers of *Compete*, the gay sports magazine, and the expert jury have selected the 2009 (Gay) Athlete of the Year. The finalists were submitted to a panel of celebrity judges consisting of Sarah Burke, Bridget Pettis, David Bromstad, Evan Darling and Jeff Kagan,



who chose three finalists: John Ensor (Washington, DC), Eddie Chen (Los Angeles, CA) and John Deffee (Phoenix, AZ) - all from the USA.

The jury decided that leading by example, John Deffee is the most positive role model that other gay athletes can look up to, thus honouring him with the title 2009 Athlete of the Year.

Under the leadership of Deffee, his team Phoenix Toros won the Gay Softball World Series. As coach and pitcher for the Toros John has experienced a lot of success and joy over the years, but this win was unlike any other. "The greatest thing for me was seeing how proud the boys were when they won. They made tremendous sacrifices. Seeing (the teammates celebrate) makes it all worthwhile," said Deffee. By achieving such success on and off the court, Deffee serves as an example to hundreds of gay and lesbian softball players hoping to attain their own goals. For this reason, John Deffee has been selected as the Compete Magazine Athlete of the Year for 2009.

Deffee began his journey with the gay softball community first as an athlete. He soon took increased leadership roles with various teams, and this eventually lead him to the commissioner's position. In the years as a player, coach and manager he encountered several obstacles. For one, he worked hard to get an unsponsored team through league play and to the World Series. And even after ascending to the commissioner's seat, he had to put up with a negative perception of his team, arguably the best in the league. "As the only 'A' team, people should have respected us; but they didn't," said Deffee. John and his team members decided to help others with their hitting, fielding, running or throwing skills. Now his team members step up and serve as coach to teams without a leader. He himself also finds time during his hectic week to do the same. This resulted in his team being more respected in the league because

they participate and try to help others.

The positive image he has tried to create for his team extends beyond the boundaries of the gay softball league in Phoenix. The Toros regularly challenge themselves by playing in mainstream tournaments. And they don't just play, they also win! Their reputation has gotten so superior, in fact, that players from other teams in these tournaments have approached John about the availability of roster spots on the Toros. That's a far cry from their first year of playing in such tournaments, at which they had to endure jokes about their sexual orientation, comments about them being "girls" and even one team that refused to shake their hands. Apparently, the numbers on the scoreboard have done a lot to change people's attitudes. It's the focus on that positive image that truly makes John stand out. Whether he is leading his team to a Sunday morning league win, a tournament championship over a "straight" team, or a successful run through the GSWS, John insists that they play for something greater than themselves. "We have a bigger obligation than just playing the game," Deffee says, insisting that being respected and appreciated are equally important.

<http://www.competemag.com>



Sports Events Coming up...

Events submitted by our members

Multisport

Arosa Gayski week

Arosa, Switzerland
9 Jan – 16 Jan 2010

<http://www.arosa-gayskiweek.com>
info@arosa-gayskiweek.com

Volleyball

Mannheim Gay & Lesbian Volleyball Tournament

Manheim, Germany
30 Jan – 30 Jan 2010

<http://www.mvd-mannheim.de/Aktuelles/VolleyballTurnier2010.html>
turnier2010@mvd-mannheim.de

Badminton

3rd Guys and Dolls Badminton Tournament

London, United Kingdom
6 Feb – 7 Feb 2010

<http://www.gdbadminton.co.uk>
tournament@badminton4u.co.uk





Valentine Tournament 2010

Amsterdam, the Netherlands
12 Feb – 14 Feb 2010



The Valentine Swim Tournament is a heart warming swim tournament in the middle of winter.

<http://www.upstreamamsterdam.nl/valentine-2010.html>
tc@upstreamamsterdam.nl

Multisports

Raballder Cup

Oslo, Norway
12 Feb – 14 Feb 2010



Raballder cup is taking place 12-14th of February 2010 in Oslo, Norway. It coincides with the romantic Valentine's weekend, which gives it a perfect winter setting to spend time with new and old friends. Raballder Cup is the largest annual gay sporting event in Scandinavia

This year the sportevents will be floorball, handball and volleyball. Mark this weekend in your calendar, and we promise you will have a great time. Play fair, play safe!

<http://www.raballdercup.com>
info@raballdercup.com

Ballroom Dancing

Pink Jukebox Trophy

London, United Kingdom
20 Feb – 20 Feb 2010

<http://www.pinkjukebox.co.uk/2005%20Trophy.htm>
entry@pinkjukebox.co.uk

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GLLAM 2010

London, United Kingdom
5 Mar – 7 Mar 2010



Masters swimming and water polo competition; synchronised swimming demonstration.

<http://www.outtoswim.org>
info@outtoswim.org

Ballroom Dancing

3rd Same-sex Dance Competition

Badhoevedorp, the Netherlands
7 Mar – 7 Mar 2010

dansschoolponne@live.nl

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European Gay Ski Week

Tignes, Switzerland
20 Mar – 27 Mar 2010

<http://www.egsw.eu>
jonathon@egsw.eu

Skiing

Gay Snowhappening

Solden, Austria
20 Mar – 27 Mar 2010

<http://www.gaysnowhappening.com>
info@soelden.com

Volleyball

5th Black Cat Turin Tournament

Turin, Italy
26 Mar – 28 Mar 2010

<http://www.gsgattonero.org>
streghevolley@libero.it

Multisports

4th Duessel-Cup

Duesseldorf, Germany
26 Mar – 28 Mar 2010



Dear friends! We are glad to invite you to the fourth Düssel-Cup! From March 26th to 28th 2010 - one week before Easter - a great week-end with competitions in the following 10 disciplines is awaiting you: Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Football/ Soccer, Swimming, Tabletennis, Volleyball - and, that's new: Boule/Petanque, Running and Skiing!! Just reduce it to a few words: 10 in 10. :-) Please come to us and enjoy the tournament by the lovely Rhine riverside at springtime. We're glad to see you (again). Registration is now open and don't miss the early bird discount until Jan 15th 2010.

<http://www.duessel-cup.de>
answer@duessel-cup.de





Joining EGLSF

We welcome new clubs, organisations, initiatives and individuals to join EGLSF, a network of over 100 European LGBT sports groups and affiliated organizations. We provide our members networking opportunities, offer the tools to announce sport events, exchange information, discuss sports, giving them a voice in shaping LGBT sports policies in Europe and much more!

As a network of sports groups, we focus on the needs of our members, but we also offer services and benefits to individual athletes in Europe. Athletes of EGLSF member clubs enjoy reduced fees at the EuroGames. For more information, please see our website www.eglsf.info or contact us directly.

Should you decide to join us, simply fill out the membership form at www.eglsf.info/membership-form.php and follow the instructions there. Clubs from outreach countries enjoy the possibility of a reduced membership fee.

Please do not hesitate to contact us (eglsf@eglsf.info) for any additional information.



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