



2014 Gay Games organizers congratulate Paris on winning bid to host 2018 Games

Cleveland+Akron support Paris in carrying on Games' legacy of Participation, Inclusion, Personal Best™

CLEVELAND, Ohio, USA (October 8, 2013) – The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation salutes Paris as the newly selected host of the 2018 Gay Games. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson had the privilege of announcing the winning city at the Federation of Gay Games announcement Monday evening. Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic also participated in the announcement.

Paris was chosen by delegates who heard presentations from three finalists, including London and Limerick, Ireland. The vote to select a host city for 2018 was part of the Federation's six-day annual general assembly, which is in Cleveland this year.

Organizers of the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation, which will take place next August in Cleveland + Akron, welcomed Paris into the fraternity of host regions.

"We congratulate Paris on becoming the home of the 2018 Gay Games," said Steve Sokany, co-chair of the 2014 Gay Games board of directors. "It's a world-class city and a perfect fit to follow Cleveland+Akron to host this international sports and cultural showcase."

Participants, of course, won't have to wait until 2018 to participate in the Gay Games. Registration for the 2014 Games in Cleveland+Akron is open. The 2014 Gay Games are open to everyone 18 and older. They will happen 9-16 August 2014, with more than 35 sports and cultural events in venues across Cleveland+Akron, Ohio.

For more information on how to register for the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation, visit: GG9CLE.com/registration

About the Gay Games

The Gay Games is an international sporting and cultural event held every four years under the founding principles of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™. Launched in 1982, the Games invite participation from everybody, regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, political beliefs, athletic or artistic ability, age, physical challenge or health status.

The Games are intended to bring a global community together in friendship, to experience participation, to elevate consciousness and self-esteem, and to achieve a form of cultural and intellectual synergy. The Gay Games is open to anyone 18 years or older. About 10 percent of participants are from outside the LGBT community.



The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation will be August 9-16, 2014, in venues around Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, in the United States. More than 35 sports and culture events will be held, with more than 11,000 people from more than 60 countries expected to participate.

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