

A rainbow lanyard with a white tag. The lanyard is made of a thin, flexible material and features a repeating pattern of rainbow colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The tag is rectangular and white, with the text printed on it in a black, sans-serif font. The tag is attached to the lanyard at the bottom right corner.

LGL

For LGBT equality,
against homophobia
in Lithuania

Lithuanian Gay League is a national nonprofit, nongovernmental organization uniting homosexual, bisexual, and transgender persons. A member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) since 1994.

Our vision: a respectful, open, and inclusive Lithuanian society that is free of discriminatory homophobic attitudes.

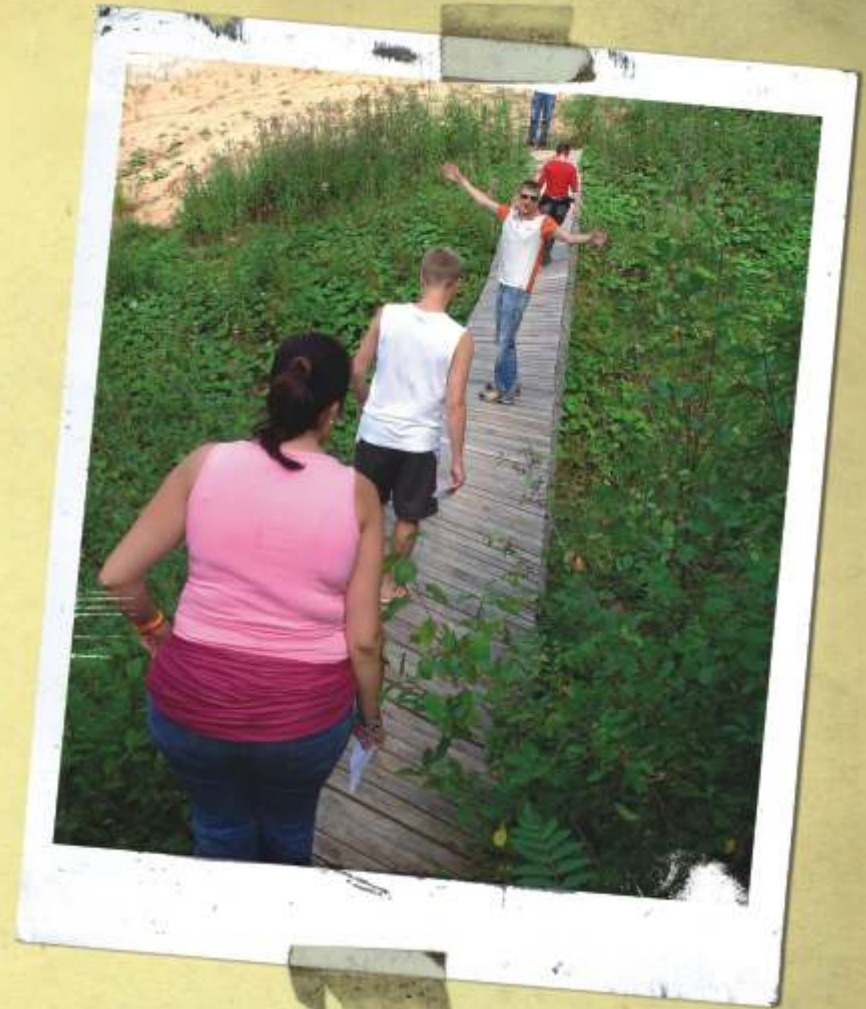
Our mission: Lithuanian gay league is an advocacy organization dedicated to fighting homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Through education, support, and representation of the LGBT community, LGL promotes an inclusive social environment for gay men, lesbian women, bisexual and transgender persons.

The values and principles of our organization:

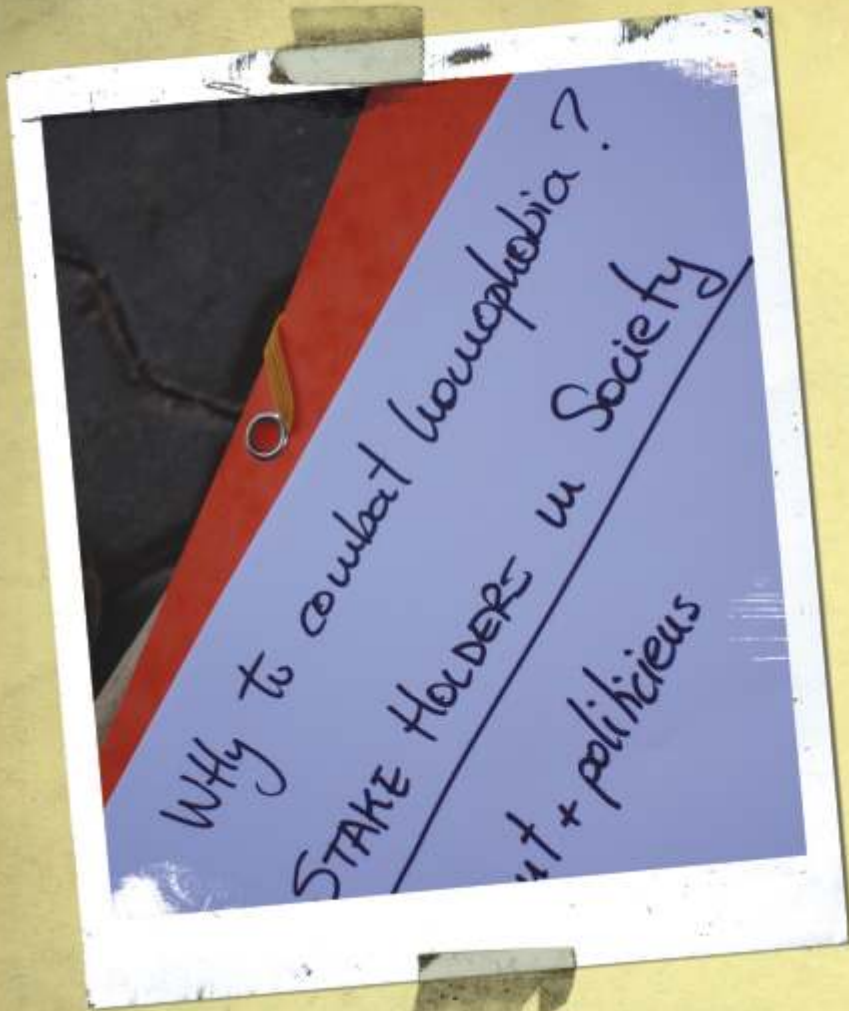
- respect and diversity;
- equal opportunities for participation in organization activities;
- voluntary participation;
- confidentiality of membership;
- transparency.

General fields of activity:

- human rights and equal opportunities;
- sport and cultural initiatives;
- health and lifestyle;
- employment;
- social inclusion;
- family rights;
- empowerment of organization members and encouragement of societal groups to participate in organization activities;
- organizational competence and capacity building.



What is LGL?



In 1993 a constituent meeting took place. The first issue of the monthly LGL newsletter *Amsterdams* was published. In the winter of 1995 the first lesbian and gay center opened its doors. In the spring of 1995 the Lithuanian Gay League was officially registered with the Ministry of Justice. It is one of the longest-existing NGO's in the country.

Over the years, this organization has implemented a number of projects, e.g. the first survey in the three Baltic countries on discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation; a project entitled *Challenges to Family Law and Policy in Europe*, followed by publications, seminars throughout the country, and the photo exhibition *Living Together*; The coordination of the EC initiative *EQUAL* project *Open and Safe at Work.lt*, which is so far the biggest and most ambitious project undertaken by this organization and aims for the reduction of intolerance toward employees who experience discrimination based on sexual orientation and for integration of equal opportunities at work. Besides these projects, the LGL has also been active in lobbying: it put forward amendments prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, which were later included in the Penal and Labour codes. The LGL monitors legislation and submits proposals regarding the improvement of social conditions for LGBT persons.

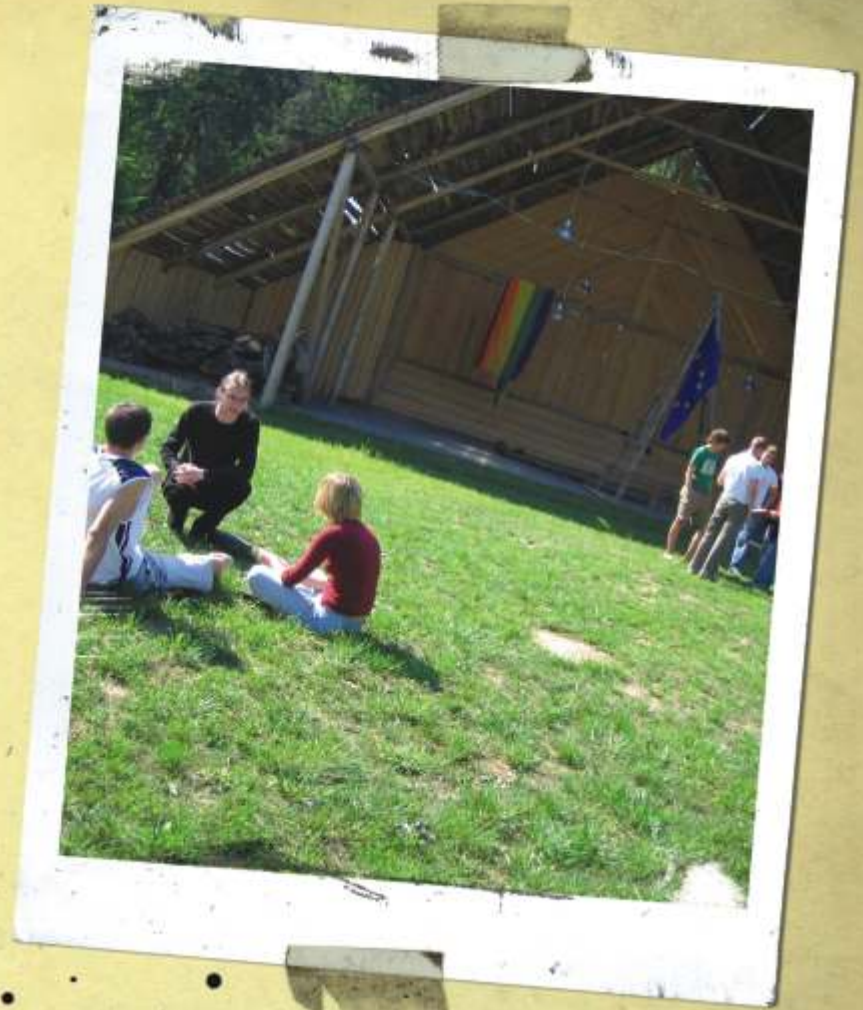
What are their achievements?

LGL's youth group

Who we are: our group unites young gay men, lesbian women, bisexual and transgender persons aged up to 27 years.

What we do together:

- engage in educational activities, e.g. publish materials, build websites, etc.;
- support our peers (establish a help line, support groups, coming out groups, etc.);
- join different social activities, e.g. sports, movie screenings, discussions, etc.;
- learn and have fun together, e.g. camping, participating in various youth activities at home and abroad.
- cooperate with other European LGBT youth organizations/groups or networks;



G-Youth Homozygotes

Homozigotai (Homozygotes) is an LGL group uniting homosexual couples/families in Lithuania, established in the spring of 2004. This group concentrates on developing means of communication, socializing between homosexual couples in Lithuania, and communicating with other similar groups/associations abroad.

Homozygotes are open to any ideas; please contact us by E-mail homozigotai@one.lt.

Should you have any questions or want to share ideas, please contact us by e-mail office@gay.lt or lgl@gay.lt. For more information about our organization and its activities, for news from Lithuania and abroad, visit www.lgl.lt.

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