



**Call for nominations for Federation of Gay Games Awards  
Honorary Life Member  
Nomination form\***

Please complete the following form and email to [awards@gaygames.net](mailto:awards@gaygames.net) by 10 September, 2025.

**What is the purpose of this award?**

The award was established to recognize individuals who have **served as FGG Delegates or Board Members**, and whose contributions the FGG wishes to honour.

**How often and to whom is this award given?**

Any number of men or women, at any time.  
Normally at the FGG Annual Meeting.

**What are the qualifications for a nominee?**

A nominee should:

- be a former board member who has shown exceptional service to the FGG during his or her tenure
- have gone beyond the normal tasks and duties of a member of the FGG Board of Directors.

A nominee may also be a long-time delegate or volunteer who has never served on the Board but who has offered distinguished service.

**Who is eligible for this award?**

- A former FGG board member
- Exceptionally, a former Delegate or Volunteer
- FGG staff is not eligible.
- If there are sufficient grounds to suspect that a potential nominee has recruited nominations for the award, that nominee will not be considered as a candidate.
- The Federation of Gay Games reserves the right to use the nominee's name and achievement record in news stories and feature articles at a later date, whether or not the nominee is selected as an Honorary Life Member.
- This award may be awarded posthumously.

**What is the physical award?**

Certificate.

**Call for nominations for Federation of Gay Games – Honorary Life Member**

**Current Honorary Life Members** (“+” indicates deceased)

Roger Brigham	Herb King (+)	Rick Peterson
Ivan Bussens (+)	Alan Lessik	Gilles Pettigrew
Charlie Carson	Derek Liecty	Manuel Picaud
Michael Clarke (+)	Jerry Lovell	Martyn Pickup
Richard Cobden	Roberto Mantaci	Jeffry Pike
Tom Cracovia	Paul Mart (+)	Roz Quarto
Shamey Cramer	Brent Minor	Eric Richter
Kurt Dahl	RoseMary Mitchell	Emy Ritt
Gene Dermody	Peter Moews	Kate Rowe
Pam Duys	Laura Moore	Adelina Santiago
Margaret (Peg) Grey (+)	Stephen Mumby	Larry Sheehan
Teresa Galetti	Kelly Murphy-Stevens	Rob Smitherman
Richard Hogan	Marc Naimark (+)	Sara Waddell-Lewinstein
Stephanie Johnstone	Brent Nicholson Earle	Kathleen Webster
Sean Kelly	Paul Oostenbrug	Thomas Wilson
Susan Kennedy	Kile Ozier	Paul White
Debra Kent (+)	Joseph Pasquarella-Smith	Michael Witt

**Procedure**

- Nominations for Honorary Life Member are administered by the FGG Awards Subcommittee, which is part of the FGG External Affairs Committee.
- At any time, the Awards Subcommittee may request additional information from the nominator.
- Nominations must be received by 10 September 2025.
- The Awards Subcommittee will examine the nominations received and suggest the names of honourees to the FGG Board of Directors.
- The FGG Board of Directors will select the names of those it wishes to award the title of Honorary Life Member.
- The FGG Assembly will vote to confirm this choice at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
- The results of this vote will be announced at the Annual Meeting, and the appropriate certificates sent to the honourees.

**What is the deadline for nominations?**

Deadline for submitting nominations is 10 September 2025.

**How do I submit a nomination?**

Complete the file below and email to: [awards@gaygames.net](mailto:awards@gaygames.net)

Indicate "HLM - LastnameFirstname" of nominee in the subject line (ex: HLM - DoeDrew).

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**Please complete the following form.**

- Complete all of the required information. You may want to discuss the content with your nominee to ensure completeness and accuracy. Completed forms must be received by the deadline indicated above.
- Please read the nomination guidelines carefully before completing the form.
- Be as specific as possible in your story about how people or organizations have benefited from this person's actions.

**Section I - About the nominee**

Nominee's complete name:	Joanie Evans
Gender:	female
Postal address	
City:	London
State or Province:	
Country:	Great Britain
Postal Code:	
Telephone Number, including country code:	
E-mail:	joanie.evans@gaygames.net

**Section II - About the nominator**

Nominator's complete name:	Jan Schneider
Organisation (if any):	FGG
Relation to nominee (explain personal and/or organisational relationship):	Joanie was the Co-President with me in the 2023/2024 year
Postal address	Dirschauer Str. 8
City:	Berlin
State or Province:	Berlin
Country:	Germany
Postal Code:	10245
Telephone Number, including country code:	+491795913282
E-mail:	jan.schneider@gaygames.net

**Section III – Honorary Life Member Nominee's contributions**

(Please list only the nominee's most significant contributions. Only one is required. Add more as needed, numbering each series of information.)

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FGG functions held:	Co-President
FGG contact for the function:	Jan Schneider
E-mail:	
Description of projects in which nominee was involved	Joanie served from 2013 until 2024 as the Co-President of the FGG, at this time the 1WE working group was one of the important projects
Length of service:	Member of the Board from 2006 until 2024
Other information:	

**Section IV**

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In no more than 30 words, summarize the specific reasons for presenting this award to your nominee. The award citation will be based on your summary.

Citation:	Joanie Evans served three terms as FGG <b>Female Co-President</b> , championing <b>diversity</b> , leading <b>1WE unity efforts</b> , and driving the success of multiple Gay Games from 1998 to 2023.
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**Section V - Description**

Please attach a one-page narrative description of the nominee's volunteer activities and why the nominee deserves to receive this award. When describing the nominee's activities, try to be as specific as possible.

Focus on how people's lives and/or the community have benefited from the volunteer's efforts, and list the types of volunteer activities (minimum of 250 words/maximum 1,000 words). **See attached**

**Section VI – Endorsers (optional)**

Should you wish, you may list the names of other individuals as a reference for the nominee. All reference letters must be received by the close of nominations in order to be considered. Diversity of support is preferred and not all letters should come from individuals associated with the nominee's volunteer organization.

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Name of endorser:	
Organisational affiliation:	
E-mail:	

## Nomination for Honorary Life Membership: Joanie Evans

**Joanie Evans** has been a driving force within the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) and the broader LGBTQ+ sports community for over two decades, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the principles of **Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™**. Her journey began in the late 1990s as an **Observer** for Team UK and Great Britain at the **1998 Seattle** and **1999 Berlin** Annual General Assemblies (AGA), laying the foundation for a career dedicated to service.

Joanie quickly escalated her involvement, serving on the crucial **Sports and Membership Committees** starting in **1999** and **2000** respectively. This early engagement established a deep understanding of the FGG's organizational structure and the needs of the community, proving vital for her later leadership roles.

A watershed moment in Joanie's FGG journey was at the **2006 Lyon AGA**, where she was elected **Female VP for Diversity**. This election marked the beginning of a decade of high-level service, focused on ensuring the FGG authentically represented the global diversity of the LGBTQ+ community. She continued to serve as the **Board Member – Female VP Diversity** at the **2007 San Francisco AGA**.

This dedication to governance expanded as she became an elected **Female Co-President** of the FGG, first serving from **2013-2015** and then for a second term from **2015-2017**. In this top leadership capacity, Joanie played a pivotal role in shaping the direction of the Federation, advocating for greater inclusion, and ensuring the continued success and expansion of the Gay Games movement.

Crucially, during her presidency, Joanie was a key **Member of the 1WE Working Group** (One World Event). This body was tasked with complex and often contentious negotiations with the Gay & Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA) to explore merging the Gay Games and the Outgames into a single quadrennial event. Joanie's involvement in these discussions demonstrates her commitment to **community unity** and her ability to navigate high-stakes, sensitive inter-organizational matters at the forefront of the movement.

Joanie's influence extended beyond the FGG board and into partner organizations. She served as the **Elected Female Co-President of the IGLFA Board** (International Gay and Lesbian Football Association) from **2010 to 2012** during the time of **Gay Games 8 in Cologne**, demonstrating a powerful commitment to the operational success of specific sports within the Games.

Furthermore, she was a key member of the **Paris 2018 Steering Committee** across two FGG terms, ensuring the monumental success of the 10th Gay Games. She was also a part organizer of the **Brighton Women's Conference**, illustrating her dedication to specific community-building initiatives and the empowerment of women in sports.

**Joanie Evans** is an exceptionally deserving candidate for Honorary Life Membership. Her **unwavering, long-term commitment** to volunteerism, starting as an observer and culminating in two terms as **Female Co-President of the FGG**, is a testament to her dedication. She has not only served the Federation but has actively shaped its evolution—particularly in championing **diversity**, leading crucial **unification efforts**, and ensuring the operational success of the Gay Games. Her profound impact on the LGBTQ+ sports landscape, both locally and internationally, makes her a truly exemplary figure.