

# THE NEED FOR LGBTQI+ CLUBS AND GROUPS

THE HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES OF LGBTQI+ SPORTS CLUBS & GROUPS ACROSS EUROPE ILLUSTRATE A SIGNIFICANT NARRATIVE OF RESILIENCE & ADVOCACY FOR INCLUSION THAT IS ALSO SHAPED BY SOCIETAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE.

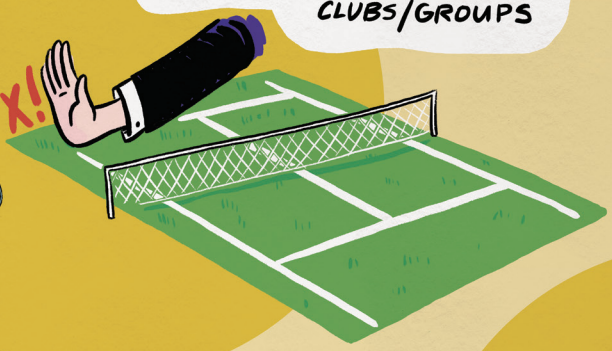


AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ~99%~ BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR CLUBS/ GROUPS THAT SPECIFICALLY TARGET LGBTQI+ PEOPLE

87% STATE THAT THESE CLUBS/GROUPS ARE NEEDED FOR connecting AND socialising WITH LGBTQI+ PEOPLE



8 OUT OF 10 CLUBS/GROUPS BELIEVE THAT THE LACK OF WELCOMING CULTURES & SAFE SPACES ARE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF LGBTQI+ CLUBS/GROUPS



3/4 BELIEVE THAT CLUBS/GROUPS SERVE THE NEED TO INCREASE VISIBILITY



ESPECIALLY FOR TIN+ ATHLETES, THERE IS NEARLY NO SAFE SPACE IN MAINSTREAM CLUBS...



"IN SLOVENIA, THE SITUATION OF THE REAL LGB COMMUNITY IS IMPROVING AND PROGRESS HAS BEEN VISIBLE IN RECENT YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THE TIQ+ PART OF THE COMMUNITY, PROGRESS HAS BEEN LESS. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RISE OF RIGHT-WING, RELIGIOUS AND ANTI-LGBTQI+ MOVEMENTS ARE REFLECTED GLOBALLY IN SPORT, INCLUDING IN SLOVENIA, AND DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY IN OUT IN SLOVENIA."

- OUT IN SLOVENIA

"ONE OF THE CHALLENGES OF OUR ORGANISATION IS THAT A LARGE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT DISCLOSED AND/OR IS NOT WILLING TO HIGHLIGHT IT. ACTIVITIES AND THEIR PROMOTION ARE THEREFORE OFTEN LIMITED TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROTECT USERS."

- OUT IN SLOVENIA

"DUE TO OUR SIZE AND VISIBILITY, WE INITIATE DISCUSSIONS IN THE HETEROSEXUAL COMMUNITY IN MUNICH. AT THE PRIDE PARADES, WE DO PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK FOR EVERYONE AND ACT AS A MOUTHPIECE AND CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY AND SPORT."

- TEAM MÜNCHEN



"WE ARE LOOKING AT PLANS TO EXPAND THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE PLANS TO ESTABLISH NEW ASSOCIATIONS IN SOME OF THE OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN DENMARK THAT DO NOT ALREADY HAVE AN LGBTQI+ SPORTS PROGRAMME."

- PAN IDRÆT

A CRUCIAL CHANGE CAN BE SEEN IN THE INCREASING OPENNESS AND INCLUSIVITY OF CLUBS/GROUPS TOWARDS ALL SEXUAL AND GENDER IDENTITIES!

