

PRESS RELEASE

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Board of the Amsterdam Gay Pride foundation will be further expanded
Two new board members for Pride Amsterdam

The board of the Amsterdam Gay Pride Foundation will be further expanded with two new board members. They are Dinah Bons and Glenn Helberg. With the arrival of both board members, the new board (since May 2020) of the organization is now complete. Earlier this year, the new board with the first five board members already took office, after the old board resigned as a result of commotion in the media.

Chairman Frans van der Avert is extremely pleased with the arrival of the new board members. All Pride Amsterdam committees were initially allowed to nominate two candidates. In the end, a top three was composed and a discussion was held with those three candidates. "Dinah and Glenn eventually emerged the strongest in this round. They are real bridge builders with a solid track record. Candidates from the Trans and QTPOC community. Exactly what we need. We have now put together a balanced board with them. "

According to the chairman, it is very important that Pride Amsterdam has a solid board. "Internationally, the Pride movement faces a major challenge. Although we started the fight for equality together, since Pride came into existence almost exclusively attention has been paid to the legal and emancipation struggle of white gays and lesbians. Since the second half of the past decade, Pride Amsterdam has been trying to be more inclusive and to involve the Trans and QTPOC communities in the organization of its festival. That is why we also focused on candidates from these communities."

Dinah Bons

Dinah Bons is a true centipede. At the age of 21 she started her life as an activist. She is part of the Act Up New York black and latino youth group. Today it represents the rights of LGBTIQ +, trans and bi-cultural women in politics. She was the strategic director of Transgender Europe in Berlin. In the Netherlands she is chairman of the bi-cultural trans organization Trans United Netherlands, and she has worked for the HIV Association Netherlands. In 2019 she became Ambassador of Pride Amsterdam. In February of this year she received the Winq Diversity Award for her pragmatic and innovative projects. For example, she set up a clinic for trans people who find it difficult to get regular care - partly because of the long waiting lists.

Glen Helberg

Glenn Helberg is a Curaçao-Dutch psychiatrist and activist. Helberg studied medicine at Utrecht University and subsequently worked as a general practitioner in Curaçao. He is committed to the position of Antilleans, was chairman of the Antillean interest group Ocan, member of the Advisory Council of the Institute for Human Rights and chairman of the Think Tank Social Cohesion in Zeeburg. In 2013 he received the Royal Knighthood in the Order of Orange-Nassau for his commitment to the social position of Antillean and Arubans in the Netherlands and the rest of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In 2019 he was awarded the Black Achievement Award oeuvre prize.

In addition to the new board members Dinah Bons, Glen Helberg and chairman Frans van der Avert, the board also includes Carlien Roodink, Jonathan Oron, Geneviève Lieuw and Huib Wurfbain. With Pride Amsterdam we celebrate the right to be who you are and to love who you want. The nine-day festival continues to draw attention to human rights in general and the acceptance and equivalence of LGBT people in particular, anywhere in the world. Pride Amsterdam has been organized by the AGP foundation since 2014. More information at: www.pride.amsterdam.