

Malta Gay Rights Movement

In our country today, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students are still being bullied and mistreated in our schools. There exist individuals who live in constant fear of having their sexual orientation and/or gender identity exposed, and who consequently cannot freely express what they feel. Many others risk being discriminated against at the workplace, while same-sex couples are still being denied their rights by the State.

The Malta Gay Rights Movement (MGRM) is an active socio-political movement that was founded in June 2001 and has as its central focus the challenges and rights of the Maltese lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. It is working to change all of the above mainly by:

- educating society with a view to challenging myths and common misconceptions about LGBT people
- identifying, addressing and preventing acts of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity
- acting as lobby group, promoting legislative changes to achieve equality for LGBT persons within society
- providing support services for LGBT individuals, their families and friends
- providing information on LGBT issues
- ensuring an active presence in society by networking with government and non-governmental organisations

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National Gay Helpline: 21 430006 – Website: www.maltagayrights.org

MEMBERSHIP

Why is it important to join MGRM?

To enhance its democratic legitimacy – Without a membership system, MGRM would be out of tune with the will of the community and would not be able to act in a truly representative capacity.

United we stand, divided we fall – The wider the member base, the stronger the organisation is politically. In order to convince our politicians that they have to take our needs into account, we have to show them that we are a strong and united community that knows exactly what it wants and that is ready to stand up for its rights. The strongest and most influential lobby groups are always those with the largest member base, for the obvious reason that they comprise a large number of eligible voters.

What is in it for me?

Members will have the right to vote and/or stand for the elections of MGRM's committee in the Annual General Meeting.

Members will also be entitled to discounts on the entrance fee at events organised by MGRM as well as any other benefits that MGRM might negotiate with third parties from time to time.

Members will also be added to MGRM's contact list and will be informed of events which MGRM organises or participates in.

Privacy

Under no circumstances shall your name and/or details be disclosed to any entity or third party. We value your privacy and are committed to protecting your data.

Membership fee

A 1-year membership costs € 10 per year – there are also various other membership types available. The membership fee is a small financial contribution to show your support for MGRM and to ensure that the local LGBT community has a voice in the country's political scene.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Title: Mr/Ms/Mrs/Dr/Prof

Name: _____ **Surname:** _____

Nationality: _____ **Id Card No:** _____

Mobile No: _____

E-mail: _____

If you would you like to receive **your membership card** by post, please provide a postal address:

I would like to become a member for

1 year - € 10 2 years - € 20 3 years - € 25

10 years - € 60 Lifetime - € 80

I authorise MGRM to retain my details under strict confidence and to use this data to contact me in connection with its work. I reserve the right to request MGRM to dispose of my details should I cease to be a member.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering with MGRM is an exciting and rewarding experience. If you would you like to volunteer any of your time to the Malta Gay Rights Movement, please tick those areas of MGRM's work that interest you:

Social Welfare...

Education

Support Groups

Youth Group

National Gay Helpline

1-to-1 Counselling

Other Areas...

Administration

Media

Marketing

Events Planning

Research

Legal Advice

Other: please specify _____

If you are filling this membership form online, please send it to members@maltagayrights.org.

PLEASE ADVISE US HOW YOU HAVE PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Enclosed is a cheque for € ____ payable to Malta Gay Rights Movement

I have paid my membership fee through Internet Banking to MGRM Account No. 039-094388-001 with HSBC

I have paid my membership fee online through the MGRM website