



Lesbian photographer and artist Donna Gottschalk at the Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day parade, June 28, 1970, the first pride march in NYC to commemorate the Stonewall riots. Photo credit: Diana Davies, New York Public Library Archives

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Stonewall was a lightning rod for the burgeoning gay rights movement. "Many people in New York in June 1969 were fed up with the antiquated tactics of prior movements such as asking for 'homosexual equality,' as members of the Mattachine Society called it... GLF [Gay Liberation Front] was created and [Sylvia] Rivera was welcomed gladly, the first trans person to be a member of a gay organization... GLF helped us decide that we had the sole right to define ourselves rather than live by society's definition. **We were out, loud, and in your face. Rather than beg for our rights, we demanded them.** Then we did something even more revolutionary. We created a community where there was none before... One month after Stonewall, GLF had its first demonstration. We took over Christopher Street and told the police it was our home, our community, the very first gayborhood." — Mark Segal, participant in the Stonewall uprising and founding member of the Gay Liberation Front.

This is the only known photograph taken on the first night of the Stonewall riots, June 28, 1969. That night, homeless queer youth who slept in nearby Christopher Park, along with trans people and other marginalized members of the LGBTQ community who gathered at the Stonewall Inn, stood up to police harassment. Photo: Joseph Ambrosini/NY Daily News



They can't erase trans people from the LGBTQ movement, or from the community. The movement only began to gain real momentum when it embraced its most marginalized members. Without them, there would be no Pride as we know it today.

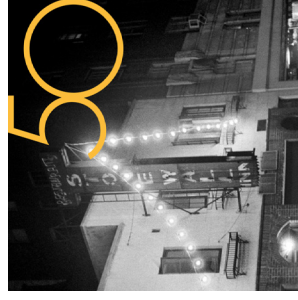
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Making Gay History's Stonewall 50 Series  
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(It was removed from the Stonewall National Monument web site.)

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The National Park Service has removed references to transgender and queer people on its web page for the Stonewall National Monument, which marks the site of the New York City inn where LGBTQ rioters — including now-legendary transgender activists — galvanized a movement for LGBTQ rights.

On the NPS web page, the term "LGBTQ+" was also shortened to "LGB," according to an archived version of the page.

"This feels especially personal ... when you're coming into the birthplace of the LGBTQ rights movement — where Pride began — and erasing the history of the LGBTQ rights movement by erasing trans folks," said Stacy Lentz, co-owner of the Stone...