

Bi+Pride 2022: Speeches in English



1. Frank's Bi+Pride Speech

- initiator of the Bi+Pride
- active bi+ activist
- teacher in Hamburg
- co-founder of the initiative TeachOut
- author of queer stories for children
- and a lot more

Bi+Pride 2022 - the second Bi+Pride in Germany. Do we actually say "der Bi+Pride" or "die Bi+Pride"? We could not find anything clear. Maybe genderfluid. So: Second Bi+Pride in Germany.

I am so proud of you, I am so proud of us. It's great that you are all there!

Visibility is so incredibly important. For us bisexuals, pansexual, polysexual, omnisexual, multisexual, biromantic, panromantic, homo- and heteroflexible, queers and allies.

It means a lot to me that this year our Orga team has again has put this together again this year. Many. Thanks to all of you - Karin, Christoph, Alex, Charly, Ændreas, Daniele, Bettina, but also new Silvia and Isabel. And then Nadia and Yas as moderators. And DJane Luise Bass. And without our angels and other helping hands it would not work. It's nice that you exist!

Thanks to our sponsors - and here we don't have to be ashamed of ourselves, because they are great associations and organizations:

BiNe - Bisexuelles Netzwerk e. V., the LSVD, Hamburg Pride, the Equality Authority, IWWIT from the Aidshilfe and Echte Vielfalt or the Ministry of Social Affairs of Schleswig-Holstein.

It was a hell of a lot of work. And so many hours went into the organization. But when I think about the reactions last year that people felt finally and for the first time really comfortable and felt like they belonged at our Bi+Pride, then it was worth it.

This year again. Nice that you are all there!

This year we have managed something new: Sign language will be interpreted. And we also have a speech by a Black Activist: thanks to Ewane for being there. And Rosa speaks for people with disabilities. I am so proud of you!

But unfortunately, we didn't find any queer refugees to give a speech, although we have been looking very hard for the second year... If someone is here and spontaneously wants to speak, please contact us or use the open mic at the end of the demo.

The Bi+Pride is not absolutely inclusive. Unfortunately, no. But we do everything we can to make it as inclusive as possible. Help us keep moving forward. Become a member of the orga team. Share your ideas with us. Help shape 2023. Do not hesitate. We are looking forward to seeing you.

And I will never get tired of emphasizing that the Trans*Community is interwoven with the Bi+Community. We stand side by side and behind each other and are there for each other.

Unfortunately, there are again enough tears for trans* people to cry this year. Shit.

We demand that the action plan at the federal level be supported with all of our democratic voices, that all of our bi+ amendments are included, dear Sven Lehmann, that bi+ asylum seekers do not hide in an opposite-sex partnership, because that violates the ECJ. That the health care system should know the specifics of bi+ people. That especially bi+ women are protected from assault. That queer participation is also implemented in broadcasting and media institutions. That education about bi+ is provided at schools. And that Bi flags are hoisted in Germany and beyond and ensure visibility.

Happy Bi+ Pride! Bi five!