

LGBTQ+DC — Terms of Use & Privacy Policy

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TERMS OF USE

These Terms of Use ("Terms") are entered into by and between you ("User," "you," or "your") and The Spark Group, LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company ("Spark Group," "we," "our," or "us"). These Terms govern your use of lgbtqdc.com and any other website we operate that links to these Terms (the "Site").

BY ACCESSING OR USING THE SITE, YOU REPRESENT THAT YOU ARE OF LEGAL AGE AND COMPETENT TO FORM A BINDING CONTRACT, THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THESE TERMS, AND THAT YOU AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY THEM. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE USING THE SITE.

1. Changes to These Terms

We reserve the right to modify these Terms at any time. Changes are effective immediately upon posting. We will update the "Last Updated" date at the top of this page. Your continued use of the Site after changes are posted constitutes your acceptance of the updated Terms.

2. About LGBTQ+DC

LGBTQ+DC (lgbtqdc.com) is a free, community-sourced calendar of LGBTQ+ events in Washington, DC. It is a crowdsourced directory maintained by The Spark Group and powered by community submissions. The Site is provided as a free public resource.

Spark Group does not independently verify, endorse, or guarantee the accuracy of any event listings submitted to the calendar. Spark Group is not affiliated with, responsible for, or involved in the planning, hosting, or execution of any event listed on the Site.

The Site may display or link to third-party content or services. We do not control third-party content and are not responsible for its accuracy, practices, or terms.

3. Community Submissions

The Site allows community members to submit events for display on the calendar. By submitting an event, you represent and warrant that:

- You are authorized to submit information about the event;
- All event details submitted are accurate, current, and not misleading;
- The event does not promote illegal activity, discrimination, or harm to any person or group;
- You will request removal or update of the listing if event details change or the event is cancelled;
- You are not submitting spam, duplicate listings, or commercial advertisements unrelated to a genuine community event.

Spark Group reserves the right to remove any listing at its sole discretion without notice. Submission of an event does not constitute an endorsement by Spark Group of the event, its organizer, or its content.

4. Acceptable Use

As a condition of using the Site, you agree not to:

(i) use the Site for any unlawful purpose or in violation of any applicable laws or regulations;

(ii) submit false, misleading, or fraudulent content of any kind;

(iii) use any bot, spider, scraper, or automated means to access or copy any material on the Site without our prior written consent;

(iv) copy, reverse engineer, or attempt to access the source code of the Site;

(v) use the Site in any way that could disable, overburden, or impair the Site or interfere with any other party's use;

(vi) impersonate Spark Group, another user, or any third party; or

(vii) remove or alter any trademarks, copyright notices, or proprietary rights notices from the Site.

To report misuse or unauthorized activity, contact info@spark-dc.com.

5. User Content

(a) General. The Site allows you to submit event listings and related content ("User Content").

(b) License. By submitting User Content, you grant Spark Group a worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, copy, adapt, modify, distribute, and display your User Content in connection with operating and promoting the Site.

(c) Your Representations. By submitting User Content, you represent that: (i) you own or have the right to submit the content; (ii) the content does not infringe any third-party rights; and (iii) the content is not defamatory, obscene, harassing, hateful, or otherwise unlawful. You are solely responsible for your User Content.

(d) Our Rights. We may remove or disable any User Content at any time, in our sole discretion, without prior notice.

6. No Fees

LGBTQ+DC is provided entirely free of charge. There are no fees, subscriptions, or charges associated with using the Site or submitting events to the calendar.

7. Intellectual Property

The Site and all content created by or for Spark Group — including text, graphics, logos, and designs — are owned by Spark Group or its licensors and protected by applicable intellectual property laws. User-submitted event content remains the property of the respective submitters, subject to the license granted in Section 5. You may access and use the Site solely for personal, non-commercial purposes consistent with these Terms.

8. Disclaimer of Warranties

THE SITE AND ALL CONTENT ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE," WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND. SPARK GROUP EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT. SPARK GROUP DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE SITE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE, OR THAT ANY EVENT INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SITE WILL BE ACCURATE, COMPLETE, OR UP TO DATE.

9. Limitation of Liability

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, SPARK GROUP AND ITS OWNERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AFFILIATES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO YOUR USE OF THE SITE, ANY EVENT LISTED ON THE CALENDAR, OR ANY THIRD-PARTY CONTENT OR SERVICES LINKED FROM THE SITE, EVEN IF WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

SPARK GROUP IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY HARM, LOSS, OR DAMAGE ARISING FROM YOUR ATTENDANCE AT OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY EVENT LISTED ON THE SITE. ALL EVENTS ARE INDEPENDENTLY ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY THIRD PARTIES.

SPARK GROUP'S TOTAL AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THESE TERMS SHALL NOT EXCEED \$100.

10. Indemnification

You agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Spark Group and its owners, officers, employees, and affiliates from any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising from: (a) your use of the Site; (b) your User Content; (c) your violation of these Terms; or (d) your violation of any applicable law or the rights of any third party.

11. Dispute Resolution; Arbitration; Class Action Waiver

(a) Informal Resolution. Before filing any formal claim, you agree to contact us at info@spark-dc.com and attempt to resolve the dispute informally for at least thirty (30) days.

(b) Binding Arbitration. If informal resolution fails, any dispute arising out of or relating to these Terms or the Site shall be resolved by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Consumer Arbitration Rules, conducted in Washington, DC or by remote means at your election. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding.

(c) CLASS ACTION WAIVER. ALL DISPUTES SHALL BE RESOLVED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. NEITHER YOU NOR SPARK GROUP MAY PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS, COLLECTIVE, OR REPRESENTATIVE ACTION. IF A CLAIM PROCEEDS IN COURT, BOTH PARTIES WAIVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL.

(d) Governing Law. These Terms are governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. Any non-arbitrated claims shall be brought in the state or federal courts of Washington, DC.

12. General Provisions

- **Entire Agreement.** These Terms and our Privacy Policy constitute the entire agreement between you and Spark Group regarding the Site.
 - **Severability.** If any provision is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full effect.
 - **Contact.** The Spark Group, LLC | info@spark-dc.com | 2009 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009
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PRIVACY POLICY

This Privacy Policy describes how The Spark Group, LLC collects, uses, and shares information when you use lgbtqdc.com (the "Site").

What We Collect

Information you provide directly:

- Event submission details when you add an event to the calendar — this may include event name, description, date, time, location, and organizer name or social media handle.
- Your name and email address if you contact us directly or sign up for updates.

Information collected automatically:

- IP address, browser type, device type, and general geographic location.
- Pages visited, time on site, and how you interact with the Site.
- Data collected through cookies and similar tracking technologies.

We do not require account creation to use the Site or submit events. We do not collect payment information of any kind.

Cookies and Analytics

We use Google Analytics to understand how users find and interact with the Site. This may include data such as pages visited, session duration, referral source, and general geographic location. No personally identifiable information is shared with Google Analytics.

You can opt out of Google Analytics data collection at tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout.

Most browsers accept cookies by default. You can adjust your browser settings to decline or delete cookies, though some features of the Site may not function as expected without them.

How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect to:

- Display community-submitted events on the calendar;
 - Respond to inquiries and requests;
 - Send updates or newsletters if you have opted in (you may opt out at any time);
 - Understand how the Site is used and improve the user experience;
 - Comply with applicable legal obligations.
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What Is Displayed Publicly

When you submit an event to the calendar, the following information may be displayed publicly on the Site:

- Event name, description, date, time, and location;
- Organizer name or social media handle (if provided).

Your personal email address, if provided, will never be displayed publicly and will only be used to contact you regarding your submission if necessary.

How We Share Your Information

We do not sell your personal information.

We may share your information:

- **With service providers** who help us operate the Site, including Google Analytics — each under appropriate confidentiality obligations;
 - **In a business transfer**, such as a merger or sale of assets;
 - **For legal compliance**, when required by law, court order, or to protect the rights and safety of Spark Group or others.
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Data Retention

We retain submitted event listings for as long as they are active on the calendar. Event listings and associated data may be removed at any time upon request by contacting info@spark-dc.com. We retain other information for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this policy and comply with legal obligations.

Your Rights and Choices

- Request removal of an event listing at any time by contacting info@spark-dc.com.
 - Request access to, correction of, or deletion of any personal data you have provided by contacting info@spark-dc.com.
 - Opt out of any email communications at any time via the unsubscribe link or by emailing us.
 - Opt out of Google Analytics via tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout.
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Children

The Site is not directed at children under 13. We do not knowingly collect personal information from anyone under 13. If you believe a child has submitted personal information through the Site, contact us at info@spark-dc.com.

Third-Party Links

The Site may contain links to third-party websites and event pages. We are not responsible for their content or privacy practices. Please review their privacy policies before sharing your information.

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