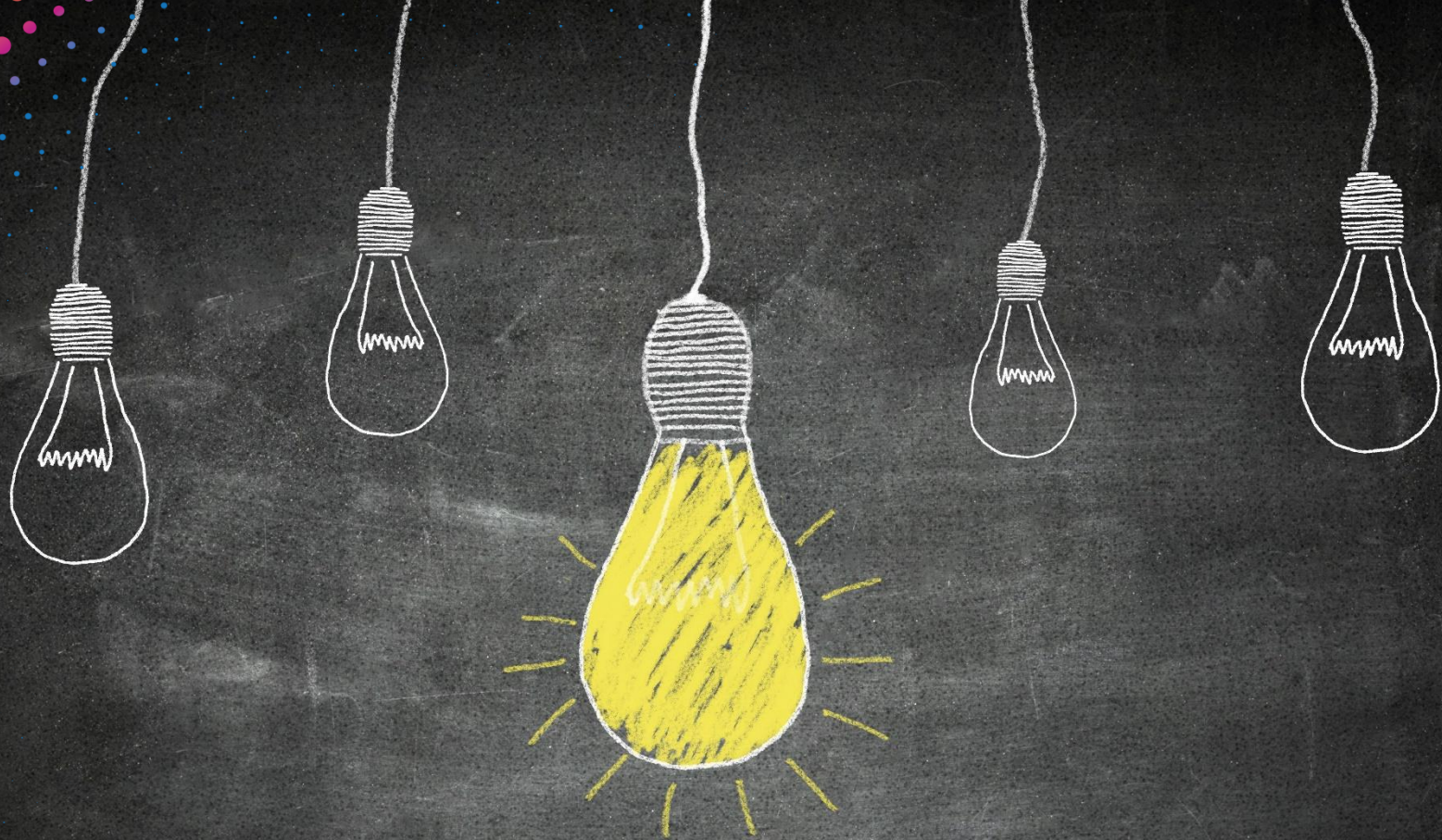




QUEER HOME

report
2018-2019





How we came up with the idea



QUEER HOME | NEVER STOP DREAMING



The first Queer Homes were opened in 2014 by UPO Gay Alliance Ukraine. By 2017 we operated 8 community centers for LGBT people in Ukraine.

Unfortunately, in 2017, support for the Queer Homes project was stopped, and LGBT volunteers lost the opportunity for further development of their ideas and initiatives in a safe LGBT friendly space.



QUEER HOME | NEVER STOP DREAMING



During the Volunteer Exchange Program, that is annually organized by Munich Kyiv Queer and Gay Alliance Ukraine, LGBT volunteers from Ukraine shared their hopes about renewal of LGBT community centers work. MKQ group supported the idea of reopening centers, which will be coordinated by volunteers, and started the fundraising campaign to cover the rent of rooms for community centers in Odesa and Kryvyi Rih.



QUEER HOME ODESA





QUEER HOME FRESH START

The community centre in Odesa was reopened
in August 2018 thank to support of Contact
group Munich Kyiv Queer.

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- We gathered the group of volunteers and made some repairs in the rented rooms to make it comfortable and cozy
- Iryna Hanenkova and Elia Illiashenko were the first ones who joined the volunteer team as people responsible for the meetings in Queer Home
- In August – November 2018, volunteers had meetings in Queer Home to discuss and plan LGBTQI activities
- Training sessions for volunteers were organized by Gay Alliance Ukraine during this period



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Photo: Making the bar counter



Photo: Eiss is happy about opening of Queer Home in Odesa!



Photo: on the Vocal School lesson



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Photo: after the concert part of the Music Evening



Photo: Veronika Nikolskaia plays guitar after a long day of painting the walls





QUEER HOME GROWING

Since December 2018, Olha Rubtsova, the conductor of LGBT choir Qwerty Queer, took responsibility for Queer Home activities and gave a new impetus to the development of community center.

Queer Home | Odesa

In December 2018 – May 2019, almost 150 events were conducted. Here are some of them:

- Vocal school (series of educational events)
- Acting school (series of educational events)
- Meetings of psychological self-help group
- Queer movie screenings
- Qwerty Queer rehearsals
- Volunteer meetings
- Literature and music evenings
- Table games club
- Art-therapy
- English lessons
- Various lectures and workshops



QUEER HOME KRYVBAS



QUEER HOME | KRYVBAS



- In November 2018, Queer Home in Kryvyi Rih was reopened
- Borys Zolotchenko coordinated the work of the community centre
- During November and December volunteers restarted some of the groups that had stopped meeting in 2017
- Training sessions for volunteers were organized by Gay Alliance Ukraine during this period

QUEER HOME | KRYVBAS

In November 2018 – May 2019, 112 events were conducted. Here are some of them:

- Debate club
- Documentary movie screenings
- “Queer Theatre” meetings
- VML choir rehearsals
- Volunteer meetings
- Literature and music evenings
- Table games club
- Art-therapy
- Various lectures and workshops
- Outdoor activities (city tours, visiting exhibition, barbeque)
- “Queer Kitchen” meetings (cooking together)
- Street actions (social survey dedicated to Valentine’s Day, street performance of LGBT choir)



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Photo: During the city tour



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Photo: Queer Home Kryvbas mascot

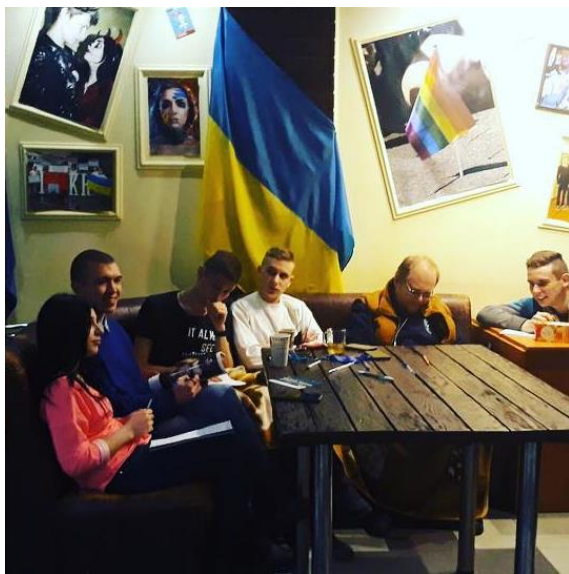


Photo: Volunteer meeting



Photo: Watching Eurovision 2019 together!



OUR CONTRIBUTION

After receiving funds for the room rental, we took the following steps to make Queer Homes attractive for guests:

- Together with volunteers we repaired the rooms and Queer Homes became cozy
- Started the Queer Home bar and coffee point to cover the utility costs, security of community centers, expendables, etc.
- All the events were organized by Queer Home volunteers or external experts on the voluntary basis
- GAU team was actively involved in the Queer Home activities and kept searching for funds to make the project more sustainable
- Since June 2019, GAU signed an agreement with European LGBT organization which will support Queer Homes in Odesa and Kryvyi Rih for 2 years



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