



Resolution on the removal of contents in Halifax Pride Society events that pinkwashes the human rights violations of foreign governments.

Put forward by the Queer Arabs of Halifax group, a local community group that advocates for LGBTQ+ Arabs in Halifax and Nova Scotia.

Whereas pinkwashing content that portrays LGBTQ+ friendliness of foreign governments that otherwise violate international humanitarian law is present at events of the Society in the example of content from “Size Doesn’t Matter”

Whereas “Size Doesn’t Matter” directly engages in pinkwashing by aiming to highlight, amongst other things, the LGBT life in Israel, with a special focus on the city of Tel Aviv and has made its appearance at the Halifax Pride Community Fair over the past four years

Whereas the Queer Arabs of Halifax group voiced their concern of the barrier of their full participation at the Halifax Pride Festival due to the presence of pinkwashing content in a letter to Halifax Pride on June 23, 2016 co-signed by several partner organizations within the LGBTQ+ community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Halifax Pride Society:

1. will actively identify content that pinkwashes violations of international humanitarian law by portraying LGBTQ+ friendliness in locations where these violations occur;
2. will actively remove and disengage from the pinkwashing content presented by “Size Doesn’t Matter” and any other content that is identified to pinkwash violations of human rights and international humanitarian law; and
3. will continue to acknowledge the concerns and engage with members of the broader Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community within the LGBTQ+ community in order to create a festival that is inclusive to everyone.