

JOINING 2025 UPW PRIDE!



HAITANG

Our members showcased our support for Haitang writers (Chinese erotica literature writers) and demanded their freedom throughout our parade contingents worldwide. Creation is not a Crime!

COURAGE AND JOY: PROUD WOMEN **UNITED IN** SOLIDARITY

This year, the theme of our pride contingents is inspired by Professor Judith Butler's talk with UPWomxn. The theme encourages us to support one another and move forward together through turbulent times—while holding on to both courage and joy.

Queer Joy is Resistance!









FROM FAY

FOR years, I've been dreaming about participating in the DC Pride Parade with my own community, and this year it finally happened.

HUGE thanks to all the Upwomxn staff, volunteers, participants, and friends who showed up or supported us in any way. None of this would have been possible without you.

MAY we all keep finding courage and joy, and keep being proud queers together!







FROM JENNY

THIS was Upwomxn Boston's first time marching as an official contingent in the Pride Parade—and even the rain couldn't stop us. As one sign read: "Rainfalls go down, women go up." We were proud to have 55+ people marching with courage and joy, lighting up the streets of Boston.

LET us carry this joy and courage into everything we do—and keep building a vibrant, united queer womxn community right here in Boston.









SEE YOU NEXT YEAR, AND SEE YOU EVERY DAY!

FROM LEMONIE

TOGETHER, we connected with over 100 incredible members of UPWomxn at this year's the NYC Pride March.

A heartfelt thank-you to UPWomxn for giving us the opportunity to be present and visible. To the staff and volunteers who helped out tirelessly over the past several months. And most importantly, thank you to every single person who showed up, marched, celebrated, and stood with us. Your presence makes this movement vibrant, powerful, and real. I hope UPWomxn can continue to be your chosen family—a space where you feel safe, seen, and deeply loved.

THIS is our celebration. This is our fight. We will keep on marching, with joy and courage, and, of course, with pride.









FROM COLA

I am deeply grateful to everyone who showed up for UPWomxn pride this year. Your presence gave our community greater visibility, strength, and joy. It's your participation that turns intention into impact and gatherings into movements.

TOGETHER, we created space not just to celebrate, but to be truly seen.

THANK you for helping us shine louder, prouder, and more united than ever.







FROM DIANDIAN

SEATTLE may not be a large city, but it has a long history of resistance from Asian, Indigenous, queer, and labor communities. Seattle Pride is more than a celebration—it's also about protest and visibility.

THIS year, though UPWOMXN-Seattle didn't organize a large contingent, we co-hosted a sign-making workshop and joined a Chinese solidarity group supporting Haitang, thanks to SeaUni's lead. We engaged with many groups along the route, handed out nearly 100 flyers, and received support from Taiwanese and ace/aro contingents—we even got Mo Dao Zu Shi stickers from a white ally!



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FROM YUX

IN the past, we were often asked: Where is this queer women-led initiative going? The truth is, we didn't always have the answers. But as we embarked on this journey of learning and putting knowledge into praxis, things have gradually become clearer.

WE are not here just to push forward a specific agenda. Inspired by Professor Tani Barlow's scholarship—grounded in the historical truths of women's subjectivity—we aim to cultivate the conditions that make alternative futures thinkable. We want to deepen our ability to articulate our struggles and to negotiate and build new forms of knowledge, community, and political imagination that reflect our lived experiences.

THIS year, hearing an all-women contingent chanting "Up, up, Womxn!" felt like a breakthrough. In that moment, it was clear that we have begun to forge those new conditions. We are becoming a force strong enough to pierce through the injustices that persist against our gender and sexuality. Together, we will make what we and all our fellow womxn comrades want, and what we rightfully deserve, a reality.











TO OUR FRIENDS

WE are overflowing with gratitude for everyone who helped make this year's UPW Pride Parade an incredible celebration of love, solidarity, and visibility! A huge shoutout to Cola for her amazing fundraising and flawless merchandise coordination, and to Fay for keeping our meetings organized and on track.

TO all our donors, your generosity empowered our parade contingents to shine, and to the volunteers and staff across cities—your hard work made this event possible. You've shown what community can do when we come together!

AS we carry this momentum forward, we are reminded how much strength comes from community. Your support helps create more moments where sexual minority women can feel seen, celebrated, and empowered—as we all deserve. If you'd like to help us sustain this work, we warmly welcome your support to keep building spaces where queer women can thrive through workshops, social events, and shared resources. No contribution is too small to make a difference in someone's journey.

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