

Uganda Gay On Move (UGOM) is a community, group and organization of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender (LGBT) persons from Uganda united here in the Netherlands that was founded in January of 2013 by LGBT asylum seekers and now its one of the recognized LGBTI community in the Netherlands well known in the Dutch society. As a new player in advocacy arena for LGBT rights in our own country and Africa, UGOM managed to cooperate with many LGBT organizations such as Stitching Secret Garden Amsterdam.

The reason as to why UGOM was started is that there was need to unite the many Ugandan and African LGBT persons who had fled their mother land on grounds of being segregated due to their sexual orientations to the Netherlands and other countries and stand up for their rights. Ever since January 2013 UGOM has involved in many activities to advocate for LGBT rights.



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## UGANDA GAY ON MOVE

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“Human rights is our pride.”



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*Uganda Gay on Move events in Amsterdam*

## Target Group

Uganda Gay On Move (UGOM) aims at opening up a dialogue within the Dutch society and the international community and in particular within the Ugandan and African community concerning LGBT affairs. Therefore UGOM focuses on reaching LGBT Ugandans and the African community at large.

## GOALS

- Unite all LGBT through collective supporting events such as getting together, reunions and interactions with different LGBT persons from all over the world.
- LGBT human rights through campaigns, like peaceful demonstrations, and support and company for our colleagues when necessary during difficult times.
- Create awareness through performing music, dance and drama, regarding all aspects of life that LGBT persons go through in their home countries where homophobia is prevailing through approaching different institutions on matters such as schools, colleges, and universities to allow us to perform our projects.
- Create awareness and comfort in terms of health, through tips on staying alive and avoiding sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS.
- Create friendships and partnerships with other LGBT organizations/groups and those that are tolerant to these rights to air out our grievances.
- We act as a mouthpiece for a marginalized group from Uganda in the Netherlands.





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# ACTIVITIES

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## **Monthly UGOM Community Open Meetings**

Uganda Gay On Move (UGOM) every month organizes an open meeting to all members of its LGBT family to discuss on the day to day challenges we face and on how they can be over come. These meetings are organized in most cases in Asylum camps (AZC) where the majority Ugandan community is found. Camps like Dronten, Alkmaar, among others are usually good meeting places for us to freely express our concerns as every one feels free and safe to talk about what is on her mind. Plans are underway in future to make this a bigger plan in a big open space when we get self reliant.

## **Consultation and Interviews**

UGOM offers and avails information to any person that requires to get informed with regard to LGBT affairs. One can simply reach us for information on our contacts that are provided in this leaflet.

## **Parties, Luncheons, and Workshops**

UGOM organizes come together parties, luncheons and workshops where every one is invited. We are always welcoming to every one who is willing to join us as we try to look for solutions to our destiny. In these events we make sure we talk about the prevention and inform our selves about HIV/AIDS and the sexually transmitted diseases. We always share with others.

## **Peaceful Human Rights Demonstrations**

UGOM always organizes peaceful demonstrations in support of LGBT rights as a significant sign of solidarity to the rest of the world that respect LGBT rights.

## **Counseling and Guidance**

As one discovers his or her sexual orientation, it is a very big challenging milestone in one's life. Some find difficult to accept themselves for who they are hence the end result will be stress whereas others find it easily and adapt to that change. However UGOM comes to provide guidance and counseling to those that find difficult in accepting themselves. We have 'sengas (Aunts)' and 'kojas (Uncles)' who have that role.

## **Connecting and Cooperating with other Supportive Organizations:**

UGOM is working day and night to establish it self as an operational entity to Ugandan and African LGBT issues through connecting to LGBT organizations and those that are friendly to these rights. There is that urgent need to bridge a good cooperation environment for the success of our goal.

## **Attending Various Events, Functions and Ceremonies:**

Attending various events, functions and ceremonies organized by other LGBT organizations and those organizations that are friendly to LGBT rights in a bid to create beneficial friendships to LGBT human rights advocacy. UGOM always sends at least a representative to many events of other LGBT organizations and those that are friendly to these rights. This has managed to establish us in the Dutch society and the international community at a faster rate and we shall continue to make sure that this goes on from time to time.

