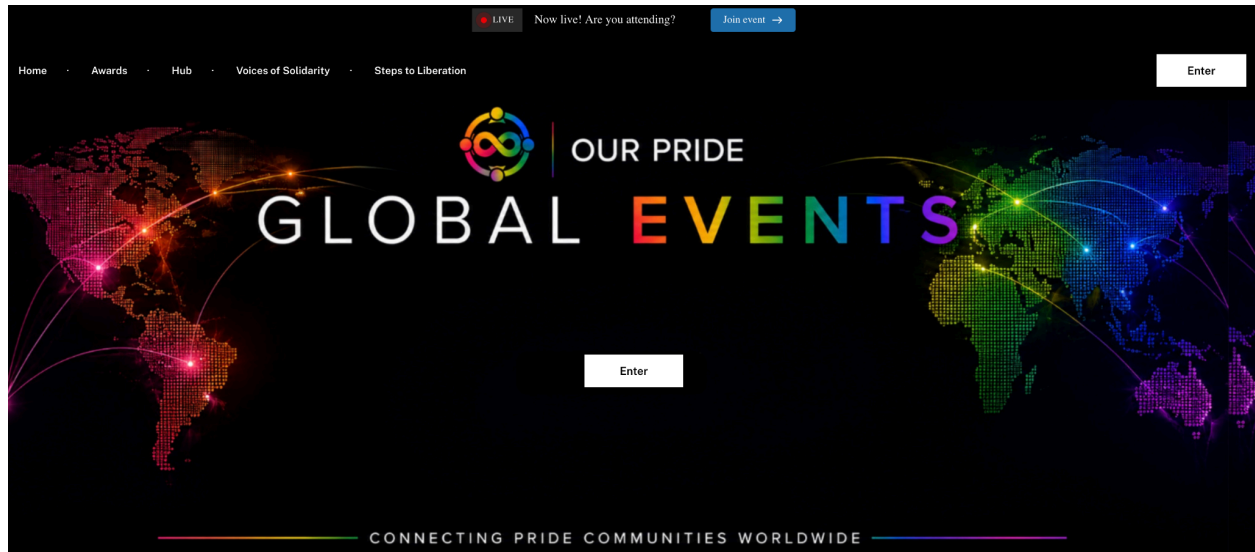




Meet the Creator Sessions

Your Work. Your Conversation. Your Time.



OUR PRIDE invites selected **Artists, Authors, and Social Media Creators** participating in our 2026 programming to create a simple, personal opportunity for audiences to meet the people behind the work.

Artists, Authors, and Social Media Creators can have an **Exhibit Booth in the EXPO** on the OUR PRIDE Global Events site, then create a short prerecorded Q&A that becomes the opening program for a **LIVE Moderated Session**.

Our goal is to make this as simple and flexible as possible.

- You create the conversation.
- You choose the time. OUR PRIDE provides the platform.

DISCOVER → EXPLORE → MEET → CONNECT → REPLAY

Visit OUR PRIDE Global Events: <http://ourpride.org/events>



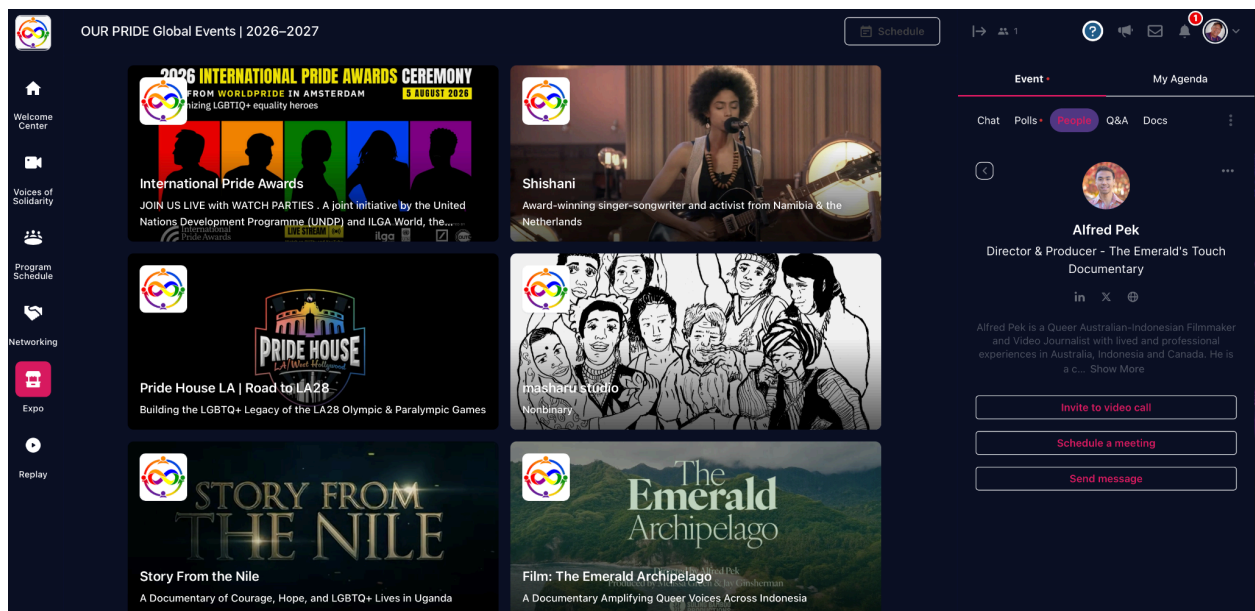
How It Works

1. Create Your EXPO Exhibit Booth

Your Exhibit Booth is your space in the OUR PRIDE EXPO.

Visit the EXPO: <https://app.events.ringcentral.com/events/our-pride-global-events/expo>

It can introduce you and your work through images, a biography, descriptions of your work, and links where visitors can learn more.





2. Create Your Q&A Video

Record a short conversation—generally **10–20 minutes**.

You can use Zoom, your phone, or another recording platform. **No professional production equipment is required.** You decide how you want to do it.

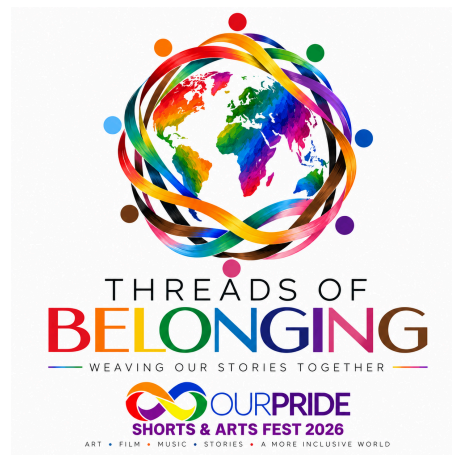
For example:

- You can have a friend or colleague interview you.
- You can interview each other.
- You can include collaborators or members of your creative team.
- Authors can include co-authors, publishers, editors, or others connected to the book.
- Artists can include collaborators, curators, fellow artists, or others connected to their work.
- **Social Media Creators can include collaborators, co-creators, guests, or members of their creative community.**

OUR PRIDE will provide **suggested questions** to help get the conversation started.

You don't have to use all of them. Choose the questions that feel natural and relevant to your work.

We especially encourage conversations about **Threads of Belonging** and the LGBTQ+ themes, experiences, and issues connected to your work.





● ARTISTS: Meet the Artist

For artists, the Q&A can become a personal introduction to your creative work and the ideas, experiences, and communities behind it.

Possible topics include:

- Your creative process and what inspires you
- The story behind a particular work or body of work
- Your experiences as an LGBTQ+ artist or your connection to LGBTQ+ communities
- Art, identity, visibility, community, or human rights
- The people, places, and experiences that have influenced your work
- **Threads of Belonging** and what belonging means in your work
- What you hope audiences see, feel, or think about after encountering your work

● AUTHORS: Meet the Author

For authors, the Q&A can give readers a chance to hear the story behind the book and meet the person who created it.

Possible topics include:

- Why you wrote the book
- The story, people, or experiences that inspired it
- Your writing or research process
- LGBTQ+ themes, experiences, history, or issues explored in the work
- The communities and relationships that shaped the book
- **Threads of Belonging** and how it connects to your work
- What you hope readers take away from the book
- A short reading or excerpt, when appropriate



● SOCIAL MEDIA CREATORS: Meet the Creator

For Social Media Creators, the Q&A can give audiences an opportunity to meet the person behind the content and learn more about the stories, ideas, and communities that inspire their work.

Possible topics include:

- How you became a Social Media Creator
- What inspires the content you create
- The stories, experiences, or communities that influence your work
- Using social media to share LGBTQ+ stories and perspectives
- Creating visibility and connection through social media
- The relationship between creators and their audiences
- Challenges and opportunities of being an LGBTQ+ creator
- How social media can build community and create a sense of belonging
- **Threads of Belonging** and what belonging means to you and your audience
- What you hope people take away from your content

3. Send Us Your Video

Once your Q&A is recorded, simply send the video file to OUR PRIDE.

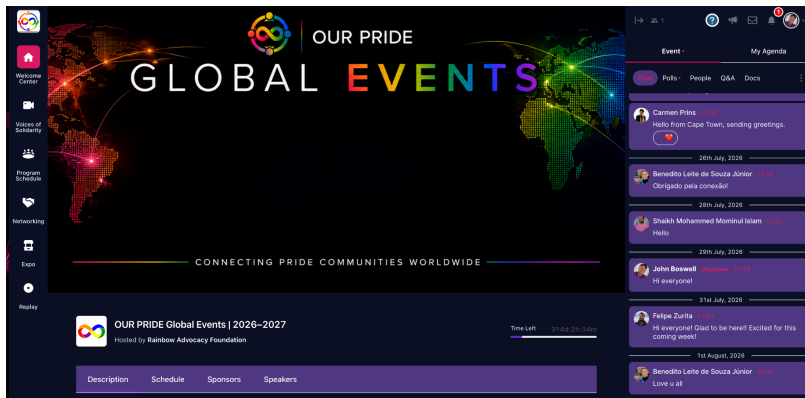
We'll upload it to the Global Events site and take care of setting up your session.

You don't need to worry about the technical setup.



4. Choose Your Date and Time

You choose **any available date and time during November 2026** that works best for you and your team. Your Q&A will be scheduled as a **Moderated Session** on the OUR PRIDE Global Events site.



5. Join Your Audience

At your scheduled time, you and your team join the Global Events session.

Your prerecorded Q&A video will be presented first. **Then the conversation becomes LIVE.**



You and other members of your team can serve as Moderators and interact directly with the audience.



- Answer questions from viewers
- Respond to comments
- Talk more about your creative process
- Share stories that didn't make it into the Q&A video
- Discuss the themes and issues connected to your work
- Explore **Threads of Belonging**
- Continue the conversation wherever the audience takes it

You don't need to prepare a formal presentation. **The audience conversation is the heart of the session.**

And the Conversation Continues

Your Q&A isn't limited to your November session.

Following the live event, **the Q&A and the entire session will be available in the REPLAY area of the OUR PRIDE Global Events site with FULL ACCESS visitors through July 2027.**

This gives audiences who could not attend your scheduled session an opportunity to discover your work, watch your Q&A, and experience the conversation afterward.

Your conversation becomes part of the **OUR PRIDE Global Events archive**, giving your work and your story an extended life beyond the November program.

What We Provide

OUR PRIDE will provide:

- ✓ A simple Q&A framework
- ✓ Suggested questions tailored to your work and the themes of the festival
- ✓ Guidance for recording your video
- ✓ Your EXPO Exhibit Booth setup
- ✓ Global Events session setup
- ✓ Uploading of your Q&A video
- ✓ A scheduled Moderated Session
- ✓ An opportunity to connect directly with your audience
- ✓ REPLAY access through July 2027



What You Provide

1. Create your Q&A video.
2. Send the video to OUR PRIDE.
3. Provide the information and materials for your EXPO Exhibit Booth.
4. Choose an available November date and time.
5. Join your Global Events session with your team.
6. Have a conversation with your audience.

That's it!

There Is No “Right” Way to Do This

We want these conversations to feel **authentic to you and your work**.

Your Q&A doesn't need to look like a television interview or a professional festival panel.

It can be relaxed.

It can be personal.

It can include collaborators.

It can be a conversation between friends and colleagues.

The idea is simply to give audiences a chance to **meet the people behind the work** and continue the conversation.



THREADS OF BELONGING

— WEAVING OUR STORIES TOGETHER —



ART • FILM • MUSIC • STORIES • A MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD

The 2026 OUR PRIDE Shorts Fest explores the theme: **THREADS OF BELONGING**

Every work tells a different story. Some may explore identity, community, family, love, resilience, visibility, human rights, history, or the many ways LGBTQ+ people create places and relationships where they can belong. Your Q&A is an opportunity to explore those connections.



We'll provide suggested questions based on **your particular work**, so you won't have to figure out what to talk about on your own.

A New Kind of Creator Conversation

We're creating these Meet the Creator sessions because we want creators to have **the freedom to create the conversation** themselves.

- You create the work.
- You create the conversation.
- You choose the time.
- OUR PRIDE provides the platform.

And your conversation doesn't disappear when November ends.

It remains available to audiences through July 2027.

We hope these sessions will become some of the most meaningful experiences of OUR PRIDE programming—and a lasting part of the stories we share with our global community.