

Eröffnungsrede Khur Pride 2026

Rede vor dem Start der Demonstration

Dear everyone,

It's great to have you here today.

Every single person standing here today is making a statement. For visibility. For diversity. For unity.

And that's exactly why it means so much to me to welcome you today to Khur Pride 2026.

When I look into your faces, it fills me with hope and gratitude.

At the end of last year, I didn't know if we'd be standing here today.

We lacked people willing to take on leadership roles on the board. For a moment, I was afraid there wouldn't be a Khur Pride in 2026.

But then people stepped forward who invested their time, energy, and hearts into this project.

That's why I'd like to take this moment to say a heartfelt thank you to my board and all the volunteers.

Without you, this day wouldn't exist.

But there's one thing I've always known:

Graubünden needs a Pride, visibility, and diversity.

Graubünden needs people who stand up for one another.

Precisely because times have become more difficult, it's all the more important today that we're here.

Our response to hate is not fear.

Our response is solidarity, visibility, and love.

That's why we're taking to the streets together today.

We're showing:

We're here.

We're not hiding.

And we stand up for one another.

Four years ago, I attended the first Khur Pride as a visitor.

I still remember exactly how I walked up the escalator and suddenly saw so many queer people in one place—right here in Graubünden.

That moment touched me deeply.

For the first time, I felt:

I am not alone.

I sincerely hope that today, perhaps, someone else is standing here experiencing exactly that same feeling.

That a person who has felt alone until now will go home today knowing:

I belong.

I am welcome.

I am not alone.

Being able to stand here today and open this march fills me with deep gratitude.

A few years ago, I never could have imagined speaking in front of so many people.

And yet, here I am today.

Because I know how important visibility is.

The past few weeks have moved us all.

We've seen that hate and exclusion are still a reality.

But we've also seen something else:

The incredible solidarity of our community.

People from all over Switzerland have supported one another, offered encouragement, and shown that we stand up for one another.

It's especially in difficult times that we see just how strong our community really is.

That is exactly what Pride is.

Pride is more than a demonstration.

Pride is protest.

Pride is love.

Pride is solidarity.

And Pride is hope.

Let's be loud today—for everyone who can't yet be loud.

Let's be visible—for everyone who can't yet come out.

And let's send a message together.

For a society where everyone is free to live and love just as they are.

Because we won't back down a single step.

Thank you for being here today.

And now:

Let's set out together.

Happy Pride!  