

Notable 2022 LGBTQ Leaders

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Since the Stonewall Riots in 1969, New York has been the site of many milestones for the LGBTQ movement, including early organizing and activism in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the 1980s and the 2011 signing of New York state's Marriage Equality Act.

Today, New York City remains an epicenter of diversity, acceptance and activism. The metropolitan area is home to at least 750,000 LGBTQ adults—more than any other region in the nation, according to the nascent American LGBTQ+ Museum.

LGBTQ New Yorkers continue to fight for equality and against bigotry, a movement that takes center stage during June's Pride Month.

Crain's selected 95 such individuals for this year's Notable LGBTQ Leaders list.

This year's honorees are outstanding professionals in their respective industries. They are involved in mentoring programs, community activities and philanthropy. They invest their considerable energies in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and ensure inclusive hiring practices. Hailing from disparate sectors and industries, they are united by their clarity of purpose, love of freedom, and appreciation for the LGBTQ activism of prior generations.

This list of honorees features executives for whom nominations were submitted and accepted after careful editorial review. To qualify for the list, the honorees had to self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or queer. They needed to serve in a senior-level role and be employed for at least a decade, and they had to have made significant strides in advancing diversity and inclusion. Ultimately, the individuals who made the list were selected for their professional achievements and their commitment to equality.



Lisa Kelly

Vice President of New Business, EarthCam

Kelly spearheads and negotiates EarthCam's partnership initiatives within the construction technology industry. As a vice president at the provider of webcam content, technology and services, she is responsible for managing a nationwide sales team, driving business development initiatives, integrating new technologies to increase revenue streams and ensuring an inclusive company culture. She participated in the Freedom to Marry campaign in New York, and she has volunteered with Planned Parenthood and for the Occupy Wall Street movement. In response to the pandemic, she helped deliver food to families in need and created community fridges to distribute basic necessities. Kelly is a board member at Strong Women, Strong Girls, a mentorship organization.