



KhushDC

SOUTH ASIAN LGBTQ COMMUNITY

DEAR KHUSHDC MEMBERS,

Happy Pride Month! For those of you who don't know me, I am Radhika. I have been a board member for about two years now, and am so thrilled to finally be able to meet with many folks safely. I joined the board in 2020 when we were all staying inside, so it's nice to put faces to names. Over the past few months, Khush has been very active! Our book club is thriving, we had a few movie watch parties, we highlighted Queer South Asian Muslim stories, Asian American stories, onboarded new people to the board and much, much more. I hope to see many of you at our KhushDC Picnic on June 12th and in DC for the parade! Check out all that is happening in June.

Much love,
Radhika

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Meet the Board



Sammy (she/her)



Misha (she/her)



Abdul (he/him)



Sweta (she/they)



Amira (they/them)



Radhika (she/they)



Kevin (he/him)

Past Events



**Cherry
Blossom &
Kite Festival**



**KhushDC
Potluck**



**Gay Day at
The Zoo**

Past Events

We had the pleasure of presenting a conversation with author and activist Ruth Vanita, who discussed Queer representation in Indian literature.



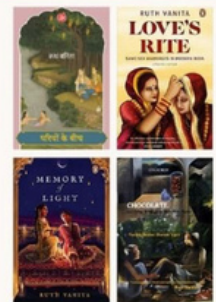
Ruth Vanita

Ruth is an Indian academic, activist and author who specialises in British and Indian literary history with a focus on gender and sexuality studies.

KHUSHDC
PRESENTS

Join us April 30th for an intimate conversation with renowned author Ruth Vanita. Ruth will be discussing Queer representation in Indian literature. **Sign-up link in our bio**

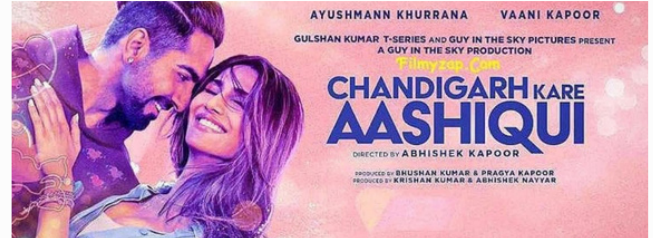
April 30th
12pm EST/9am PST



In partnership with Hidayah US, we were able to highlight Queer, South Asian and Muslim stories. Being Queer, South Asian and Muslim is a unique intersection, bringing with it unique challenges and solutions. Muslim Trans/Queer brothers, sisters and non-gender confirming individuals feel isolated from their families, their faith and the community this faith brings. The journey to reconcile one's Muslim faith can be arduous, with little to no support from the Muslim South Asian community. Thus, it is pivotal to share our true stories and highlight individuals that have found peace in this effort.

Past Events

Khush members got together and watched two queer films! Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui (virtual) and Cobalt Blue (in-person).



UNISON ARY
ASIAN AMERICAN
NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE MONTH
PRESENTED BY:
DC AAPI COALITION
**BREAKING THE
BAMBOO CEILING**
PANEL DISCUSSION



DATE: FRIDAY, 5/20
TIME: 7:00PM-8:30PM
[TINYURL.COM/BAMBOOCEILINGAAPIHM](https://tinyurl.com/bambooceilingaapihm)

Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling was an event created by the DC AAPI Coalition in collaboration with many organizations to celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The panel consisted of an entrepreneur, business owners, executive leaders and a journalist who shared their trials and successes and discussed leadership from an Asian American perspective.

Upcoming Events



KHUSHDC SPECIFIC

- PGCWLS Rainbow Festival
 - June 4th 11:00-2:00pm
- QT AAPI Pride Booth Tabling (Volunteer Opportunity)
 - June 11th 11:00-7:30pm
- KhushDC Pride Picnic at National Cathedral
 - June 12th 2:30pm
- AAPI QT Dance at As You Are Bar DC
 - June 19th 7:00pm
- Monthly Virtual Queer Desi Book Club
 - June 23rd 7:00pm



Click on the hyperlinks for more info!

Upcoming Events

PRIDE SPECIFIC

- Reston Pride 2022
 - June 4th 12:00-6:00pm
- DC Center Peer Support Group Lunch & Watch Party
 - June 4th 12:00-3:00pm
- Parks Playhouse: PRIDE in the Park: An LGBTQ Comedy Show
 - June 9th 9:00pm
- Loudon Pride
 - June 26th 1:00-8:00pm
- The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs Present: District of PRIDE
 - June 30th 7:00-9:30pm

Click on the graphics for more info!



Upcoming Events

EVENTS FROM OUR PARTNERS

- Art as a Voice
 - June 2nd 6:00-8:00pm
- Chai & Chill
 - June 2nd 9:00pm
- 2022 Tai Chi Series
 - June 4th & 11th 10:00am
- Puppy Picnic Social
 - June 4th 11:00-2:00pm
- Ashiyanaa - Welcoming You Home
 - June 5th 6:00pm
- AAPI Innovation and Community Health Webinar
 - June 14th 7:00-8:00pm

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