



# KhushDC

SOUTH ASIAN LGBTQ COMMUNITY

## DEAR KHUSHIES,

Pride season is upon us ! There is some much for us to be grateful for and yet some much work still remaining for us to do.

Pride is a time when people from all walks of life come together to honor and support the LGBTQIA+ community. It is a vibrant tapestry of parades, festivals, and gatherings that remind us of the progress we have made and the challenges that still lie ahead. But pride is more than just a celebration—it's a crucial moment for education, reflection, and activism.

I am so grateful to be part of KhushDC and everything it has to offer. It's been a privilege to be able to serve my community and work towards our shared goals of visibility, inclusivity and empowerment. I can't wait to march shoulder to shoulder with you this June, holding the KhushDC banner with conviction. This month we will also gather once again for our now annual Pride Picnic....someone pass me the Pride Samosas and Rainbow Chutney please !

In celebrating pride, we acknowledge and celebrate the diversity that enriches our world. We recognize that our differences make us stronger, more compassionate, and more resilient. I am proud of being a Pakistani Muslim Queer nomad of the world. So tell me what you are Proud of.....

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Yours in solidarity,

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# PAST EVENTS



KhushDC members on a hike at Rock Creek Park, at the National Zoo for Gay Day, in Philly for the opening of Remnants of Another at Twele Gates Gallery, at the screening of Joyland, NQAPIA's Catalyst Reception, and a showing of A Nice Indian Boy at Olney Theatre.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

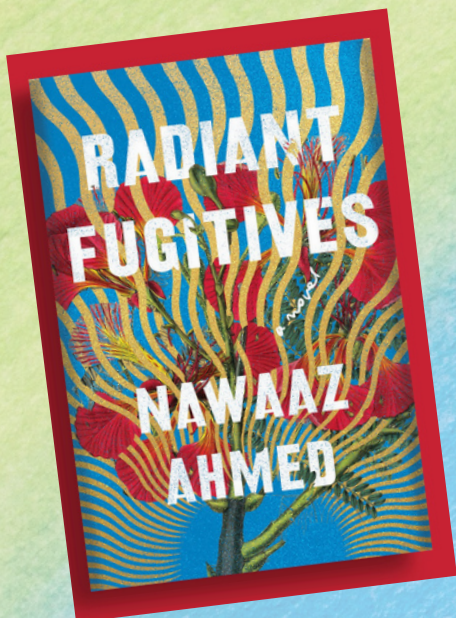


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## About:

I grew up in Karachi, Pakistan and have been living in DC (by way of Austin) for over 10 years. I am very passionate about mental health accessibility and approaching mental health from a decolonial mindset which led me to recently leave my corporate career for one in social work. Outside of career passions, I

love everything surrounding food, from the creation of recipes to cooking big meals to feed dear friends (sometimes I will literally dream up a recipe). I recently got into baking and have been experimenting with bread and pastry (much to my roommates' joy). Also dabble in some painting, occasional workouts, and will rarely turn down an opportunity to escape in nature (hikes, cabins, etc.)



**Is there a book, film, or other media you'd recommend to other queer South Asian folks?**

Radiant Fugitives by Nawaz Ahmed (I couldn't read it fast enough)

# DC DYKE MARCH



The 30th Annual 2023 D.C. Dyke March  
theme: Dykes for Trans Rights

Date: Friday, June 9th

Location & Time: TBD

Rain or Shine

NON-PRIDE-AFFILIATED ABD UNPERMITTED MARCH THAT WILL HAPPEN OON JUNE 9TH, 2023, THE DAY BEFORE CAPITAL PRIDE. IT AIMS TO CENTER DYKES WHO ARE TRANS, QUEER, WOMEN, NONBINARY, LESBIANS, BI, PAN, AND OTHER IDENTITIES THAT ARE OFTEN MARGINALIZED BY THE MAINSTREAM LGBT+ MOVEMENT. IT IS ANTI-CAPITALIST, ANTI-GENTRIFICATION, AND ANTI-POLICE.

## Upcoming Events:

### Marshal Training

**Date:** Sunday, June 4th

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Woodbridge Library (1801 Hamlin St NE)

We are looking for both marshals and bicycle marshals for this year, and encourage those with bicycles to come to the training on Sun, June 4th.

**COVID Precautions:** For the safety of our community, please covid test before attending, be mindful of social distance at the events, and please bring + wear a mask!



# UPCOMING KHUSHDC EVENTS

- **Author Q&A with Neema Avashia**
  - Saturday, June 3rd @ 11:00am via Zoom
  - [Registration form here](#)
- **KhushDC Annual Pride Picnic**
  - Sunday, June 4th @ 3:00pm
  - Location: Malcolm X Park/Meridian Hill Park
- **DC Pride Parade Marching**
  - Saturday, June 10th
  - [Sign up to march](#)
- **DC Pride Festival Tabling**
  - Sunday, June 11th
  - [Sign up to table](#)
- **KhushDC Virtual Peer Support**
  - Saturday, June 17th @ 1:30pm via Zoom
  - Email [board.khushdc@gmail.com](mailto:board.khushdc@gmail.com) for Zoom Link
- **KhushDC Queer South Asian Book Club**
  - Thursday, June 22nd @ 7:00pm via Zoom
  - [Sign up here.](#)
- **PGCMLS Rainbow Festival Tabling**
  - Saturday, June 24th @ 11:00am-2:00pm
  - Location: Bowie Library, 15210 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715
  - [Sign up to table](#)

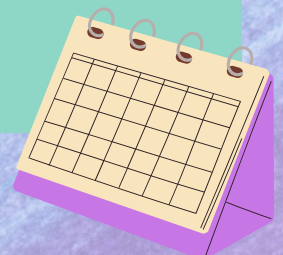


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## FROM OUR PARTNERS

- **QSAW Network Chai & Chill: Virtual Speed Friending**
  - Thursday, June 1st 9:00pm
  - [Register here.](#)
- **Lavender Evolutions - Book & Vinyl Swap**
  - Saturday, June 3rd 10:30-1:30pm
  - Mt Pleasant Farmers Market
- **Indian American Impact Summit 2023**
  - Tuesday, June 6th
  - [Register here](#)
- **Lavender Evolutions x Femz & Themz**
  - **QTBIPOC Happy Hour & Drag Show**
  - Thursday, June 8th 5:00-9:00pm @ Trade Bar DC
- **Bollywood Pride Dance Party**
  - Friday, June 9th 10:00pm @ Bulldog DC
  - [Get tickets here](#)
- **Flower Factory ft. Papi Juice**
  - Sunday, June 11th 2:00-10:00pm @ Zebbie's Garden
  - \$15 tickets at the door
- **QTAPI Happy Hour**
  - Thursday, June 15th 5:00-9:00pm @ as you are bar
- **AQUA DC's Book Club**
  - Saturday, June 24th 1:00-3:00pm (location TBA, pending registration)
  - [Sign up here.](#)



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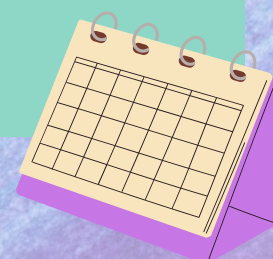
# OTHER PRIDE EVENTS IN THE DMV

## Virginia

- June 11 at 6 p.m. -- [Mosaic's Pride Parade](#) at Mosaic District
- June 15 at 12 p.m. -- [Arlington Pride Festival](#) at Gateway Park
- June 18 at 4 p.m. -- [LGBTQ+ Pride Concert for Families](#) at the McLean Community Center
- June 18 at 7:30 p.m. -- [Pride Run Richmond](#) (For more pride events in Richmond, click [here](#))
- June 26 at 1 p.m. -- [Loudoun Pride](#) at Heritage Farm Museum

## Maryland

- June 13 from 4-6 p.m. -- [Park and Pride](#) at Mountain Road Library
- June 25 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. -- [Frederick Pride](#) at Carroll Creek Linear Park
- June 25 from 1-3 p.m. -- [Baltimore Pride Parade](#)
- June 26 at 12 p.m. -- [Pride in the Plaza Festival](#) at Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring
- June 26 from 2-4 p.m. -- [Rockville Pride](#) at Rockville Town Square Park
- July 9 from 12-5 p.m. - [Hagerstown Pride](#) at Doubs Woods Park



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