# GUIDE TO HOSTING A MEETUP

hosting a queer latines meetup—whether online or in person—is a chance to create a welcoming, inclusive space where members can connect, grow, and share meaningful experiences. this guide will walk you through each step to help make your meetup a success!

#### 📋 🏠 preparation before the meetup in-person

haven't gathered interest and created an event to gather RSVPs? check out our guide on planning a meetup.

- pick an accessible spot: choose an accessible location for all bodies and movements.
- spread the word: share the time, date, and purpose of the meetup clearly.
- set the vibe: create a cozy, conversation-friendly space with plenty of seating.
- keep it affordable: aim for a low-to-no-cost event to keep it financially accessible.

#### ig the preparation before the meetup online

- select a platform that everyone can easily access (zoom, google meet, discord).
- test the tech beforehand to avoid any hiccups!

## 👋 🎤 during the meetup

- welcome everyone: greet attendees and help them connect with each other.
- group introductions: share your name, pronouns, and cultural heritage.
- try an icebreaker: in one word, how are you feeling today? share a fun fact!

## $\mathbf{Q}$ $\Rightarrow$ optional questions to spark connection

- what brings you to this meetup? what are you looking forward to about this event?
- what's a cultural tradition from your childhood that you still follow?
- what part of you isn't celebrated enough?
- how do you like to spend your time?

# tacilitation tips

- encourage quieter attendees to share if they're comfortable.
- ensure discussions are inclusive of diverse experiences.
- admit when you don't know the answer—it's okay to follow up later!
- you can always end an event early if that's the vibe  $\updownarrow$

## importantly...have FUN! we're here to connect and build lasting friendships.

questions? reach out to the #event-planning channel on discord. imple