

# Welcome to Quads & Queers !

*Quads & Queers are Germany's first explicitly queer-advocating steelband project.*

## Who We Are

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We are a bunch of creative people who stumbled upon an amazing musical instrument in our younger years: the **steelpan**.

Some time after that, we would also discover our **queerness**. And with that, we would also find that things would become a bit more complicated in daily life.

We ask: Why? Why do we still have to discuss if lgbtqia+ people, or b/poc, or other groups that are marginalized in our Western society deserve the same **human rights, respect & decency**?

The steelpan instrument itself is a strong symbol for, and result of, **overcoming oppression**. Its creation out of nicked oil drums dates from the 1930s in Trinidad & Tobago, a time when the colonial power had confiscated all musical instruments to prevent riots.

Since then, the steelpan has become the national instrument of T&T, with a proud & vibrant culture that continues to celebrate freedom, especially during **Carnival season**.

Lgbtqia+ communities round the world have been holding their own celebrations of freedom in the form of Pride Parades & Christopher Street Days, which trace their roots back to the 1969 **Stonewall Riots** in New York City.

We are fighters for a free & inclusive world, and we believe in the capability of music to **empower change**. We want to spread the word. Among all the sections of steelpan instruments, the Quads have the strongest voices & highest ranges – best means to convey our message.

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