

Universal Declaration of Polyamory

Here is the final, complete text of the Universal Declaration of Polyamory, ready for presentation.

Preamble

Whereas the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all human beings form the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world;

Whereas every individual possesses the fundamental right to self-determination, including the capacity to define their own relationships and forms of commitment, love, and emotional support;

Whereas relationship diversity, including polyamory—the practice of engaging in multiple committed, loving, and consensual relationships—is a natural expression of human relational capacity and contributes to the richness of human society;

Whereas disregard and contempt for diverse relationship structures have resulted in acts of prejudice and discrimination, undermining the well-being and security of individuals and families;

Now, therefore, the global community proclaims this Universal

Declaration of Polyamory as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and social body shall strive to secure the universal and effective recognition and observance of the rights herein affirmed:

The Articles

Article 1: The Right to Relational Autonomy

Everyone has the right to freely enter into, define, structure, and dissolve relationships with multiple consenting adults, without coercion or discrimination, as an exercise of their fundamental liberty and personal autonomy.

Article 2: Non-Discrimination

All individuals, regardless of their relationship structure, are entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, including in areas such as employment, housing, public services, and political participation.

Article 3: Legal Recognition of Family Structures

Consensually established multi-partner relationships that function as families, committed partnerships, or households shall be entitled to

consideration for the same legal recognition, protections, and benefits (including healthcare, taxation, inheritance, and child custody) afforded to traditionally recognized familial units.

Article 4: The Principle of Informed and Ongoing Consent

Relationship agreements involving multiple partners shall be built exclusively upon informed, explicit, and ongoing consent. This consent must be freely given, revocable at any time, and based on full disclosure of material facts concerning the relationship structure and dynamics.

Article 5: The Mandate of Ethical Communication

Individuals in polyamorous relationships have the ethical responsibility to cultivate and maintain radical honesty, transparency, and respectful communication with all partners. This includes actively addressing feelings of insecurity, jealousy, or conflict through collaborative, compassionate, and non-coercive means.

Article 6: Protection of Dependents

Children and other dependents residing within multi-partner families have the absolute right to a stable, secure, and nurturing environment. The relationship structure of the guardians shall never be used as the sole

basis for denying custody, guardianship, or visitation rights, provided the primary duty of care is demonstrably fulfilled.

Article 7: Freedom of Association and Privacy

Every individual has the right to privacy regarding their relationship choices and affiliations. No person shall be compelled to disclose their polyamorous identity or the names of their partners to employers, landlords, or other third parties, except where required by a legally recognized family status or partnership agreement.

Article 8: Social Responsibility and Education

States and civil society organizations have a responsibility to promote public education and dialogue that foster understanding, acceptance, and destigmatization of diverse relationship and family structures, including polyamory. Educational curricula and public messaging must actively challenge discriminatory stereotypes and ensure truthful representation.

Article 9: The Right to Relational Resources

Every individual, regardless of their relationship structure, has the right to access relationship counseling, mediation, mental health services, and other supportive resources that are informed by and affirming of non-monogamous relationships.

Article 10: Duty to Respect and Uphold

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group, or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein. Conversely, all individuals have a duty to respect the relational autonomy and choices of others.