

First Homosexual Movement Demonstration in Porto, Portugal



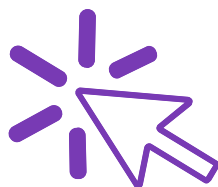
May 13, 1974

On May 13, 1974, the Movimento Homossexual de Ação Revolucionária (MHAR) organised Portugal's first homosexual rights demonstration in Porto and Olhão.

This occurred three weeks after the Carnation Revolution, which overthrew the Estado Novo dictatorship. António Serzedelo, a historian and social activist, co-authored the manifesto "Freedom for Sexual Minorities" as part of the newly formed MHAR. Serzedelo, who was working in the Army General Staff's Information and Counter-Information department at the time, became a key figure in early LGBTIQ+ activism in Portugal, advocating for sexual minority rights during a period of revolutionary change. His activism continued as a member of General Franco Charais' office in the Council of the Revolution and through his lifelong commitment to social justice, including roles as president of the Portuguese Committee for Human Rights and as a journalist.

Significance: The manifesto and Serzedelo's activism marked a foundational moment for LGBTIQ+ visibility in Portugal, leveraging the post-revolution openness to push for sexual minority rights and challenge societal norms.

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