

## Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, the first gay man in world history

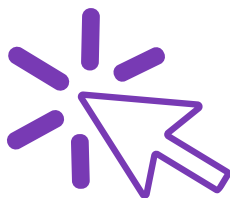


1864

In 1864, Ulrichs began writing about same-sex acts and fighting against their criminalisation.

Starting in 1864, Karl Heinrich Ulrichs self-published a total of 12 writings on male-male love. His hypothesis that a female soul in a male body leads to homosexual acts found its way into the discourse of and about trans\* people in the 20th century. Ulrichs was a lawyer from the Kingdom of Hanover, where homosexual acts were not punishable by law at that time. However, the disclosure of homosexual acts was considered a 'public nuisance' and prosecuted. As a result, Ulrichs was forced to leave the civil service in 1854 when rumours about him began to circulate. Instead, he devoted himself to the fight against the criminalisation of same-sex acts. He was forced to interrupt his speech on this subject at the German Lawyers' Congress in 1867 amid tumultuous circumstances. In 1880, he finally emigrated to Italy, where homosexual acts were not punishable by law.

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