

A brief history of two groups...

Poly Cocktails was started on Valentine's Day 2007 by three polyamorous activists and friends as a way to create a social outlet for the local poly community in New York. From a small crowd at their first event, held at Madame X in the East Village, Poly Cocktails has grown to become the largest regular social gathering in New York. The event celebrated its 7th anniversary in 2014, and (schedule permitting) is held the second Monday of every month.

Open Love NY was founded in February 2009 by several volunteers within the New York polyamory community who recognized the need for a member-driven support and education group that is open to all polyamorous, poly-curious and poly-friendly people, regardless of sexual orientation. Every fourth Tuesday (schedule permitting) Open Love NY holds a discussion group event, led by prominent leaders and thinkers in the poly community, both locally and nationally. Open Love NY also serves to promote and support member-led events throughout the year.

Open Love NY blogs at *Poly Wanna Answer?* (openloveny.blogspot.com) where readers can get confidential relationship advice from the polyamorous perspective.

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What is Polyamory?

Polyamory (derived from the Greek and Latin roots for “many loves”) is also known as ethical or responsible non-monogamy. In a polyamorous relationship, people can have meaningful emotional and/or physical relationships with multiple people simultaneously, with the full knowledge and consent of everyone involved.

There are as many forms of polyamory as there are people who practice it, but the main hallmarks are honesty, constant communication and emotional openness. In fact, many of the lessons learned from polyamory are applicable to traditional relationships as well. While there may be some overlap, polyamory is NOT the same as swinging, spouse swapping, or kink play. Polyamory does not imply any particular sexual behavior or rules; rather, it encourages people to explore and define their own rules in a way that makes sense to them, and respects the needs and desires of all parties involved.

While polyamory may not have set rules, Poly Cocktails does (see **House Rules**). Look for organizers wearing name badges if you have questions or to report any problems or issues.



Open Love NY Treasurer Buck Lawrence and Poly Cocktails organizers Diana Adams and O Man celebrate the merger of Poly Cocktails and Open Love NY in 2010



Open Love NY members enjoy events year-round, such as Poly Picnic in Brooklyn’s Prospect Park.

Poly Cocktails House Rules

Learn – Poly Cocktails is for learning about polyamory and developing friendships and connections. It is not a play space. No nudity, kink, or sex play is permitted at the event.

Open communications – Poly Cocktails is a place to exercise open communications with intention, foster interactive dialogue, facilitate trust, develop your listening skills, and give and receive support.

Verbal Consent – We encourage everyone to obtain verbal consent and explicit negotiations (as modeled at Cuddle Parties) before initiating physical contact (e.g. hugging).

Expectations – check them at the door! Interest in polyamory does not signal sexual availability or indicate sexual orientation.

Respectful behavior toward hosts and guests is required.

Safe Space – Poly Cocktails is safe space for all sexual orientations and gender/kink identities, as well as those who identify as monogamous. No photography, video or recording of any kind is allowed without prior verbal consent of all parties involved.