

Johan is 45 years young, lives and works in Antwerp.

Born and raised in a small country town he already noticed at a very young age that being "different" was not easily accepted.

He used to be a big heavy-weighted bear but after bariatric surgery at the age of 24 he lost over 65kg; he still is a big guy and feels good about the way he looks now.

On his 28th birthday he officially came out being a gay man and celebrated it with friends in clubs in Antwerp.

At the age of 30 he decided to move to Antwerp for work and discovered the gay scene even better.

Being openminded at work about his sexuality he is welcoming other LGBTIQ+ persons and became a role model for them.

Now he manages train staff in real-time during his working hours and that's where and how he met his partner Frank.

Being motivated by Frank, Johan came out as a leather man and started wearing leather outfits for the first time during Folsom Europe 2016 in Berlin.

After receiving so many compliments confirming him he really "wears" his leathers, he decided to start expanding his leather collection buying more outfits and gear... and he keeps doing that frequently.

He is very proud to be accepted by so many leather friends and still keeps making new friends worldwide, offline and online.

Johan has a nice, friendly, open and warm personality and likes to volunteer at different events as well.

Besides being a leather man he has a big heart for bears, puppies, rubber, superheroes and drag.

You can meet Johan in many well known leather clubs, bars and events in Belgium and Europe to continue socializing with other likeminded friends.

He would love to talk with you to share his story.