

# Rainbow over the City

## Training elderly care staff on Pink Seniors



- Facts and figures
  - 6 – 8 % LGBT
  - Percentage seems lower amongst 65+
  - Most LGBT seniors are 'out' with direct family and close friends
  - 54 % LGBT seniors are 'out' with care givers and other professionals
  - 22 % of LGBT seniors feels lonely most of the time
  - 37 % feels lonely occasionally
- Few staff know openly LGBT seniors
- Elderly perceived as homogenous group

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### Pink Passkey Project

- ANBO (Union for 50+)
  - COC Netherlands (national LGBT advocacy organisation)
  - MOVISIE (Netherlands Centre for social development)
  - Vilans (Expertise Centre on long-term care)
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- ✓ Training staff in care institutions
  - ✓ Educating residents in care institutions
  - ✓ Empowering LGBT seniors
  - ✓ Agenda setting with institutions, municipalities and organisations
  - ✓ Mainstreaming with health care insurance companies

## QUIZ

- ❖ How many gay men and lesbian women were beaten up or cursed at least once in their lives?
  - a) 7 in 1000
  - b) 7 in 100
  - c) 7 in 10
  
- ❖ How many LGBT 55+ are there in The Netherlands?  
(population 15 million)
  - a) Between 5.000 and 9.000
  - b) Between 21.00 and 54.000
  - c) Between 120.000 and 210.000
  - d) Between 240.000 and 320.000

## QUIZ

- ❖ Since when was sex between same sex youth no longer a crime?
  - a) That was never a crime
  - b) Since 1850
  - c) Since 1971
  
- ❖ When was homosexuality removed from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)?
  - a) Homosexuality is still considered a psychiatric disorder according to the DSM
  - b) Since 1884
  - c) Since 1973
  - d) Homosexuality was never considered a psychiatric disorder according to the DSM

## QUIZ

- ❖ Why is pink the colour associated with the LGBT community?
  - a) Pink is the favourite colour of LGBT's
  - b) Gay men were forced to wear pink triangles in German concentration camps
  - c) The first openly gay men wore pink shirts as a sign of mutual understanding