ILGA-Europe’s Annual Conference 2014, Riga, Latvia, 9.-11. October 2014

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Preliminary Conference Programme

The Annual Conference Programme is currently been created. At this stage we would like to provide you with the general overview of the programme.

Wednesday, 8th of October 2014

ILGA-Europe and Mozaika will welcome the participants at the Opening reception on the evening before the official beginning of the Conference. The opening reception will feature special guests.

Thursday, 9th of October 2014

The first day of the Conference will start with an Opening Morning during which we will look back on developments that the European LGBTI Movement has seen since the last conference. The opening will feature a panel which will include speeches by ILGA-Europe’s co-chairs, Gabi Calleja and Paulo Côrte-Real. The opening will also include a new feature of the Conference called QueerEd Talk. During the QueerEd Talk an opinion maker from the European human rights movement will address the audience, providing an introduction to the Conference theme. A High-level panel discussion will bring together this year’s keynote speakers in reflecting on successes and challenges of the European LGBTI movement. Confirmed keynote speakers are: Graeme Reid (Director of the LGBT Programme at Human Rights Watch), Eliza Byard (Executive Director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network), Charles Radcliffe (senior UN human rights adviser on sexual orientation and gender identity) and Helena Dalli (Maltese Civil Liberties Minister).

During all of the Conference days various workshops carried out by the participants and ILGA-Europe’s team will take place. Workshops will address many different issues relevant to the Conference theme and to the European LGBTI movement in general, such as: reflecting on recent policies achieved and strategies developed by the LGBTI movement;
practices and theories of achieving social and political changes (capacity building workshop on); communication as tool for achieving change (capacity building workshop on); workshops on specific issues (e.g. intersex, employment, sex workers, etc.); and much more.

As according to tradition, at the Annual Conference the Annual General Meeting of ILGA-Europe’s Member Organisations will take place, during which, amongst others, the ILGA-Europe and ILGA Executive Board are elected.

Accompanying the formal programme, there will also be many informal activities taking place throughout the Conference. Participants will be able to schedule self-organized meetings on the topics of their specific interests. During women caucus women related issues will be discussed in a safe environment. There will be the possibility of attending a women evening party, a city tour as well as to visit an on-venue exhibition. The Conference will come to an end with a gala dinner outside of the Conference venue, followed by a closing party …