

Preliminary Conference Programme

We are one step closer to the ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2018. The ILGA-Europe Conference is the largest annual gathering of LGBTI activists and allies in Europe and Central Asia. This year, under the theme “*Politics for Change: from Words into action*”, we expect to welcome 500 participants – including activists, our NGO partners, policymakers, European institutions and supportive businesses.

The Annual Conference sets the agenda for LGBTI movements and promotes political action. It will connect activists and enablers of change from multiple areas with the aim of promoting LGBTI civil rights through capacity building.

This preliminary programme has been shaped by the experiences and stories that have empowered communities throughout Europe and Central Asia.

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Registration desk opens

17:00 Newbie Sessions: If you are not really sure what ILGA-Europe is or how we works, if you are wondering what happens at the Annual Conference, or if you are not sure about how decisions are made here, you are most likely not the only one. Whether it is your first time at the ILGA-Europe Annual Conference or not, if you have questions, this session is for you! We will make sure that introductions are made and all the basic information is shared, so you are fully prepared to participate and enjoy the 2018 Annual Conference.

18:00 Connecting Spaces: To make the conference a welcoming space we offer ***Connecting Spaces*** at the very start where you can connect with other participants with a shared aspect of your identity. In this session you can talk about how you can support each other throughout the conference. We are working to bring together spaces for Bisexual people, LGBTI people of Faith, Trans, Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming people, Russian-speakers, Intersex people, Disabled LGBTI people and more. We look forward to making the conference a welcoming, safe and accessible space for everyone and to seeing how different perspectives come together to enrich our collective discussions and thinking.

19:30 -23:00 Highlight: Opening Ceremony at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium



Thursday, 25 October 2018

09:00 Opening Session:

QueerED speech from Ailbhe Smyth, feminist, socialist and LGBT activist from Ireland

First Vice President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans

Opening Panel

12:15 Plenary 1: Opening of ILGA-Europe's Annual General Meeting (AGM), Setting Ground Rules, Appointment of Chairing Pool, Introduction of the Agenda, Presentation of Activity Report, Presentations from ILGA World representatives.


14:30 – 18:00 Workshops. Topics will include: Digital security bootcamp; organising in exile: LGBTI migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Europe; business and civil society dialogue – building effective partnerships; together stronger against organised attacks against LGBTI people, women's rights and SRHR; freedom of movement of same-sex couples: the Coman judgment; 'Fake dates' on the internet: how to protect LGBTI people; sex work; European LGBT School Climate Research; Bi the Change!; Building narratives to defuse the anti-gender movement; Gypsy, Roma, Travellers, Sinti LGBTIQ workshop; and AGM workshops

Consultations: Experts on various topics will offer one-on-one consultations in an area of their expertise.

18:30 – 20:00 Research & Project Presentations: Gabriele Dannerts (Participatory health research for Lesbian, bisexual and queer women in Germany - the project 'Queergesund'); Antoine Baleige (Gender incongruence, from psychiatry to sexual health : science supporting human rights - results from a French study); Daniela Tomasino (PrevenGo: STD prevention comes to you); Roman Ivasiy (Ukrainian School Climate Survey) ; Kaj Peolman (European LGBT School Climate Research what is the next step?) Milena Papakoch (Mechanisms for protection of LGBTI rights on local level: Sustainable solution or just a phase?); Katarzyna Malinowska (Whether we march with banners or without, the important thing is that we march together, all of us – A short story of collective actions of LGBTQIA allies in Poland).

Self-organised spaces: These sessions can be planned or spontaneously organised when you arrive at the conference; they can focus on any subject of interest to the conference participants.

Networking Space: This space is designed to provide participants with a place to get to know each other and each other's work. Participants can meet fellow activists, discuss issues of importance to



their work, and hopefully establish relationships to be built on further during the rest of the Conference. You can display materials at this space.

Other events planned include: Women's Caucus; film screening; relaxation session; informal activities.

Friday, 26 October 2018

09:30 Panel

11:30 – 13:00 Workshops. Topics will include: Moving out of Crisis; Campaign, outreach and engaging through video-making; Using SDGs in advocacy for LGBTI Rights; Organising 101: What, why and how we organise with the LGBTI communities?; Gender Marker; and AGM workshop.

14:30 Highlight: Political Panel – ‘town hall’-style session

14:30- 16:00 Workshops. Topics will include: Glitter your anger: How to engage with LGBTI stars and public figures; Fighting against homophobia in sport; Organising with the LGBTI communities: experiences, challenges and inspirations from the movement; ‘Leaving no-one Behind’ – achieving 90-90-90 with Migrant Communities in Fortress Europe; Faith in the human rights discourse: can God be part of the rainbow?; and AGM workshop.

Consultations

16:30 Plenary 2

18:30 Research & Project Presentation: Livan Soto (The right to self-determination of gender identity a reality for trans people in Spain); Richard Hernández Giddens (Transnational reviewing & remembering violence: Testimonials of UK rape Crisis counsellors & LGBTQIA+ POC sexual assault survivors); Roberta Orlando (Arts & Human Rights - Bridging gaps // * Taking actions) Tim Veith (Muscler or queer? Masculinities in gay magazines in Poland, Italy and Germany 1980 to 2000); Christoph Alms (LGBTIQ* Heroes and Allies – Challenges, Criticism, and Chances); Rosario Coco (Outsport - Lgbti people and Sport); Leila + Sabine (Pride or shame? Europe is Still Falling Short in deciding LGBTQI+ asylum claims); Dinah Bons (Participative peer to peer research on stigma and violence amongst sex workers incl male/trans).

Self-organised spaces

Networking Space

Other events planned include: Karaoke; Game Night; Relaxation Session, informal activities.



Saturday, 27 October 2018

09:00 Plenary 3

09:30 – 13:00 Workshops. Topics will include: Mobilising communities in a hostile environment: from safe spaces to action; The winners tests it all: how audience research and testing can make campaigns more effective; Protecting Intersex People. A toolkit for policy and law makers; LGBTIQ Homelessness; Allies waving the rainbow flag: are they putting words into action? ; “The state of politics for change for lesbians* in Europe & Central Asia: what exists?, what works?, how can we improve?”; Central Asia; informed consent principles: re-imagining trans specific healthcare; Equality in the workplace: LGBTI employee groups putting words into action; Funding for LGBTI activism in Europe and Central Asia; risks and potential of global days for the LGBTI movement; and AGM workshop.

Consultations

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14:30 – 16:00 - Plenary 4

16:30 Conference wrap-up session, including UN Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity, Victor Madrigal-Borloz.

20:00 Highlight: Closing Gala Dinner with Entertainment at the conference hotel

Other events planned include: After Party