Seta -
LGBTI RIGHTS IN FINLAND

Seta in a nutshell:

- Founded in 1974
- 21 member organizations, activities all over country
- Advocacy, trainings, social work and youth work
- Transgender Support Center
- Wide range of partners both in Finland and abroad
- Member of ILGA -Europe, Transgender Europe, IGLYO, SOSTE, Finnish Youth Cooperation - Alliance, Family Federation of Finland
- Currently employs 9 persons
- The main contributors are Finland’s Slot Machine Association (RAY) and the Ministry of Education and Culture

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Material in English:

Diversity is us (2012)
Video about the lives of eight young LGBTI people in Finland, subtitles in English, 20 min.

> Youtube > Moninaisuus on meissä

None of the Above
Young Transgender and Intersex People´s Vision for 2020, brochure, pdf

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SETA – LGBTI RIGHTS IN FINLAND aims for a society and individual welfare that includes everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. We want to change legislation and attitudes through education and information and by cooperating with authorities and political decision-makers.

Seta is working with the whole of society and collaborates with a wide range of institutions and bodies. We are members of Family Federation, Finnish Youth Cooperation Allianssi and Social and Soste (umbrella organisation of social and health NGO’s), as well as the international organizations for LGBTI people, ILGA, ILGA-Europe, IGLYO and Transgender Europe.

SETA HAS 21 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS from Lapland to Åland Islands. Some of the organizations operate nationwide and some on a local or regional level. In 2013 member organizations of Seta had all together about 4,000 members. Currently Seta has also 14 supporting members, that are mainly student unions and political youth organizations.

Activities of Seta’s and its member organizations are organized by a LARGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS and employees. Several gatherings, trainings and peer group meetings are organized at Seta’s office weekly. At the office we have a small library and a dressing room, which is mainly used by transvestites.

SETA’S TRANSGENDER SUPPORT CENTER offers its services to all trans and intersex persons, to those pondering their gender and to their close ones. Support is offered through counselling and therapy by the staff, peer group activities and other events organized by volunteers. Transgender Support Center provides information on gender diversity to different target groups. Services are FREE OF CHARGE, except for professional trainings.

Our activities are based on human rights and self-determination. Key issues for us in the following years are self-determination regarding to own gender, equal marital and family law and wellbeing of LGBTI children and youth. SETA’S POLITICAL STRATEGY 2014-2017 opens up the key issues in more depth. This strategy will be approved in December 2013.