

Gathering Online '21 THE POWER OF US ILGA-Europe : October 25–29

Preliminary Programme

CHANGE AND THE POWER OF US

Change is an inherent part of being alive. However, change – especially, big shifts and unexpected developments, the changes that bring uncertainty and risks – can be terrifying. One of the first human responses is to fight against it. We go into survival mode, or on the offensive.

Over the past 18 months, we have been deeply reminded that change can come unexpectedly and can wreak havoc, and most of us have been left with more questions than we have answers. We've also seen in stark ways how our ability to deal with change is so often framed by bigger structures of inequalities.

Still, going through change is probably one of the most common human experiences of all. And our movement has proven it is an incredible source of strength, solidarity, support and inspiration in navigating the changes we all face - whether welcomed, challenging or frightening - as individuals, as activists, as organisations, as communities.

The Gathering this year, our second online alternative to an in-person ILGA-Europe conference, will focus on how we can harness that power of us at this time, when the change brought about by the rising anti-LGBTI forces, the COVID-19 pandemic and many other socio-economic and environmental changes are altering our world in ways in which we don't fully understand yet, and are affecting LGBTI communities in adverse ways. We will be taking a moment to reflect on how we deal with change as people and a movement, and on all the richness, strength and learning that lies within our movement to continue to move forward together and for each other.

MONDAY OCTOBER 25

Tech trouble-shooting (English) 10:30-11:30 CEST

Tech trouble-shooting (Russian) 10:30-11:00 CEST

Queer Ed Opening Plenary 14:30 - 16:00 CEST

Speed dating Social 16:30 - 17:30 CEST

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26

Drop-in coffee Social 10:30 - 11:00 CEST

Mobilising business to counter anti-LGBTI forces and support LGBTI inclusive societies IE Workshop 11:00-12:30 CEST

How can the EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy support your work? Member-led Workshop 11:00-12:30 CEST

Is COVID-19 over? COVID-19 and trans communities in Europe and Central Asia: Survive and Sustain Member-led Workshop 11:00-12:30 CEST

Building alliances to respond to the socio-economic needs of the LGBTI community IE Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

Truth to Power: Data-led advocacy for LGBTQI+ justice Member-led Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

Searching for Rights Member-led Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

LGBT+ issues and the conflict perspective in Eastern Europe Member-led Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27

Drop-in coffee Social 10:30 - 11:00 CEST

Panel: The Power Of Us Plenary 11:00-12:30 CEST

Anti-racism in the LGBTI movement: Why and how white allies should care, practice and speak up IE Workshop 13:30 - 16:30 CEST

Facing and experiencing racism within and outside of the LGBTI movement BPOC and ethnic background LGBTI people space only IE Workshop 13:30 - 16:30 CEST

Newbie Happy Hour: Everything you always wanted to know about ILGA-Europe IE Workshop 17:00 - 18:00 CEST

THURSDAY OCTOBER 28

Drop-in coffee Social 10:00 - 10:30 CEST

Facing anti-trans violence Trans*-only space IE Workshop 10:30-13:30 CEST

The role of LGB cis people in the movement in speaking up against anti-trans attacks IE Workshop 10:30-13:30 CEST

Using story to foster change IE Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

Far right rhetoric coming from Russia: what's the beast and how to tackle it IE Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

Running α shelter for LGBTI+ Member-led Workshop 14:30-15:30 CEST

Failing to protect LGBTQI+ refugees: new evidence on how stereotypes are used in credibility assessments Member-led Workshop 14:30-16:00 CEST

Drag Bingo! Social 16:30-17:30 CEST

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29

A discussion about change IE Workshop 11:00 - 12:30 CEST

Communication and advocacy strategies in the midst of rising anti-LGBTI/ anti-gender rhetoric IE Workshop 11:00 - 12:30 CEST

Solidarity in the context of governmental anti-LGBTI attacks, anti-rights laws and legal limitations IE Workshop 11:00 - 12:30 CEST

How Trade Unions and LGBT+ groups can work together to promote LGBT+ equality, locally, nationally and globally Member-led Workshop 11:00 - 12:30 CEST

Closing The Gathering 2021 Plenary 14:30-16:00 CEST

SELF-ORGANISED SPACES

Outside of the organised workshop programme, we will also offer selforganised spaces. This is a way for you to organise a session around an area of shared interest. You will be able to claim a self-organised space at the very beginning of The Gathering.

Available spaces are limited and will be given away on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Our event app will offer further networking opportunities and spaces for you to meet with other activists and stakeholders.

Stay tuned for more information! ilga-europe.org/gathering-online-2021

We look forward to welcoming you to The Gathering Online 2021, for what promises to be five great days of engagement, discussion, networking, learning and finding steps forward in strength and solidarity!

The ILGA-Europe Gathering Team