

INVITATION

to the 1st Rainbow Parliament on Saturday February 17 2018 in BERLIN "Acceptance for LGBTI* - Stronger Through Togetherness"

Decades of struggle have seen significant progress in the legal recognition and acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people (LGBTI*) within society. Yet even after the introduction of same-sex marriage in Germany, and the ground-breaking ruling handed down by Germany's Federal Constitutional Court on the Third Sex, much still remains to be done. Homophobia, transphobia and other forms of hostility toward particular groups are visible in many parts of society. In addition, opponents of equality, flanked by religious fundamentalist groups and nationalist initiatives, are attempting to turn public opinion against the acceptance of sexual and gender diversity in our society.

In Germany's first Rainbow Parliament, we aim to identify what is needed to enhance "Rainbow Competence"¹ in social work, the world of sport, religious communities, support and integration of refugees, also in the media and in international cultural and language policies. For social work, there will be a forum specifically for professionals in the field. All forums will formulate strategies and requirements for implementation, and provide a platform for networking and qualified debate.

When: **Saturday, February 17, 2018, 09:30 - 17:00**

Where: **Humboldt University, Dorotheenstraße 24, University Building at Hegelplatz,
10117 Berlin**

The event is intended for LGBTI* activists and professionals in education, science, media, politics, sports, the arts, religion, social work, anti-discrimination and anti-racism work, youth work and migrant organizations. It also serves as a valuable interface between federal, state and local policy initiatives.

Please register by February 9 2018 at the latest. (see registration form)

The Rainbow Parliament would not be possible without a **financial contribution** from participants. The fee of EUR 30 per person should be paid into the following account:

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¹ "Rainbow competence" is the ability of specialist staff to engage with issues relating to sexual orientation professionally and without discrimination.

Agenda

09:30 **Arrival, registration**

10:00 **Opening of Rainbow Parliament**

Henny Engels (Member of LSVD National Executive Board)

Jörg Steinert (CEO of LSVD Berlin-Brandenburg)

10:15 **Input: “How can we decrease homophobia and transphobia by raising awareness and engaging with people? Conclusions from research in social psychology.”** - Dr. Ulrich Klocke (Research associate, Humboldt University Berlin)

10:45 **Questions & answers on the input**

11:00 **Presentation of the forums**

11:15 **Coffee break, participants go to the forums**

11:30 **Forum Round I**

Forum 1: “Rainbow Competence for Professionals in Social Work” - Led by: Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schmauch (retired) (Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences) - *Professional development forum exclusively for professionals in the field of social work*

Forum 2: “Rainbow Competence for Religious and Ideological Communities” - Led by: Henny Engels (Member of LSVD National Executive Board)
Experts: Juliane Kuske (Rainbowforum), Dr. Michael Brinkschröder (German ecumenical working group "Homosexuals and Church - HuK), Rabeya Müller (Association of Liberal Muslims – LIB, Executive Board), N.N. (Humanist Association of Germany, invited)

Forum 3: “LGBTI* Community and Refugees: Together against being Instrumentalized by Right-Wing Populists” - Led by: Alia Raza (LSVD project “Queer Refugees Germany”)

Experts: Simone Rafael (Amadeo Antonio Foundation), Alya Khabaz (trans* activist), Dr. Carolin Küppers (Federal Foundation Magnus Hirschfeld), Ahmed Mohamed (LGBTI* activist)

Forum 4: “Rainbow Competence for Sport” - Led by: Nicole Selmer (Deputy Editor-in Chief, ballesterer Football Magazine)

Experts: Björn Fecker (German Football Association DFB / President of the Bremen Football Association), Christian Rudolph (LSVD project Soccer Sound), Gerd Liesegang (Vice-president of the Berlin Football Association), Nikola Staritz (Austrian fairplay Initiative)

Forum 5: “LGBTI* Lives through the Media: Wish and Reality”- Led by: Jenny Renner (Member of Broadcasting Council of German TV channel ZDF)

Experts: Stephanie Kuhnen (Journalist and editor of the book “Lesben raus! – Für mehr lesbische Sichtbarkeit”; “Lesbians out” For more lesbian visibility”), Lucie Veith (Association of Intersex People), Tilmann Warnecke (Der Tagesspiegel), Katrin Kroemer (Journalist /Member of the Executive Board, German Federation of Journalists)

Forum 6: “Rainbow Competence in Policymaking for Language & Culture”- Led by: Axel Hochrein (Member of the Executive Board of Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation) / Klaus Jetz (Managing Director of LSVD)
Experts: Terry Reintke (Parliamentary Group of Greens/European Free Alliance, MEP) Tim Hülquist (Institute for Foreign Relations), Susanne Niemann (Goethe Institute)

13:00 **Plenary session – snapshots from the forums**

13:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 **Forum Round II – specific steps for action and strengthening**

15:30 **Coffee break / return to plenary session**

15:45 **Panel discussion – “Rainbow Competence in Politics and Society”**

Axel Hochrein (Member of the Executive Board of Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation), Prof. Dr. Ulrike Schmauch, retired (Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences), Alia Raza (LSVD project “Queer Refugees Germany”), Jenny Renner (Member of ZDF Broadcasting Council), Henny Engels (Member of LSVD National Executive Board)

16:45 **Feedback, end of event**

The 1st Rainbow Parliament will be moderated by Dr. Julia Borggräfe



The LSVD project “**Miteinander stärken**”, which roughly translates as “**Stronger through Togetherness**”, promotes the acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and intersex people (LGBTI*). By developing sustainable strategies and establishing alliances within civil

society, we can work to combat right-wing populist and anti-LGBTI* attitudes, and empower LGBTI* and their allies. Project website: www.miteinander-staerken.de

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Registration form

**Rainbow Parliament “Acceptance for LGBTI* - Stronger through Togetherness”
on February 17 2018 in Berlin**

Personal details:

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Street _____

Postcode (zip) _____ Town _____

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I would like to take part in...

- Forum 1 **“Rainbow Competence for Professionals in Social Work”**
Exclusively for professionals in the field of social work
- Forum 2 **“Rainbow Competence for Religious and Ideological Communities”**
- Forum 3 **“LGBTI* Community and Refugees: Together against being
Instrumentalized by Right-Wing Populists”**
- Forum 4 **“Rainbow Competence for Sport”**
- Forum 5 **“LGBTI* Lives through the Media: Wish and Reality”**
- Forum 6 **“Rainbow Competence in Policymaking for Language & Culture”**

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Other requests / notes:

I hereby register for the above event.

I shall pay the participant fee of EUR **30** into the specified bank account no later than February 9 2018.

Place, date

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