



City of Oslo

From Vision to Action - Making Rights a Reality

How civil society and government can work together to protect and enhance LGBTIQ-rights



Europride Human Rights Conference 2014
Oslo City Hall, Norway, June 26-27th 2014

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Draft program

The City of Oslo and the LGBT-association in Oslo and Akershus welcomes cities and NGOs across Europe to the 2014 EuroPride Human Right conference. Civil rights and urban freedoms – mobility of thought, talent and identity – are central to the urban sense of justice as well as to city growth and creativity. The conference will address challenges LGBTIQ-people meet in the daily life of our cities, the links between discrimination due to gender and ethnicity as well as sexual orientation, and how cities, public authorities and civil society can join forces and make LGBTIQ-rights a reality in Europe.

The Europride Human Rights Conference is part of the EuroPride 2014 in Oslo. The program starts on June 20th with Pride House at the House of Literature, followed by The Pride Park at City Hall Square on June 25th and the Pride Parade on the June 28th. More information is available at www.europride2014.com



THURSDAY JUNE 26th

09:00-09:20 WELCOME

The Mayor of Oslo opens the conference

09:30-11:45 INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LGBTIQ-ISSUES

What challenges does LGBTIQ-people meet in our daily life and what is the status of the work being conducted for the LGBTIQ-population?

By pointing out current problems we will lay a foundation for constructive problem solving. Several professional authorities, government agencies and NGOs will give us a good insight into the current situation and current challenges.

11:45-12:45 LUNCH will be served in City Hall

12:45-1430 HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LGBTIQ-RIGHTS

Which international, regional and national institutions and procedures can be used by different tiers of government and civil society to protect and enhance LGBTIQ rights?

The United Nations, Council of Europe and several international institutions have today targeted work to ensure the human rights for LGBTIQ-people through various tools. Civil society, state and local authorities can conduct much of this work. Here we look at how we can use the UN and the Council of Europe to promote rights at regional and international levels.

14:30-15:00 OXLO

The OXLO policy – Oslo Extra Large – was launched by the Oslo City Council in 2001: Oslo is a city for all, where everyone has equal value and where everyone can develop their own identity and future.

Oslo Extra Large may be seen as a declaration of human rights translated into the specific urban reality of Oslo. The central themes are freedom and mobility – mobility of thought, talent and identity. Here we present the case for civil rights and urban freedoms - the freedom to enter into relationships with other people and create your own identity as central to the urban sense of justice as well as to city growth and creativity.

FRIDAY JUNE 27th

09:00-11:00 HOW TO PROVIDE GOOD SERVICES FOR THE LGBTIQ-POPULATION

What are good services for the LGBTIQ-population? Are specific services needed? A special emphasize will be given on health and educational services.

The City Government of Oslo prepares an action plan on LGBTIQ-issues, including a standard for equal public services. The concluding session of the conference invites cities and NGOs as well as delegates local to Oslo, to share views and best practices.

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:30 END DISCUSSIONS AND SUMMARY