

HOMOSPORT

Invitation

Building Bridges 3



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Stichting Homosport Nederland, in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports and the City of The Hague, cordially invites you to participate in 'Building Bridges 3'.

A conference about the position of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender (LGBT) in sports is taking place on the 6th of March 2009, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation.

The event will be held in the Museum for Communication, Zeestraat 82, in The Hague, and is primarily intended for the policymakers of governing bodies and administrators from both LGBT-sports organisations and general sport organisations.

The conference can accommodate a maximum of 150 persons. Your registration will be considered on a first-come, first served basis. Costs of the conference are covered.

Workshops You will find the descriptions of the workshops enclosed

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Program

- 09:00 – 10:30 Registration for conference and AGA EGLSF
- 10:30 – 10:40 Opening by **Kathelijne Buitenweg**, Member of European Parliament
- 10:40 – 10:50 Welcome by **Bert van Alphen**, Alderman, The Hague
- 10:50 – 12:00
- Ms. **Anne Jensen**, Co-Chair EGLSF.
20th anniversary EGLSF speech
 - Mr **Ben Baks**, Liaison Officer for the EGLSF to the Council of Europe
Is there a case for LGBT rights in sport?
 - Mr. **Havard B. Ovregard**, Project Manager for "With Sports Against Homophobia,"
a collaborative project by The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports,
The Norwegian LGBT Association, and the Norwegian People's Aid. Mr. Ovregard will give an overview of
the project, provide key findings regarding LGBT and sport in Norway and will outline work in awareness
for LGBT and against homophobia in mainstream sports organisations in Norway.
- Intermezzo**
- Mr. **Pedro Velázquez**, Deputy Head of the Sport Unit, Directorate General for Education and Culture,
European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
 - Mr. **William Gaillard**, Director of Communications and Public Affairs for Union of European Football
Associations (UEFA) and Senior Advisor to the President of the UEFA, Michel Platini.
- 12:15 – 13:45 Lunch
- 13:45 – 15:00 Workshop round I
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15 – 16:30 Workshop round II
- 16:30 – 17:15 Plenary session
Mrs. **Judith Schuyf**, chair of Homosport Nederland: concluding remarks

from 17:30 Drinks in the City Hall of The Hague, Spui 70, The Hague

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Please make your workshop choices clear when registering for the conference. As there are various sizes of workshop rooms, we will allocate the most popular workshops in the biggest rooms. We will also do our best to accommodate your first workshop preference. The workshops will be repeated in each workshop round.

Workshop 1

Diversity in Football - Strategies against Homophobia in Football

Tanja Walther-Ahrens, Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE)/EGLSF, Germany and
Lucy Faulkner, Equality Manager, The Football Association, United Kingdom

Discrimination against LGBT people is far-reaching. Homophobia in the sports world can be considered as merely "part of the game," take football as an example.

Without the help and support of the "straight world" it would be impossible to change the attitudes and intolerance of players, coaches and officials in order to secure the inclusion of all people alike.

This workshop gives an overview of the anti-discrimination work in England and Germany.

Workshop 2

Strategy in the Netherlands

Lieke Vloet, Senior advisor, NOC*NSF, The Netherlands

NOC*NSF Dutch Olympic Committee and National Sport Federation is part of an alliance to improve the social acceptance of homosexuals in sport.

The alliance will be presented and discussed in this workshop with emphasis on goals, measures, opportunities, successes and pitfalls. The role of organised sport in this alliance will receive special attention.

Workshop 3

Cooperation between LGBT and Regular Sport Clubs: Why and How

Moderator: Ole Udsholt

Speakers: Tommy Kristoffersen, Director of Sports Programme, World Outgames Copenhagen 2009;

Peter Munk, Chairman of Pan Idraet;

Henrik Hansen, Board member of DGI-Greater Copenhagen, Denmark

The LGBT sport movement has changed tremendously over the years. Sport clubs have grown from being small and community based to having large memberships and offering a variety of sports forming both formal and informal networks and federations regionally, continentally and internationally.

Starting out from the experiences in Copenhagen, this workshop will focus on what both the local LGBT sport club and the international federations can gain in working together with regular sport clubs and federations.

Workshop 4

With Sports Against Homophobia

Havard B. Ovregard is project manager for "With Sports Against Homophobia," a collaborative project by The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports, The Norwegian LGBT Association, and the Norwegian People's Aid. Based on experiences from Norway, he will present strategies and tools for including LGBT- awareness and work against homophobia in mainstream sports organisations.

Workshop 5

Campaign Against Homophobia in the World of Sports

Speaker: An Gydé, team coach of "Equal Opportunities", Holebifederatie, Belgium

This workshop explains the background and methodology of a campaign against homophobia in the world of sports. The campaign, sponsored by the Flemish government and actualised during the FARE-action week, focused on creating LGBT awareness. A non-discrimination charter was signed by local clubs and large sport federations enabling them to cooperate in this endeavour. But the charter had a larger impact: two Flemish cities used this example, taking it one step further. Signing the charter became a formal requirement for sports clubs to receive city funding.

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