

Football is everything...

Succesful first evening against homophobia in German Football October 12, 2007 Olympic Stadium Berlin

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Agenda

- 19.00-19.30 Welcome:
Ms. Knake-Werner, Senatorin für Integration, Arbeit und Soziales
Mr. Ingo Schiller, HERTHA BSC
Mr. Helmut Spahn, German Football Association (DFB)
Mr. Thomas Schneider, German Football League (DFL)
Mr. Christian Dekker, Queer Football Fanclubs
EGLSF Trailer: Football is everything...and belongs to us all
- 19.30-19.45 Keynote Speech: Homophobia in Sport and Football
Ms. Marianne Meier (Swiss Academy for Development/UEFA)
- 19.45-20.00 Keynote Speech: Psychological factors of Homophobia
Mr. Prof. Dr. Martin Schweer (University Vechta)
- 20.00-ca.21.15 Panel discussion with:
Dr. Tatjana Eggeling (University Göttingen), Marcus Urban (former National Player GDR), Martin Endemann (BAFF), Nicole Selmer (author, women in football network F_IN), Cetin Özaydin (Türkiyemspor), Prof. Dr. Martin Schweer (University Vechta), Helmut Spahn (DFB)
- ca. 21.30 Signing the Declaration "Fighting Discrimination in Football" (see below)

The invitation went out to Football governing bodies, pro clubs, officials and sport professionals. Only a few Football governing bodies and pro clubs showed up, which illustrates that raising awareness of the reoccurring problem of homophobia in Football is still very important.

Attention should be paid to the fact the German Football Association (DFB) und the German Football League (DFL) both supported this evening and both will support further activities of the EGLSF e.g. a friendly match between gays and lesbians and officials from DFB/DFL.

The next steps will include evenings like the one in Berlin in Norway (December 2007), Denmark (May 2008) and Switzerland (June 2008). Contacts are already established with partners in England, France and Austria. Possible are also follow up events in Germany.

With signing the declaration against discrimination in football a first step for a welcoming football world for all is done. EGLSF will take care how the organisations who did already sign

the declaration implement the content of the declaration. By monitoring and supporting the organisations in their fight against homophobia EGLSF will create a strong partnership with them.

The following declaration was signed by:

**1.FFC Turbine Potsdam
Berliner Fußball-Verband
Blaue Bengel Bielefeld
Bundestagsfraktion Bündnis 90/Die Grünen "Die Grüne Tulpe"
Bundesverband LSVD
Deutscher Fußball-Bund
Deutsche Fußball Liga
F_IN Frauen im Fußball
Fanbündnis Pro-Fans
Faninitiative "Bunte Kurve" FC Sachsen Leipzig
FC Carl Zeiss Jena e.V.
FC Energie Cottbus e.V.
FSV Frankfurt 1899 e.V.
Fußball-Verband Mittelrhein
Hamburger Fußball-Verband
Hamburger Sport-Verein e.V.
Hertha BSC
Hertha Junxx
LSVD Berlin-Brandenburg "Respect Gaymes"
MAKKABI Deutschland e.V.
Maneo (Schwules Überfalltelefon Berlin)
Nordostdeutscher Fußballverband
Rainbow-Borussen Dortmund
Roter Stern NordOst Berlin
SC Rot-Weiß Oberhausen e.V.
Seitenwechsel e.V.
SG Dynamo Dresden
Startschuß Hamburg
Stuttgarter Junxx
Supporter Karlsruhe
Türkiyemspor Berlin
Vorspiel e.V.
Werder Bremen
Wildparkjunxx**

**Declaration
„Fighting Discrimination in Football”**

The participants ofevent support this declaration and conclude to transfer these objectives in their clubs and organisations:

- **bringing up all forms discrimination**

Anybody determined to fight discrimination must first acknowledge the fact that there are other forms of discrimination in football besides racism. These include discrimination of challenged persons, anti-Semitism, homophobia, islamophobia, sexism and xenophobia. He or she must also acknowledge that any form of discrimination is always directed at people involved in the football world such as fans, players, coaches, assistants, referees, etc.

- **incorporate anti-discrimination paragraphs in stadium and club statutes**
Hostilities in football concern everybody, not just women, homosexuals or persons of different faith. For this reason, not just anti-racism, but anti-discrimination paragraphs will be incorporated in stadium and club statutes. These sections will state that nobody may be discriminated against because of their sexual orientation, skin colour, gender, challenge or faith.
- **acting on target**
Simply introducing this paragraph will not suffice. In order to make the public aware of the new provisions, their introduction should be supplemented by PR activities such as panel discussions, flyers handed out at stadiums, and comments by players. Activities should also include educating security guards, coaches, referees, assistants and youth teams on a regular basis in order to guard against prejudice and eliminate its foundations.
- **support the diversity of football**
Diversity in football should be presented as a matter of course, e.g. by covering women's football on a regular basis or by reporting on the many ways in which gays and lesbians, women, ethnic minorities etc. are involved in football. By actively working together with gays and lesbians, migrants, women's football clubs, female fan clubs, etc. we can take sides against discrimination and reduce existing prejudice step by step.
- **making discrimination public**
Discriminatory behaviour or wearing provocative symbols will be registered and documented in order to make it available for analysis. This will be helpful for finding solutions and/or for imposing sanctions against the wrongdoer or the institution in question. Therefore every club and organisation should implement an anti-discrimination representative.

Press review (mostly German press):

http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/sport/aktuell/?sid=ec1a769f18f6423b4a8efba70198b8fd&em_cnt=1226041
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<http://www.gays-about.net/magazin/newsticker/erster-aktionsabend-gegen-homophobie-im-fussball/>
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<http://www.espsoccernet.fr/news/story?id=471989>
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<http://espanol.sports.yahoo.com/12102007/52/deportes-homosexualidad-gran-tab-mundo-futbol-stico.html>
<http://www.dosmanzanas.com/index.php/archives/3724>
<http://www.jornada.unam.mx/2007/10/13/index.php?section=sociedad&article=040n1soc>