

November 7

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE PROJECT

"NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US: EMPOWERING LGBT YOUTH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BULLYING"



TOGETHER WE CAN COUNTER HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING.

7 NOVEMBER 09:30 - 15:30 O'CLOCK

HOTEL "NERINGA". CONFERENCE HALL „JŪRA+MARIOS“.

Gediminas av. 23, Vilnius

Bullying in Lithuanian schools is a serious and relevant social and moral phenomenon. Homophobic discrimination and hatred directed against people because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, is related to verbal hatred and its violent manifestations. Therefore, bullying can often be not only a negative experience, but also a harmful phenomenon for an individual's physical and mental health.

Data from a survey of LGBT students, conducted by the National LGBT rights organization LGL, indicates that the sense of security of LGBT students due to bullying in Lithuanian schools has been significantly decreasing since 2017.

During the international conference, data from a survey of Lithuanian students and a research report will be presented. The experience of the partner organizations implementing the project "Nothing about us without us: Empowering LGBT youth in the fight against bullying" will be shared in discussions with members of school communities, Norway's and Iceland's good experience in the field of bullying prevention will be reviewed. At the event, we will also discuss the need to abolish the discriminatory provision of the Law on the Protection of Minors against the Detrimental Effect of Public Information, which has repeatedly been applied to restrict information related to the LGBT community.

The conference will be hosted by **Rugilė Butkevičiūtė**, co-founder of "Ribologija".

Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Registration is required!

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PROGRAM

9:30-10:00 Registration and welcoming coffee

10:00-10:20 Welcoming speeches

H. E. Ole Terje Horpestad, *Ambassador of Norway to Lithuania*
Sandra Adomavičiūtė, *Open Lithuania Foundation, Director*
Vladimiras Simonko, *National LGBT rights organization LGL, Executive Director*

10:20-10:50 Presentation of the main results of a survey for
LGBT students in Lithuanian schools

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lina Šumskaitė, *Vilnius University Faculty of
Philosophy Institute of Sociology and Social Work*

10:50-11:30 Keynote speech “Multiple minority – LGBTQ youth
with a minority background in Norway”

Anders Løkkeberg, *Psychologist, „Queer World”*

11:30-12:10 Keynote speech “Inclusion during the backlash:
How to move towards safety?”

Sólveig Rós Másdóttir

12:10-13:00 Discussion with a team of the project “Nothing
about us without us: Empowering LGBT youth in the
fight against bullying”: Challenges of improving the
situation of LGBT students in Lithuanian schools

Eglė Kuktoraitė, *National LGBT rights organization LGL,
Communication Manager*

Dovilė Rūkaitė, *Lithuanian Jewish Community & Bagel Shop
representative*

Erika Spietienė, *Vincas Kudirka pro-gymnasium, Deputy director
for education*

Ina Hauk, *FRI - The Norwegian Organization for Sexual and
Gender Diversity, Board member of the political leadership*

Jane-Victorius G. Bonsaksen, *Queer Youth Norway, President*

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:50 Discussion on the discriminatory provision of the Law on the Protection of Minors from the Negative Effects of Public Information: "Protection of minors or restriction of LGBT content?"

Moderator: Monika Antanaitytė, National LGBT rights organization LGL, lawyer, project manager

Jurga Greičienė, Ministry of Justice, Viceminister

Karolina Motiejūnaitė, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Equal Opportunities, Equality Between Women and Men Group, Chief Specialist

Agnė Liucilė Grickevičė, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Adviser to the Minister

Ana Buzarevič, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Family and Child Rights Protection Group, Advisor

Ieva Dirmaitė, Vilnius City Municipality, Human Rights Commission, Chairperson

Gražina Ramanauskaitė, Inspector of Journalist Ethics

Vladimiras Simonko, National LGBT rights organization LGL, Executive Director

Discussion is organized under the framework of the project "Protecting LGBTI youth by Repealing the Discriminatory Provision of the Lithuanian Law on the Protection of Minors". The project is funded by the European Union with the support of IGLYO.



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14:50-15:30 Discussion "Needs of LGBT students and youth in Lithuania"

Jūratė Baltuškienė, Psychologist, Head of Parent's Line

Emilis Mikulskis, Lithuanian Students' Union, Vice President

Klėja Merčaitytė, Council of Lithuanian Youth Organizations, Member of the Board

Violeta Tamelytė, LGL emotional support platform volunteer

Lina Linkaitė, LGL emotional support platform volunteer

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