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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“LGBTQI+ Inclusive Education for a Change in Diverse Society”

7 June 2024 • 09:30 AM – 14:45 PM • Vilnius City Municipality Conference Hall (Konstitucijos av. 3, 20th floor)

Data from a survey of LGBTQI+ 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.

Lack of LGBTQI+ inclusive education and scientifically based sexuality education, lack of teacher training in Lithuanian schools significantly contributes to hostile school climate for LGBTQI+ students. Empowering school climate is essential for LGBTQI+ students to reach their full potential in accessing education.

International cooperation, exchange of best practices, collaboration with decision makers, academia and businesses is essential in trying to solve the complex issue of anti-LGBTQI+ bullying and poor school climate. Together we can make a change to a more inclusive education in a more diverse society!

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

Simultaneous translation will be provided.

PROGRAM

9:30-10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00-10:30 PERFORMANCE BY THE STOCKHOLM KUNGSHOLMENS SCHOOL CHOIR & WELCOME SPEECHES

Dr. Arūnas Šileris, Vice Mayor, Vilnius City Municipality
Dr. Erika Leonaitė, Seimas Ombudsperson, Head of Seimas Ombudsperson Office
Helén Nilsson, Director, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania
Vladimiras Simonko, Executive Director, National LGBT rights organization LGL

10:30-11:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH “UNITY, DIVERSITY, PROGRESS”

Dr. Cheddar Gorgeous, British Drag Icon and Academic

11:00-11:30 SPEECH “HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND LIFE CONDITIONS OF YOUNG LGBTI PERSONS IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES: WHAT KNOWLEDGE DO WE HAVE?”

Dr. Anna Siverskog, Researcher and PhD, Gothenburg University

11:30-12:00

SPEECH “NATIONAL LGBTIQ EQUALITY PLAN: LGBTIQ INCLUSION IN EDUCATION AND BEYOND”

Vytautas Valentinavičius, PhD cand. in political science, Kaunas University of Technology

Monika Antanaitytė, Lawyer, National LGBT rights organization LGL

12:00-12:30

LUNCH BREAK

12:30-13:15

DISCUSSION “LGBTQI+ INCLUSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN LITHUANIAN SCHOOLS: MISSED OPPORTUNITIES”

Irena Raudienė, Head, Lower and Upper Secondary Education, Department of General Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

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

Umberto Masi, President, Lithuanian Youth Council

Lina Januškevičiūtė, Director, House of Diversity and Education

13:15-14:00

DISCUSSION “ANTI-LGBTQI+ BULLYING: IMPLICATIONS TO SCHOOL CLIMATE AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION”

Žana Vaišneiderienė, Advisor, Department of Support for Children and Families, State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour

Emilis Mikulskis, Vice President, Lithuanian Students‘ Union

Andreas Nielsen, Senior Adviser on Gender Equality and LGBTI Inclusion, Nordic Council of Ministers

Audronė Bedorf, Senior Advisor, Office of the Ombudsperson for Child‘s Rights

14:00-14:45

DISCUSSION “LGBTQI+ INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN DIVERSE SOCIETY: HOW CAN INCLUSIVE BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTE TO A POSITIVE CHANGE?”

Mariano Andrade Gonzalez, Director, Johnson Matthey Global Solutions

Francisco Martinez-Garcia, Chief Inclusion Officer, Moody‘s

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