

# ILGA-Europe announces fifth European Equality Gala

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**Next Thursday 27 June 2019 marks the European Equality Gala's fifth birthday**

The **biggest fundraising party for the LGBTI movement in Europe and Central Asia** will be held in a new venue at AREA 42 in Brussels, with all proceeds going directly towards ILGA-Europe's work defending LGBTI rights across the region.

Gala guests can expect tunes spinning from [DJ Azo](#), Syrian buffet from [culinary NGO We Exist](#) and free bubbly to kick off the evening.

The European Equality Raffle also see lucky winners claim prizes including:

- tickets to [Cher's Here We Go Again world tour](#), generously provided by Live Nation Belgium
- an original painting by [New York City-based artist Andres Palacios](#)
- an [Amsterdam Pride](#) weekend hotel package for two, generously provided by Meininger Hotels
- a [package of coaching sessions](#) to help you unlock and maximise your potential and performance, generously provided by Colloquium Coaching

"Across Europe and Central Asia, LGBTI activists are making change happen – from influencing policy-makers to providing services to the community from organising Prides to responding to crises," says Executive Director Evelyne Paradis. "This is your chance to fuel the movement, to help us continue our crucial work and to meet just some of the many activists, advocates and political leaders shaping the future of LGBTI equality."

The European Equality Gala has also received a number of flattering and inspiring comments from notable returning guests:

*"My favourite EU event of the year, with everyone smiling for a good cause – what's not to love?"*

– Ryan Heath, Political Editor at POLITICO Europe

*"For me, it's an opportunity to connect with fellow supporters of equality."*

Catherine Naughton, Director of the European Disability Forum

*"We continue to face backlash on LGBTI rights despite efforts for equality being made in Europe and across the world. This is why strong, well-resourced civil society is key to making equality, social justice and an inclusive Europe a reality for all."*

Piotr Sadowski, President of Social Platform

*“Supporting human rights, freedom and diversity in the most glittery and excited night of the year in Brussels. What could be better?”*

*Terry Reintke, Member of the European Parliament*