Join webinar on LGBTIQ youth homelessness and the role of LGBTIQ organisations

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Join us for the webinar An introduction to LGBTIQ youth homelessness and the role of LGBTIQ organisations on 27 September 2019 at 13.00 CEST.

LGBTIQ homelessness is a much under addressed issue in the European and Central-Asian region, a reality that needs to change.

As part of our intersectionality work and in an effort to address socio-economic inequalities and their impact on LGBTIQ people, ILGA-Europe are increasingly engaging around the issue, and more specifically on LGBTIQ youth homelessness.

By partnering with key actors in the sector and creating spaces for peer learning and exchange, we want to raise awareness, increase our collective knowledge and ultimately explore potential avenues for responses from the LGBTIQ movement.

During this webinar we will hear from three partners and friends of ILGA-Europe: FEANTSA, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless; Ljubljana Pride Association, active at the grassroots level in Slovenia specifically on youth LGBTIQ homelessness; and True Colors United, US based organisation implementing innovative solutions to youth homelessness that focus on the unique experiences of LGBTIQ young people.

What does the issue look like? What are challenges around service provision and what can LGBTIQ organisations and groups do? What are pressing needs and what are examples of tools, resources and strategies available?

Our guests will touch upon these elements to provide an introduction to LGBTIQ youth homelessness and to reflect on what role LGBTIQ organisations and groups can play.

Registration

Registration is now closed.

Presenters

Simona Mursec is the President of Ljubljana Pride Association since 2015. In her 20 year long career as an activist, youth political representative, human rights education trainer and facilitator of policy processes she has worked with numerous international and interregional institutions and NGOs from all over the globe. She is a fierce human rights advocate and practitioner and her main fields of interest are rights of minorities and marginalised groups, youth and youth policy processes, social inclusion and antiracism work. Ljubljana Pride Association has developed into a strong intersectional and anti-racist organisation under her auspices and leadership. Simona is currently employed at WeMove Europe, a European multi-issue online campaigning organisation, where she works

as their finance manager.

Robbie Stakelum works for FEANTSA, the EU Umbrella Group of Homeless Organisations, and leads on their work on LGBTIQ & youth homelessness, where he also coordinates a network of young professionals working towards the eradication of youth homelessness in Europe. He is a Course Director with the Council of Europe delivering the upcoming 5 day course on LGBTIQ homelessness in Budapest and also works as a professional and life coach.

Gregory Lewis – A longtime advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) equity, Gregory Lewis worked with Cyndi Lauper to launch True Colors United in 2008 and has served as its executive director since its founding. Under Gregory's leadership, True Colors United has grown into the leading national organization implementing innovative solutions to address youth homelessness by focusing on the unique experiences of LGBTQ youth. Gregory built the organization from the ground up, creating the infrastructure and development streams critical to its success. Gregory also served as an inaugural co-chair for four years of A Way Home America, a national initiative to build the movement to prevent and end homelessness among young people in the United States.

Watch a recording of the webinar