Theme for the ILGA-Europe 2022 Conference Announced.

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As ILGA-Europe gears up in the organisation of our Annual Conference, which takes place in Sofia this October, the theme ‘Shaping the World to Come’ has been announced

The theme for the 2022 ILGA-Europe conference will be ‘Shaping the World to Come’. This has been identified by the staff and board of ILGA-Europe at a moment in history when change is taking place so many diverse levels, and when the LGBTI movement needs to clarify its power and position in the evolving world.

With climate change, mass migration, the rise of right-wing populist forces and the exploitation of the digital world, politics have become ever more polarised and divided, based on the shaping of carefully constructed narratives rather than facts. Amid this, the stakes are high for the rights, freedom and equality of marginalised groups.

According to Executive Director of ILGA-Europe, Evelyne Paradis, “The change we are going through is being shaped by those in power. One of those powers is a long-standing, cohesive, forward-thinking, organised and active LGBTI movement, who alongside allies across the human rights arena, has been core to shaping a better society for all.

“Our place at the table in shaping the world to come is essential, but there are questions we need to ask ourselves as we go forward. How do we secure our place at the table? How do we ensure those who are never given a place at that table are included in shaping our world? How we continue to be empowered in solidarity and alliance, and how do we continue to empower others, so that the LGBTI movement is core to a better future for all?”

These questions will be integral to a rich programme of plenaries, workshops and talks that will take place at the conference in Sofia this coming October, organised and led both by ILGA-Europe staff and member organisations.

To find out more about this year's ILGA-Europe conference, click here.