

European conference on Homosexuality & Disability in Sports July 30th 2004 in Munich

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Vision: Building bridges

In sports as well as in the overall society there are various different groups encountering various different problems. But couldn't it be possible, that these problems and the ways of solving them aren't so different at all? This conference's aim is to build bridges between the groups and organizations of gay & lesbian sportspeople and groups and organizations of sportspeople with disabilities.

The aim of the conference is bringing together glibt's (gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders), people with disabilities and sportspeople in general. What can we learn from each other? The one day meeting will focus on best practice and networking!

The morning sessions will give an introduction and a broad theoretical overview on the topics homosexuality & disability, disability in sports and integration in sports and ends with a discussion among the speakers and the audience. After a lunch break two different workshops will be held. They will bring the theoretical views into practice. In between there will be breaks to enable participants to build bridges and work out new networks.

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Target group

Participants of EuroGames, delegates of gay and lesbian sports clubs, delegates working with disabled people, delegates of mainstream sports clubs.

The planned program is listed on the following two pages.

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Program, July 30th 2004 (morning - lectures)

09.00

Opening remarks, EuroBoardmember of EuroGames Munich 2004
Opening remarks, Aktion Mensch
Opening remarks, EGLSF

09.30 - 10.00

Plenary lecture I - **Homosexuality and disability**
Speaker: Hans Hengelein (Schwulenreferent der Niedersächsischen Landesregierung)

10.00 - 10.15

Portrait Daniela von Raffey (asked for)

10.15 - 10.45

Plenary lecture II - **Disability in sports**
Speaker: Reiner Krippner, President BVS Bayern e.V.

10.45 - 11.00

Portrait athlete with a disability

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 - 12.00

Plenary lecture III - **Integration in sports**
Can sports serve as a way to integrate gblt's and people with disabilities into society?
Speaker: Erica Terpstra, President of the National Olympic Committee of the netherlands (asked for)

12.00 - 13.00

Discussion with the speakers
The speakers will share their views and discuss them with the audience.

Moderator: NN

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch break in the cafeteria with a musical/literary background

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Program, July 30th 2004 (afternoon - workshops)

14.00 - 16.00 Workshop I Gay and lesbian youth with special needs (German/English)

A chairperson from LAMBDA Jugendnetzwerk will present the new study on gay and lesbian youth with special needs.

Speaker: LAMBDA Jugendnetzwerk

Verena Löhner of TU München will include an overview on sportspeople with special needs. To close the circle the speakers will discuss this topic with the participants.

Speaker: Verena Löhner

This workshop is of interest for all people, who work in social institutions and who would like to enhance their soft skills in dealing with people with special needs

Moderator: NN

14.00 - 16.00 Workshop II Sport as a safe haven for gays & lesbians in Europe (English)

Exchange of information about the status about gays and lesbians in sport in Europe.

- on a grassroot level: EGLSF member from Budapest (Gabor Pronger, Atlas SC) or Sofia (Stanislav Tanchev, Tangra)
- in a European level: Ben Baks about the meaning of the Council of Europe and EU to the EGLSF members
- on the European level: Pepe Garcia Vazquez or Lou Manders on Outreach

Moderator: Ole Udsholt

16.00 - 16.30
Coffee break

16.30 - 17.30
Presentation of the workshop's summaries, Discussion

17.30 End of the conference

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