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# ILGA-EUROPE

## **ILGA-Europe's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Patricia Prendiville**

Read the 6th article in the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of ILGA-Europe - this time a contribution from Patricia Prendiville.

[Read the testimonial here.](#)

## **Patronage from the Italian Senate to the Annual Conference 2011**

The Annual Conference 2011 in Turin has received the patronage of the Italian Senate.

[Read the official letter here.](#)

## **Prominent keynote speakers confirmed for the Annual Conference 2011**

ILGA-Europe is proud to announce Emma Bonino, Vice President and Member of the Italian Senate as one of the four confirmed keynote speakers at the Annual Conference 2011.

[Read more about the keynote speakers so far here.](#)

## **Calls for proposals - Human Rights Violations Documentation Fund**

ILGA-Europe announces 9th call for proposals within its Human Rights Violations Documentation Fund. Deadline for applications: 15 October 2011.

[Read more about the call for the proposals here.](#)

## **ILGA-Europe's podcast on Prides is out**

The 4th edition of The Equality Pod explores the Prides and Freedom of Assembly.

[Listen to the latest podcast here.](#)

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# EUROPE

## **New publication from Council of Europe on discrimination in Europe**

Council of Europe has launched a new publication called 'Combating discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity - Council of Europe standards'.

[Read more about the publication and how to order here.](#)

## **Malta: The correct Transposition of the EU's Freedom of Movement Directive**

Maltese LGBTI organisations acknowledge the positive step forward made by the Maltese Government in amending the legislation to correctly reflect the requirements of the EU's Freedom of Movement Directive although they regret that such a change from obviously discriminatory legislation only came about after infringement proceedings by the European Commission.

[Read the statement from Malta Gay Rights Movement and aditus here.](#)

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# **HATE & VIOLENCE**

## **Thomas Hammarberg - Homophobic and transphobic violence must be stopped in Turkey**

Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Thomas Hammarberg, speaks out about homophobic and transphobic violence in Turkey.

[Read the full statement from the Commissioner here.](#)

## **Transphobic police violence in Tirana, Albania**

On August 14, a trans woman was a victim of police violence during an arrest in the Albanian capital, Tirana.

[Read more about the incident here.](#)

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# **ASYLUM & IMMIGRATION**

## **ORAM is looking for students for internship program**

ORAM (Organization for Refuge, Asylum & Migration) is seeking university students for an international survey on the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex refugees and asylum seekers in the work of non-governmental organisations.

[Read more about the intern opportunity here.](#)

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# **FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY**

## **Serbian authorities urged to ensure the necessary protection and support to Belgrade Pride 2011**

Belgrade Pride will take place on 2 October 2011. In 2010, Belgrade Pride was held with success which partly was due to adequate police protection and support from the Serbian authorities. This year prominent politicians have questioned whether the police should protect the pride march - these statements will

endanger the safety of the event.

[Read ILGA-Europe's statement of support here.](#)

### **How to support Belgrade Pride 2011**

ILGA-Europe is calling on its members and partners to support the event which is going to take place 2 October 2011.

[Read how you can help supporting Belgrade Pride 2011 here.](#)

### **Prague Pride held for the first time**

Earlier this month, a Pride event successfully took place for the first time in the Czech capital. ILGA-Europe's co-chair of the Executive Board, Martin K.I. Christensen, was present together with several thousands of participants.

[Read more about the Pride event in Prague here.](#)

### **Lithuanian nationalist party tries to stop Pride event in 2013**

The second Baltic Pride event in Vilnius is planned to take place in summer 2013, which is also during the Lithuanian presidency of the Europe Union. However the nationalist party has already announced their resistance against the Pride event.

[Read more about the statements made by the Lithuanian nationalists here.](#)

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## **HEALTH**

### **HIV/AIDS program aimed at LGBT people, drug users and sex workers launched**

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reserved € 35 million so that LGBT people, drugs users and sex workers in 16 countries can get easier access to information, condoms, antiretroviral treatment and care. Never before has a country launched such a large HIV/AIDS program aimed at these vulnerable groups.

[Read more about the program here.](#)

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **Resources for NGOs at fundsforngos.org**

fundsforngos.org is an online initiative, working for the sustainability of NGOs by increasing their access to donors, resources, and skills. It uses technology to spread knowledge and increase capacity.

[Read more about fundsforngos.org here](#)

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## **NOTICE BOARD**

### **Early bird registration for World Outgames 2013 in Antwerp**

The 3rd World Outgames will be held in Antwerp, Belgium, in 2013. Note the early bird registration ends 31 August 2011 (midnight CET).

[Read more about the event and how to register here.](#)

### **International Women and Health Meeting, 13-17 September 2011**

The 11th International Women's Health Meeting (11 IWHM) addresses to all the defendants and advocates of women's human rights and health rights, academics, local and community actresses, feminists, financial institutions, activists and other active networks working on women's health. Note deadline for registration: 31 August 2011.

[Read more about the meeting and how to register here.](#)

### **The II Youth Convention on Volunteering, 7-11 September 2011**

In connection with the European Year of Volunteering, The European Youth Forum is organising the II Youth Convention on Volunteering in Brussels, Belgium. This event will consist in several activities like workshops, debates, concerts, graffiti wall, and many others.

[Read more about the event here.](#)

### **Capacity Building Conference – Achieving Outcomes for LGBTQ Youth in Europe, 8-16 October 2011**

The conference will focus on the capacity building for LGBTQ youth organisations in order to improve the outcomes for LGBTQ young people across Europe. The conference will consist of a variety of modules including developing volunteering, evaluation, influencing equality through partnerships, and reaching out to young people through information technology. Deadline for applications: 5 September 2011 (17:00 CET).

[Read more about the conference and how to register here.](#)

### **Seminar + Workshop on TransHealth in the Nordic Context, 12 October 2011**

The Nordic Trans Network is organising this seminar and workshop in collaboration with Tema Genus Higher Seminars and Forum for Gender Studies & Equality, Linköping University, and the Queer Seminar, Uppsala University.

[Read more about the event and how to register here.](#)



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Read more about the event here:

Capacity Building Conference – Achieving Outcomes for LEIT Youth in Europe, 8-10 October 2011  
The conference will focus on the capacity building of LEIT youth organisations in order to improve the outcomes for LEIT young people across Europe. The conference will consist of a variety of activities including debate, experiential activities, networking, and mentoring and to young people through informal education. Details for registration: 3 September 2011 (17:00 GMT).  
Read more about the conference and how to register here:

Partner + Workshop on Transnational in the Nordic Context, 11 October 2011  
The Nordic Trans Network is organising the seminar and workshop in collaboration with Trans Centre, Uppsala University, and the Danish Centre for Gender Studies, Copenhagen.  
Read more about the event and how to register here:

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