

THE PROGRAM FOR MARKING IDAHOT (INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA) IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA MAY 2018.

Since 2005, May 17 is marked as the international day of fighting against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. This day is being marked in more than 130 countries worldwide and has been officially recognized by many countries, including the European Parliament. On May 17, 1990, the World Health Organization (WHO) removed homosexuality from the list of mental illnesses.

Since then, this day has been marked as the international day of fighting against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia as a reminder of the importance of LGBTI human rights around the world. This day also inspires many different actions that raise awareness of the discrimination and the violence that LGBTI people face everyday.

LGBTI people make up about 10% of the population of each country, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. Nevertheless, LGBTI BiH citizens often remain completely invisible in society because of violence, fear, exclusion and discrimination.

Over the past three years, Bosnia and Herzegovina and its entities have started their work on combating homophobia and transphobia, but so far only the basic measures and steps to improve the position of LGBTI people were taken. Unfortunately, most of these measures are still focused solely on combating violence and discrimination, and no legislative, policies or programmes that would ensure the essential equality of LGBTI BiH citizens with their citizens and heterosexual fellow citizens have been developed.

This year's global theme of IDAHOT relies on the importance and the need to provide support of institutions, and our allies, supporters, and friends to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex people. The importance of support and the importance of a common struggle is crucial for equality and a better status of us all. Alliances need to be strengthened in order to fight against the violence. Together we can contribute more.

Let's support each other's! Let's unite ourselves in the joint efforts and struggles for a better status of all citizens in this society. Join the fight for the rights of LGBTI people!

When?	What?	Where?	Who to contact?
Monday 07.05.	<p><i>Regional conference on human rights of LGBTI people - freedom of assembly: human right or a privilege?</i></p> <p>Conference <i>Freedom of assembly: human right or a privilege?</i> is a one-day conference tackling international standards for protection of freedom of assembly and the practices of countries in region, as well as national legislation and freedom of assembly of LGBTI and other marginalized social groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p>	Sarajevo	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Jozo Blažević jozo@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
Saturday 12.05. 6 pm	<p><i>LGBTI community events: Presentation of the picture book "My rainbow family"</i></p> <p>Rainbow family, an organization from Zagreb that brings together LGBTIQ * couples and individuals who have or want to have children, are coming as our guests. Through Rainbow family encounters, they offer opportunities for LGBTIQ* parents, as well as those who plan parenting, to exchange experiences, to meet and socialize. At the planned event, they will present their first picture book titled "My Rainbow Family".</p>	Sarajevo	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>

<p>Monday 14.05. From 1 to 2 pm</p>	<p><i>Lecture on the subject: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities - Sociological Approach. (subject of Sociology of the genus)</i></p> <p>For the previous 4 years on the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, the Faculty of Political Science in Sarajevo, , has organized a lecture on the subject of sociological approach to issues of sexual orientation and gender identity for its students within the subject Sociology of the genus.</p> <p>The event is private.</p>	<p>Faculty of Political Science in Sarajevo</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Jasmina Čaušević jasmina@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
<p>Thursday 17.05. 10 am</p>	<p><i>Press Conference: Presentation of the Pink Report 2018 - Annual Report on the Status of Human Rights of LGBT Persons in BiH</i></p> <p>Sarajevo Open Center publishes the Pink report - Annual Report on the Human Rights Situation of LGBTI persons in B&H. On May 17th, we will present positive and negative events that marked the struggle for human rights of LGBTI people in 2017 and early 2018. A special emphasis will be placed on the measures and activities to be undertaken in 2018 to ensure LGBTI equality persons in B&H society.</p>	<p>Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Hamdije Kreševljakovića br. 3</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Vladana Vasić vladana@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
<p>Thursday 17.05. 12 P.M.</p>	<p><i>Presentation of the Pink Report 2018 – Annual Report on the State of Human Rights of LGBTI people in BiH, Banja Luka</i></p> <p>The Pink Report 2018 – Annual Report on the State of Human Rights of LGBTI people in BiH for the period of 2017 and the start of 2018 will also be presented in Banja Luka.</p>	<p>Banja Luka Banja Luka Social Centre (BASOC)</p>	<p>Youth Centre KVART Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Branko Ćulibrk czmkvart@gmail.com 065980864</p>

Thursday 17.05. 7 P.M.	Presentation of the Manual for Psycho-Social Work with LGBTI+ persons “SWAG-a mi” The Manual is made for assistants, teachers, psychologists, social workers and all other experts who have direct contact in their work with young and older people, in which one can find examples from practice, guidelines and advice on how to work with LGBTI+ population. The wish of the authors is to introduce the topics related to the work with LGBTI+ persons and, in that way, contribute to creating a holistic healthy and supportive society for all.	Banja Luka Banja Luka Social Centre (BASOC)	Youth Centre KVART NN Kvir Luka Aleksandar Talijan Branko Ćulibrk czmkvart@gmail.com 065980864
Thursday 17.05. 8 P.M.	Arts Exhibition With this exhibition we want to point to the issue and reveal the everyday life of LGBTI+ community through photographs, paintings, graphics, poetry... The artists-exhibitors are LGBTI+ persons from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Banja Luka Banja Luka Social Centre (BASOC)	Youth Centre KVART Aleksandar Talijan Branko Ćulibrk czmkvart@gmail.com 065980864
Friday 18.05. 2 P.M.	Workshop: “How to tell you, and not explode?” Does it happen to you that you “boil from inside” when the person you talk to says or does something you consider offensive towards you or the people close to you? How do you react? How do you often react when you feel uncomfortable and experience injustice? What do you do with your anger? Make yourself happy: there are techniques that can help you with this. Come to the workshop for your dose of experience exchange, common learning and intelligent humor.	Banja Luka Banja Luka Social Centre (BASOC)	Youth Centre KVART NN KVIR LUKA Nikolina Garača Branko Ćulibrk czmkvart@gmail.com
Friday 18.05.	LeZbor LE ZBOR is the first women, lesbian-feminist choir in	Banja Luka Banja Luka Social Centre (BASOC)	Youth Centre KVART Branko Ćulibrk

10 P.M.	the region and in this part of Europe. It is a perfect match of cultural-artistic activism and easy notes. We can rightfully say that, since 2005 when it was formed, the choir has become popular among the young urban population, and on a wider scale. Le Zbor has around fifteen members/singers, and it performs a capella and with the band. "The Croatians Harlots" is the first album of Le Zbor that was issued by Dirty Old Records in 2012, and with it the first six years of the choir's work are marked.		czmkvart@gmail.com 065980864
Saturday 19.05. 2 P.M.	Pole Dance Fantasy Dance against prejudice. The pole dance workshop for all who are interested will take place in Saturday, 19 May. Art frees our mind, and dance also entertains us. Pole dancing helps in freeing oneself from prejudice towards everything and everyone. Will you dance?	Banja Luka Chikitsa Yoga Studio	Youth Centre KVART Aleksandar Talijan Branko Ćulibrk czmkvart@gmail.com 065980864
Saturday 19.05. 10 P.M.	IDAHOT Party in Banja Luka + DRAG Show On the occasion of IDAHOT we organize LGBTI+ party in Banja Luka. This time, there will be <i>DJs from Banja Luka</i> who will bring great fun of the retro 80s and 90s, synth, electro pop, dark and acid music. During the night you will have the opportunity to enjoy the DRAG show by the fantastic drag performers from Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Banja Luka Social-Cultural Centre Incel	Youth Centre KVART UNSA GETO NN KVIR LUKA Aleksandar Talijan Branko Ćulibrk <u>czmkvart@gmail.com</u> 065980864
Saturday 19.05. 10 P.M.	SOC GAY-STR8 PARTY IDAHOT BY ČASNA SESTRA This is our traditional IDAHOT gay-str8 party. This time the DJ will be Časna sestra from Belgrade. Marija Nikolić a.k.a. Časna sestra (Nun) is a multi-instrumentalist who play primarily keyboard, but also	Sarajevo The Loft Club	Sarajevo Open Center Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000

	<p>harmonica and accordion in Horkerstar. As music is her profession and great love, she also does DJing. She chooses electro dance hits, being they actual or retro from the 70s to the 90s, Synth Pop, Electro Pop, Eletronica, Indie dance/New Disco, as well as some musical surprises.</p>		
<p>From 17th of May</p>	<p><i>Video campaign I SUPPORT</i></p> <p>For the occasion of IDAHOT, we are organizing a video campaign involving people from public life and LGBTI people. The goal of the campaign is to draw attention on the need to support LGBTI people from the institutions, society, family and friends.</p>	<p>Through various communication channels (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, TV, radio ...)</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
<p>Thursday 17.05. 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>LGBTI painting: history and the present</i></p> <p>CURE Foundation is organizing a panel discussion on the theme of painting and LGBTI culture. Participants will be presented with the development of art through the prism of LGBTI narrative and culture.</p>	<p>Networks Sarajevo</p>	<p>CURE Foundation</p> <p>Marija Vuletić marija@fondacijacure.org 033/207-561</p>
<p>Friday 18.05. 10:30 am</p>	<p><i>Conference "Alliances for Solidarity"</i></p> <p>Human Rights Conference on protection of human rights of the LGBTI people in the local community. It is realized with the support of the City of Tuzla and the Youth Movement Revolt.</p>	<p>Tuzla</p>	<p>Tuzla Open Center</p> <p>Dajana Bakić dajana@toc.ba</p>
<p>Saturday 19.05. 7 pm</p>	<p><i>Ally workshop</i></p> <p>The goal of the workshop is to encourage participants, through various activities, to think about where they find themselves to be allies and what they can do to become better allies of LGBT people.</p>	<p>OKC Abrašević</p>	<p>Liberta Mo</p> <p>Ružica Petrušić libertamo14@gmail.com</p>

<p>Saturday 19.05. 9 pm</p>	<p><i>Artistic performance and DJ program</i></p> <p>Through the entertainment program, we want to establish a community in Mostar and a place for LGBTI people to socialize.</p>	<p>OKC Abrašević</p>	<p>Liberta Mo</p> <p>Ružica Petrušić libertamo14@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 20.05. 1 pm</p>	<p><i>IDAHOT café</i></p> <p>It is realized within Queer cafe program supported by the City of Tuzla. We talk about different models of fighting for equality of LGBTI people.</p>	<p>Tuzla</p>	<p>Tuzla Open Center</p> <p>Selma Kešetović selma@toc.ba</p>
<p>Friday 25.05.</p>	<p><i>LGBTI community events: Barbecue for parents and family</i></p> <p>As a part of LGBTI community events, we are organising a socializing event with our families and friends. Through our work and socializing with the LGBTI community, we often talk about the importance of support from our families, and we have therefore decided to build a safe space for socializing and strengthening each other together with our sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers and friends.</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>