

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA
MAY 17 A WORLDWIDE CELEBRATION OF SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITIES



Events on the occasion of:

**May 17th -
International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
A KISS IS NOT A SCANDAL!**

On May 17th, 1990, the World Health Organization (WHO) removed homosexuality from the list of internationally classified illnesses and, in so doing, confirmed the findings of the American Psychiatric Association that has already been brought forth in the 1970s.

Since 2004, this date has been celebrated as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia and officially recognized by the European Parliament as well as the parliaments of many other countries in Europe and South and North America.

Every year in nearly 120 countries of the world, this important day against homophobia and transphobia is celebrated in various ways in order to raise awareness of the necessity of eliminating many forms of discrimination, hate, and crime, as well as promoting human rights for all people regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Sarajevo Open Centre and its partner organizations are organizing a selection of activities for the third year in a row in order to focus the public's attention on the problems LGBT people face in BiH.

From May 6th to 19th, through various types of programs (workshops, round tables) as well as a media campaign (TV, radio, press, the internet), Sarajevo Open Centre will send the message that a kiss between two gay pilots is not a scandal, that love is a human need, and that together, we can fight against all types of violence and discrimination and for a more tolerant and better Bosnian-Herzegovinian society.

**POLJUBAC NIJE SKANDAL!
A KISS IS NOT A SCANDAL!**

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#idahot
#nekaljubikogodkogahoce
#stophomofobijitransfobiji

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When?	What?	When?	Who?
Tuesday, 6.5.2014. 9:30h	Working breakfast with international partners on the occasion of International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia * Invite only!	Sarajevo, Hotel Europe	Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of Open Society Fund BiH marinha@soc.ba
Friday, 9.5.2014. 10:15h	Radio show – Rainbow Network: Informer about the state of human rights of LGBT people As a part of the Coming Out! Advocating and Protecting the Rights of LGBT people, financed by the European Union, an electronic media campaign will take place with the goal of strengthening consciousness about LGBT rights. The radio emission takes place as part of the project.	eFM Student radio Sarajevo 95,2 MHz or online at http://www.efm.ba/online	Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Sarajevo Open Centre, Cure Foundation, with the support of the European Union emina@soc.ba
Saturday and Sunday, 10. and 11.5.2014.	Legal training for the strengthening of LGBT activists' capacities in regional centers (Banja Luka, Mostar, Tuzla) * Invite only!	Sarajevo	Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of the USAID mission in BiH jozo@soc.ba
Monday, 12.5.2014.	Start working on the new portal LGBT.ba After more than a year of working on lgbt-prava.ba, we are happy to announce that this web platform will change its name to lgbt.ba, remaining a BH LGBT info portal, a virtual space dedicated to the public and the LGBT community.	Online, visit us: www.lgbt.ba	Sarajevo Open Centre redakcija@lgbt.ba
12-19.05.2014.	Web campaign: A kiss is not a scandal! With the support of partner portals, we will present animated videos that we made for the occasion of May 17th.	Online, visit: eTrafika.net, frontal.ba, buka.com, radiosarajevo.ba, diskriminacija.ba manjine.ba	Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of Open Society Fund BiH marinha@soc.ba

12-19.05.2014.	<p>Radio campaign: A kiss is not a scandal! For our multimedia campaign, we will have a radio jingle on occasion of May 17th.</p>	Radio Sarajevo 90,2 MHz eFM 95,2 MHz To be confirmed: Nes Radio MHz Antena MHz	Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of Open Society Fund BiH marinha@soc.ba
Wednesday, 14.5.2014. 10:30-15:30h	<p>Discussion: Homophobia in BiH media – a kiss is not a scandal! In the scope of two panels on Homophobia and the Media – how to escape the vicious cycle and Media and Minority/Vulnerable groups: is 'responsible reporting' possible? journalists and activists will discuss these themes. Peter Sørensen, Head of the EU Delegation in BiH, will open the discussion as well as David Barth, the director of the USAID mission in BiH.</p>	Sarajevo, Mediacentar, Kolodvorska 3	Mediacentar and Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of USAID, Internews, and Open Society Fund BiH boba@media.ba
Thursday, 15.5.2014. 20:10h	<p>TV campaign: Showing of the documentary MY CHILD Director: Can Candan, 81 min., Turkey <i>My Child</i> is a documentary about a very inspiring and brave group of mothers and fathers in Turkey whose children are LGBT. Not only did all of them go through a tough journey accepting their children, but they took the next step in sharing their experience with other LGBT families as well as the public.</p>	On TV: Federal television - FTV	Sarajevo Open Centre, with the support of Open Society Fund BiH marinha@soc.ba
Thursday, 15.5.2014. 9:00 – 13:30	<p>Round table: Institutional Protection of LGBT People in the Region and BiH With the presence of the representatives of the Ombudsman/Protector of Citizens institutions in BiH, Croatia, and Serbia, we will discuss the mechanisms and measures that national institutions can take to improve the lives of LGBT people in BiH.</p>	Brčko, Hotel Jelena, Bulevar mira 3	Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Sarajevo Open Centre, Cure Foundation, With the support of the European Union emina@soc.ba

Saturday, 17.5.2014.	Print campaign: Live and let love! In the scope of the project "Coming out! Advocating and Protecting LGBT People " mini campaigns will be implemented. A visual campaign will take place on Saturday the 17th in newspapers.	Dnevni Avaz newspaper	Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Sarajevo Open Centre, Cure Foundation, With the support of the European Union emina@soc.ba
Saturday and Sunday, 17 and 18.5.2014.	(R)education on homophobia and transphobia – training for mental health experts This training is dedicated to experts from the field of mental health, with the goal of providing more education and improving knowledge of the specificities connected with LGB, and especially trans*, people, dealing with prevention as well as therapeutic work. Knowledge and experience about the specificities of mental health of LGBT people will be brought to the table by experts from Serbia and Croatia through an interactive, two-day training.	Sarajevo	Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Sarajevo Open Centre, Cure Foundation, With the support of the European Union emina@soc.ba
Monday, 19.5.2014.	Web campaign: Live and let love! In the scope of the project "Coming out! Advocating and Protecting LGBT People " mini campaigns will be implemented. On the occasion of May 17th a text about violence against LGBT people in BiH will be published on www.6yka.com	Online: www.6yka.com	Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Sarajevo Open Centre, Cure Foundation, With the support of the European Union emina@soc.ba
Thursday, 22.5.2014.	Print campaign: Live and let love! In the scope of the project "Coming out! Advocating and Protecting LGBT People " mini campaigns will be implemented. On the occasion of May 17th a text about trans* rights in BiH will be published in BH Dani magazine.	Print: BH Dani magazine	Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Sarajevo Open Centre, Cure Foundation, With the support of the European Union emina@soc.ba