

THE PROGRAM FOR MARKING IDAHOT BIH (INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA)

MAJ 2017.

Since 2005, May 17 is marked as the international day of fighting against homophobia and transphobia. This day has been 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 in the latest issue of its International Classification of Diseases.

Since then, this day has been marked as the international day of fighting against homophobia 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.

LGBT 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 two years, Bosnia and Herzegovina and its entities have started their work on combating homophobia and transphobia, but so far they have taken only the basic measures and steps to improve the position of LGBTI people. Unfortunately, most of these measures are still focused solely on combating violence and discrimination, and no legislative solutions or programs which would ensure the essential equality of LGBTI BiH citizens with their citizens and heterosexual fellow citizens have been developed. Our neighboring countries are far more advanced in this regard. Pride Parades have been organized in Croatia for ten years now, and the same-sex couples can enter the legally recognized same-sex partnership. Also, the process of changing the sex mark on personal documents is considerably simplified in Croatia and does not require complete medical reassignment. Montenegro is the first neighboring country to adopt a strategy and action plan for improving the lives of LGBTI people. Serbia and Montenegro cover the costs of medical sex reassignment through regular health insurance for their transsexual citizens.

Through all of our activities within this month we request from BiH, its entities, cantons and Brčko District to start working intensively on improving human rights and everyday life of LGBTI people in BiH. We cannot allow BiH to be an isolated case in the family of European countries that guarantee equal rights of all their citizens, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or sexual characteristics.

When?	What?	Where?	Who to contact?
Monday, 08.05. 17:30	<p><i>Workshop for the development of protest signs</i></p> <p>On the occasion of the protest march that will take place on the 13th of May, a workshop for the development of protest signs will be organized, in order to adequately prepare the messages and the visual part of the protest</p>	Sarajevo Open Center	<p>Sarajevo Open Center</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
01.05. – 31.05.	<p><i>Online Campaign</i></p> <p>An online video campaign involving public figures from Tuzla will raise the awareness of the hate speech and the discrimination that LGBTI people face every day.</p>	Social networks	<p>Tuzla Open Center Dajana Bakić dajana@toc.ba</p>

03.05.-17.05	<p><i>Bilbord campaign Love makes a family</i></p> <p>With this action, we want to raise the awareness of the need to support LGBTI people in their biological families, but also to demonstrate that love is what makes a family, whether it comes from biological families, from our friends, or partners. Where there is love, there is also solidarity and support for the family</p> <p>This activity is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.</p>	Sarajevo	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
Saturday 13.05. 12 h	<p><i>Protest march against violence against LGBTI people</i></p> <p>We are witnessing the increase in violence against LGBTI people, both by different groups and individuals, as well as by family members. This is why it is of utmost importance to raise awareness of the</p>	Route of the march will be published afterwards	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>

	<p>violence and struggle for its prevention. We invite all of you to join us so we can jointly send a message that violence is unacceptable.</p> <p>This activity is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and Open Society Fund–Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p>		
<p>Saturday 13.05. 22 h</p>	<p><i>LGBTI party</i></p> <p>The goal of the party is to connect the community and to provide a safe space where LGBTI people can exchange experiences, get to know each others and empower themselves.</p> <p>Participation in the program: Djane Erocki Program Dj Inis</p> <p>This activity is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and Open</p>	<p>Location will be published afterwards</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Nikola Kuridža nikola@soc.ba 033/551-000</p> <p>Lejla Huremović lejla@soc.ba</p>

	Society Fund–Bosnia and Herzegovina.		
Tuesday 16.05. 11 h	<p><i>Press Conference: Presentation of the Pink Report 2017 - 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 BiH yearly. On the occasion of May 17th, the day of the fight against homophobia and transphobia, we will discuss positive and negative events that marked the struggle for human rights of LGBTI people in 2016 and early 2017. Emphasis will be placed on the measures and activities to be undertaken in 2017 to ensure equality of LGBTI persons in BiH.</p> <p>This activity is supported by The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands</p>	Parliament of the Federation BiH Hamdije Kreševljakovića br. 3	Sarajevo Open Centre Vladana Vasić vladana@soc.ba 033/551-000

<p>Wednesday 17.05.</p>	<p>Street Action Love makes a family</p> <p>With this action, we want to raise the awareness of the need to support LGBTI people in their biological families, but also to demonstrate that love is what makes a family, whether it comes from biological families, from our friends, or partners. Where there is love, there is also solidarity and support for the family</p>	<p>Tuzla</p>	<p>Tuzla Open Centre Dajana Bakić dajana@toc.ba</p>
<p>Wednesday 17.05. 18 h</p>	<p>Human library</p> <p>The library is conceived as an educational tool that allows everyone to talk to people of different gender identities and sexual orientations from many countries. The aim is to point out the existence of a whole spectrum of gender expression and sexual orientation, open the discussion about it, break the stigma, and suppress prejudice and discrimination. It will also illustrate the</p>	<p>OKC Abrasevic Mostar</p>	<p>LibertaMo Ružica Petrušić libertamo14@gmail.com</p>

	<p>contrast of the levels of tolerance and the levels of homophobia in different countries of the world. The project is being realized in cooperation with United World College (UWC) in Mostar.</p>		
<p>Wednesday 17.05. 19 h</p>	<p>Exhibition: "Gender? Transgender?" By Kristofer Andrića</p> <p>The artist himself has said: "Graphics are fluent, just as the gender identity can be fluent. Through different graphing techniques the artist has demonstrated the society's critique of differing from the "common". The work itself follows the merging of psychological "deformities" and the perfection as a certain individual feels of his or her gender identity. The psychological state of transgender persons in BiH is being shown through the portrait and figuration. Their</p>	<p>OKC Abrašević</p> <p>Mostar</p>	<p>LibertaMo</p> <p>Kristofer Andrić andric.kristofer@gmail.com</p>

	<p>everyday challenges, their sincerity and their struggle for equality. "</p>		
<p>Wednesday 17.05.</p>	<p><i>Comics about LGBTI discriminatory content in textbooks for high schools of Sarajevo Canton</i></p> <p>In 2016, the Cure Foundation conducted a research titled "What we are we not talking about when we are silent about the rights of LGBTI people in textbooks", in which high school textbooks were analyzed in the Canton Sarajevo area and a great number of stereotypes and prejudices in the context of LGBTI people were revealed. We wanted to show how and to what extent content in the broad spectrum of LGBTIQ issues and rights are presented in the textbooks.</p>	<p>Media and Social media</p>	<p>Fondacija Cure</p> <p>Marija Vuletić marija@fondacijacure.org</p>

	<p>Satirical comic strips were created to reflect the absurdity of the content found, and propose the models of reaction.</p>		
<p>Wednesday 17.05.</p>	<p><i>Joint Thematic Session on the occasion of May 17 - International Day of Homophobia and Transphobia BEING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND INTERSEX PERSONS IN BIH - CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL ACTION</i></p> <p>The Joint Human Rights Commission and the Gender Equality Commission of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH in cooperation with the Agency for Gender Equality of BiH, UNDP in BiH and the</p>	<p>Parliamentary Assembly BiH Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1 Sarajevo 71000</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Vladana Vasić vladana@soc.ba</p>

	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre are organizing a thematic session on the occasion of the International Day of Combating Homophobia and Transphobia. This thematic session will cover the state of human rights of LGBTI people in BiH and the recommendations set out in the Special Report on the Rights of LGBTI Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina developed by the Institution of Ombudsperson for Human Rights of BiH, in the <i>Being LGBTI Persons in BiH - Report on BiH</i> developed by UNDP in BiH. The Sarajevo Open Center will open the discussion about the human rights of transgender persons in BiH and will present the <i>Proposal of the Framework Law on Gender Identity in BiH</i>.</p> <p>This activity is supported by Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and UNDP BiH.</p>		
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<p>Friday 19.05. 13 h</p>	<p>Presentation of local measures to the institutions of the city of Banja Luka</p> <p>As part of the project (Un)visible minorities - Null tolerance towards the discrimination of LGBT persons which is being conducted by the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in co-operation with the Association for Democratic Initiatives</p>	<p>Banjaluka</p>	<p>Mirjana Ćuskić mirjana.hchr@gmail.com Vesna Malešević unsageto@gmail.com 065 730 343</p>
<p>Friday 19.05. 19 h</p>	<p>Opening of Vasso Vujović's photo exhibition</p> <p>Vasso is a visual artist and student of the Academy of Art of Novi Sad. In addition to fashion and conceptual photography, he also works in the field of directing. His work is inspired by fashion and permeated with beauty, youth, sexuality and emotions through elements of new aesthetics, symbolism, and introspective motives. He has collaborated with several designers and brands; he also deals with music</p>	<p>Banjaluka</p>	<p>Miladina Grujić Vesna Malešević unsageto@gmail.com 065 730 343</p>

	production.		
Friday 19.05. 20 h	<p>Dance performance by Jovan Trninić</p> <p>Fear, disapproval, dissatisfaction, false presentation! Getting out of everything that holds us down, everything we are not, everything we do not want to be! Freedom, love and victory! Through these emotions we will travel with dance performance in the desire to tell the story of the language spoken by dance</p> <p>The performance by Luke Black</p> <p>His music is interwoven with powerful vocals that carry a dose of memory and</p>	Banjaluka	<p>Miladina Grujić Maja Kiuk nvo.buka@gmail.com</p>

	<p>contagious synth melodies combined with classical piano notes and bass. His singles are broadcasted around the world. With his creativity and music, Luke Black is a representative of his generation, Millennials that do not tolerate the pressure of the public, time and space in which they create.</p> <p>Performance by The Tronic Lab</p> <p>Music lab from Belgrade will be featured on this year's IDAHOT with their favorite Tropikal Disko</p>		
<p>Saturday 20.05.</p>	<p><i>A psychoanalytical workshop for the LGBTI community</i></p> <p>"Coming out" Workshops are being carried out within the project "Coming Out", through which we connect with the LGBTI community, we talk about the process of caring, family and social support.</p>	<p>Tuzla</p>	<p>Dajana Bakić dajana@toc.ba</p>

	<p>The project is realized with the support of the Planet Romeo Foundation.</p>		
<p>Saturday 20.05. 19 h</p>	<p>Lecture by Jelena Nidžović "Lesbian and Related Silences of Serbian Literature"</p> <p>Prejudice strategies may appeal to some people, but we are not those people. A lecture that will reveal some symptomatic heroines, themes and motives from the traditional fund of folk literature, medieval literature, and from a period of late romanticism, modernism to contemporary literary creativity.</p>	<p>Banjaluka</p>	<p>Vesna Malešević unsageto@gmail.com 065 730 343</p>

<p>Saturday 20.05. 21h</p>	<p>Trans Circle 01</p> <p>An open discussion on the topic of local and BiH transgender communities. Organized for all transgender people who want to meet and network in order to achieve current and future support, information, employment and socializing. We talk about the problems we face every day. At the end of the discussion, we will arrange a secure online network of transgender persons at local and B&H level and arrange the next session.</p>	<p>Banja Luka</p>	<p>Lidija Drakulić dkcincel.booking@gmail.com 066 913 242</p>
<p>Saturday 20.05. 23 h</p>	<p>Performance by Marie Cherie</p> <p>Lana Prerad is an activist and music resident in Vienna AU. In her performances, she adds activist ideas, clarity of punk music, disco glitter, African techno and mysticism of the Orient.</p> <p>The performance by Nina Hudej and Nine Belle Djanes' headquartered in Ljubljana</p>	<p>Banja Luka</p>	<p>Miladina Grujić Maja Kiuk nvo.buka@gmail.com</p>

<p>24.05. - 06.06.</p>	<p>Street Arts Festival Queer Grafitti</p> <p>As an organization, but also LGBTI community, we will paint some of the walls in Mostar. The aim is to point out the existence of LGBTI people in Mostar and Herzegovina, their representation, and the occupation of the public space.</p>	<p>Mostar</p>	<p>LibertaMo</p> <p>Kristofer Andrić andric.kristofer@gmail.com</p> <p>Andrea Perić andreaperic007@gmail.com</p>
<p>23-24.o5.</p>	<p>Training with prosecutors and judges</p> <p>Two-day training for judges and prosecutors on the topics of bias motivated crimes, hate speech and discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and sexual characteristics. The aim of the training is to introduce the judiciary community to the advancement of the anti-discrimination and criminal legislation and practice in the field of human rights protection with an emphasis on LGBTI as a marginalized social group.</p>	<p>Participation with invitation only</p>	<p>Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Jozo Blažević jozo@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>

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