

Queer Development Policy 2.0: Building Legendary Alliances!

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Thursday, October 17, 14:00 - 19:00 h

Queer activism, empowerment and defense of queer human rights

On October 17, 2024, we will focus on different forms of queer activism that, depending on the country, operate within the culture and the boundaries of the legal system („do no harm“).

Our goal is to empower each other - for more effective queer activism and in defense of our human rights.

In interactive workshops, we will strengthen ourselves and our community for the challenges of our fight for acceptance and equality.

13:30 h **Registration**

14:00 h **Welcome, introduction and getting to know each other**
Sonja Schelper & Kai-Oliver Farr (Engagement Global Office in Hamburg)

14:30 h **Keynote**
Prof. Dr. Beate Rudolf, German Institute for Human Rights
Queer people in German, European and international human rights protection

14:45 h **Workshops**

<p>Workshop 1: (English) Possibilities and limits of Queer Activism in the Eastern Partnership</p> <p>Activists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine (delegation of GIZ)</p> <p>Moderation: Anna Iluridze, GIZ Georgien & Sarika Amruth, GIZ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">open space</p>	<p>Workshop 2: (English/ German) Cultures and Colonialism – The struggle for LGBTIQ+ human rights and the debate on decolonization</p> <p>Sarah Kohrt, Hirschfeld-Eddy-Foundation</p> <p>Moderation: Sonja Schelper</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Arena</p>
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16:00 h **Reports from the Workshops (5 minutes per workshop)**

16:10 h **Break // Networking**

16:40 h Presentation of the
Hamburg International Queer Film Festival (15 – 20 October 2024)
by
Hanne Homrighausen & Sera Heller

16:55 h **Keynote**
Prof. Dr. Uta Ruppert, University of Frankfurt
LGBTIQ+ inclusion in Development Cooperation
(case studies from Ghana, Tunisia and Peru)

17:15 h **Workshops**

<p>Workshop 3: (English) QueeReimagining Africa - Encouraging Long-term Advocacy in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zimbabwe: Sikhanyisiwe Ngwenya • Uganda: Edward Mutebi: Let's walk Uganda • Ghana: Abdul-Wadud Mohammed: LGBT+ Rights Ghana • Nigeria: Matthew Blaise Nwozaku: Obodo Nigeria <p>Moderation: Dr. Stella Nyanzi & Kai-Oliver Farr, Engagement Global</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Arena</p>	<p>Workshop 4: (English/ German) ARTivism for Gender Diversity and Self-Determination Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashkan Shabani, Artist • Petar Vidosavljević, Belgrade center for human rights • Dr. Adrian Hector, Member of Hamburg Parliament, Speaker for Gender Diversity, Green Parliamentary Group <p>Moderation: Linda Helfrich, GIZ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">open space</p>
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18:25 h **Reports from the Workshops (5 minutes per workshop)**

18:35 h **Closing with**

Activist of the day Award

19:00 h **End** of the First Conference Day

Joint pub night, optionally visiting the Hamburg
International Queer Film Festival

Friday, October 18, 9:30 - 13:30 h

The role of allies: Seeking new partnerships

On October 18, 2024, we would like to form new alliances for queer engagement: in cities and communities, in diaspora and civil society.

The potential to integrate queer issues into partnerships at the local level is significant, as projects supported by civil society, diaspora, cities and municipalities are smaller, more direct and more target group-specific than intergovernmental development cooperation at the federal level.

In discussions with diaspora, local representatives and civil society, we will explore ways of integrating queer topics into partnerships at municipal level and of cooperating with new allies.

9:00 h **Entry & Registration**

9:30 h **Welcome and Introduction**
Sonja Schelper & Sarika Amruth (GIZ Regional Office North)

Part 1: Partnerships in Cities and Communities

9:45 h **Keynote**
How does Hamburg deal with queer human rights in its international partnerships?
Farid Müller, Member of Hamburg Parliament, Speaker for Media and Queer Policy, Green Parliamentary Group,
"Father" of the "Hamburg Marriage," and Co-Initiator of the German Civil Partnership Act

9:55 h **Keynote**
The Role of Municipalities for Queer Human Rights
Manuel Rosas Vázquez, Managing Director of the global Rainbow Cities Network (RNC)

10:05 h **Workshops**

<p>Workshop 1: (German/ English) Queer Topics in International Partnerships: Challenges of Queer-Inclusive International Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Petersburg (Russia) & Estonia with: Gulya Sultanova, Exiled Russian Activist, Estonian LGBTQ+ Organization Q-Space, Former Organizer of the LGBTQ+ Film Festival Side by Side in Russia and Barbara Mansberg & 	<p>Workshop 2: (English) Queer Topics in Urban Society: Good Practice in Municipal Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainbow Cities Network Montenegro, Municipality of Kotor: Milica Tomović, Head of the Department for Social and Child Protection, Care of Youth, and Vulnerable Social Groups <p>Hamburg:</p>
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<p>Wolfgang Preussner, LSVD+ Hamburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) with: Elena Thewes, former Weltwärts volunteer <p>Moderation: Sonja Schelper & Kai-Oliver Farr, Engagement Global</p> <p style="text-align: right;">open space</p>	<p>Benedict Steffens, Senate Department- for Science, Research, Equality, and Dis- tricts, Office for Equality and Social Co- hesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Partnership Kyjiw (Ukraine) Mu- nich: Marco Schneider, Contact Group MunichKyivQueer <p>Moderation: Anna Krigar & Sarika Amruth, GIZ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Arena</p>
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11:20 h **Reports from the Workshops (5 minutes per workshop)**

11:30 h **Break // Networking**

Part 2: Partnerships with Diaspora and Queer-Migrant Organizations

11:55 h **Keynote**
Dr. Stella Nyanzi, feminist activist, academic scholar, dissident poet and
opposition politician from Uganda
Experiences of allying with LGBTIQ+ activists and diaspora:
Role and perspective of an advocate

12:25 h **Marketplace of Opportunities with Queer-Migrant Organizations**

AfroKids International e.V.

Sett Ofili-Ebube

Afrokids International e.V. promotes youth participation, education, peacebuilding, and sustainability since 1993, focusing on social integration and global justice, particularly in the Global South, implementing UN and AU agendas.

EQUAL PostOST - European Queer Alliance of PostOst Community

Elmira Dmitrieva

European Queer Alliance of PostOst Community is a European human rights organization working to support LGBTIQ people from PostOst countries.

ORAM gGmbH – Organisation für Flucht, Asyl & Migration

Oliver Dougherty

ORAM provides critical and lasting assistance to LGBTIQ asylum seekers and refugees on their journey to safety, through effective global advocacy, on-the-ground programming and livelihood skill-building.

Quarteera e. V.

Dmitrij Paramonov

Quarteera e. V. is an association of Russian-speaking LGBTQ* and their allies, promoting visibility and awareness of LGBTQ* issues within the Russian-speaking community in Germany since 2011, and combating multiple discrimination.

INSIGHT

Anastasiia Suvorova, Olena Dyshkant

Insight is a Ukrainian LGBTQI organization advocating for equality, inclusivity, and feminist values since 2008. It provides legal, psychological, and medical support for LGBTQI individuals, while also fostering community building and public awareness.

13:15 h

Closing & Farewell

13:30 h

Joint Lunch

15:00 h

**Let's Talk Theory - With Brokeback Mountain galloping through
queer film history**

Metropolis Cinema, free entry (in German)

“Brokeback Mountain” was a post-identity politics epic. And a hit. “Whether that’s a good or a bad development will have to be decided, as usual, in hindsight.” So wrote B. Ruby Rich in 2007. Now, almost 20 years later, we still can’t make a final decision. But it’s time to look back at one of the greatest queer films ever. How did the film influence queer cinema in the 2000s? Is this classic still relevant? Amina Balajo addresses these and other questions in a rousing lecture in German. The lecture will be held in German. After the lecture, an exchange with the audience is possible.

Please take note:

We want to treat each other with respect and see different perspectives as enrichment.

There will be no room for hatred and misanthropy.

An awareness contact person will always be on site.