



Pre Summit Programme - Refugees, Borders and Immigration

Date	Room	CET	Agenda & Event holder
19.08.21	Livingroom	08:00 9:30	Pre - Summit Breakfast
19.08.21	Livingroom	16:30- 18:30	Pre - Summit Mingle
19.08.21	Orange	09:30- 10:30	Amsterdam Rainbow Dress exhibition A presentation of the artwork "Amsterdam Rainbow Dress". The Amsterdam Rainbow Dress is a living work of art, made of all the national flags from countries where being LGBTI+ is illegal, on penalty of imprisonment, torture or capital punishment. When a country adopts LGBTI+ inclusive legislation, the respective flag shall be replaced with a rainbow flag.
19.08.21	Orange	11:30- 12:30	Why was I born gay in Africa? <i>Edwin Simeon Sikot</i> The plight of a gay priest from Kenya who lost his family, was tortured and sentenced to prison without going to court. Now resettled in Sweden, Edwins memories of his life as gay refugee and a human rights activist. A life full of harsh treatment and rejection by his church. Tickets available here
19.08.21	Orange	14:00- 15:30	LGBTQIA+ Civil Society Toolkit for Business <i>Workplace Pride</i> At the request of the Global Equality Fund in Washington D.C., Workplace Pride has created a toolkit to help equip LGBTQIA+ Civil Society organisations to interact more effectively with the private sector. The event in Malmö will highlight the preliminary structure of the toolkit, provide room for feedback and thus begin to prepare CSO's to work with the toolkit once the final version is launched this October in the Hague. Tickets available here
19.08.21	Purple	10:00- 11:15	"I don't fit in anywhere. Where do you place me?" - Marsha, a black lesbian migrant mother. <i>Anbid Zaman - SOGICA: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Claims of Asylum - A European Human Rights Challenge</i> SOGICA was a comparative research project funded by the European Research Council (ERC) exploring the social and legal

experiences of asylum seekers across Europe claiming international protection on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity (SOGI). Anbid Zaman, Member of the Advisory Board to SOGICA will present the research findings from Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom and the final recommendations for improving the lives of queer refugees in Europe. Aries Marsha Ennis, a research participant will reflect on and share her lived experiences of struggles and joys being a Jamaican black lesbian migrant mother in Germany. Following the discussion there will be a screening of the short film, "where do you belong?"

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Purple 12:00-13:00 **Telling the stories of young LGBTQ migrants**
Camilla Ivarsson
Camilla Ivarsson is almost halfway through her doctoral studies at the Centre for Sexology and Sexuality Studies at Malmö University. Her dissertation is based on 18 in-depth interviews with young LGBTQ people with migration experiences. She investigates their living conditions in Sweden and how their previous life experiences affect them post-migration process. In this presentation, she will talk about her preliminary results from the study, which focuses on various factors and circumstances that affect the opportunities and quality of life of young LGBTQ migrants in Sweden.

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Purple 16:30-17:30 **Migration politics for queer asylum seekers**
Feministiskt initiativ Malmö
The asylum authorities in Sweden systematically make credibility assessments in an incorrect way in order to reject and deport queer asylum seekers. This seminar will look into this further and discuss how we can develop a more legally secure asylum examination of LGBTQI asylum cases.

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Yellow 11:00-11:30 **A migrant point view**
Kiki
I will mention four stages of my life and how I experience migration from my point view

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Yellow 15:30-17:00 **Mapping Yourself Into The Rainbow Refugee Multiverse, from Local to Global: A Collaborative Immersion Experience**
This event is a 90-minute, interactive, experiential "serious game" for in-person participants. It is modelled on participatory social justice theatre and immersive online gamification learning tools. Although the transnational co-facilitation team is based in Canada, France and India/Thailand, the event will be co-facilitated in person, in English. Participation is restricted to in-person participants only and will be livestreamed for digital audiences.

Up to 50 participants (final number of participants to be confirmed, not to exceed 50 persons) will be introduced to a

general LGBTQIA+ refugee forced displacement scenario and then invited to creatively play out different roles in this scenario in short, sequenced "steps", which will be collectively debriefed at various points throughout the process. Target audience members are members of the general public, formerly or current displaced queer people, subject matter practitioners/specialists and policymakers - all of whom who can remain anonymous throughout the activity if they wish. This event welcomes participants who are under 18 years of age, with the caveat that sensitive topics will be discussed.

The event will begin by welcoming participants, introducing co-facilitators and their organizations, and presenting the game's purpose, general steps and safety guidelines. Participants will then select or be assigned their roles and collaboratively solve a set of challenges, with periodic breaks for reflection and analysis. The event concludes with a brief, interactive general group discussion, inviting participants to map themselves into the global LGBTQ+ refugee assistance ecosystem, and to reflect on next steps that they can take in their daily lives to support LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Green

08:30-
09:30

Breaking the cultural stereotypes of LGBTQI+ asylum seekers

RFSL Newcomers Malmö

How much are we aware of the westernized presumption and stereotypes about LGBTQ+ asylum seekers? How often do we hear the concept of "LGBTQ" from the global south? How much are we lacking in hearing cultural differences between western LGBTQ+ concept and the rest of the world? Such questions are dominant with the LGBTQ+ asylum seekers community in Sweden and all over the world. This panel debate will aim to provide different perspectives on understanding the cultural context of the "LGBTQ concept" between western countries and the rest of the world with special emphasis on lived storytelling.

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Green

10:00-
12:00

The asylum process for LGBTQ+ people and RFSL's research about the credibility assessments in SOGIESC asylum cases

RFSL

RFSL's asylum lawyer describes the asylum process for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers, and RFSL's recently published research about the problematic credibility assessments in SOGIESC asylum cases in Sweden, leading to wrongful deportations of LGBTQ+ asylum seekers entitled to protection.

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Green

13:30-
14:30

Rainbow Refugee Community - What it means to be a minority within a minority

RFSL Newcomers Malmö

Refugees are frequently incorrectly referred to as being a homogenous group with the same characteristics, challenges, or needs. In the context of LGBTQ+ refugee, it is highly inaccurate and might contribute to the perceived sameness and invisibility of queer refugees for the wider public. We invite a set of panelists, who received their refugee status in one of the European countries and will listen to their stories of being a member of a minority within a minority, what it means to them, what their challenges are, and how the locals can be better allies for LGBTQ+ refugees in their communities.

Tickets available [here](#)

19.08.21 Green

16:30-
17:30

Queer Refugees in Nairobi: Micro-businesses and negotiating belonging in urban spaces

ORAM - Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration

This session will be facilitated by ORAM – Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration, an LGBTIQ refugee organization which specializes in supporting refugee-led micro-businesses in transit countries. The workshop will focus on the incredible work of LGBTIQ refugee-led businesses and activists in urban Nairobi.

Tickets available [here](#)

