



LGBTQIA+ Refugees, Borders and Immigration Summit
Copenhagen 2021, WorldPride and EuroGames

- 08:30-09:00 **Walk in**
- 09:00-09:05 **Testimonials**
5 minutes of short testimonials on displacement drivers, from members of the LGBTQIA+ community
- 09:05-09:15 **Welcoming speeches**
Co hosts:
- Alice Bah Kuhnke - Swedish Member of the European Parliament
 - Ulrika Westerlund - Project Leader at the Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society and Swedish LGBTQIA+ policy expert
 - Carina Nilsson, Mayor of Malmö
- 09:15-09:35 **Opening Keynote Speech**
Delivered by Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- 09:35-10:35 **Opening panel discussion**
Examining the intersecting issues affecting LGBTQIA+ refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers.
- Opening remarks**
Michael O’Flaherty, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency Director.
- Moderator:
- Kimahli Powell - Executive Director of Rainbow Railroad
- Panelists:
- Ryan Joseph Figueriedo, Founder and Executive Director for Equal Asia Foundation.
 - Eirene Chen, Independent Specialist, SOGIESC Forced Displacement.
 - Victor Madrigal-Borloz, the United Nations Independent Expert on Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
 - Tina Dixson, co-founder of the Forcibly Displaced People Network (FDPN), co-convenor Queer Displacements: Sexuality, Migration and Exile conference.
- Closing call to action**
- Eliza Reid, The First lady of Iceland
- 10:35 -10:40 **Alienation**
- Eliana Rubashkyn, GIESC Programme officer at ILGA World

10.40 - 11.05

Short break

11:05-12:10

Breakout - Session 1

Different pathways to safety.

TRACK 1:

Different pathways to safety: Why do we leave our home?

Facilitator:

- Karl Yves Vallin, Project Manager at RFSL Malmö and President of the Swedish Federation of LGBTQIA+ students

Speakers:

- Suma Abdelsamie, Consultant for trans refugees program- Emantes
- Patrick Dörr, Former project manager of the Germany-wide LSVD project Queer Refugees Deutschland & Board member of Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany with responsibility focus topics of asylum and migration.
- Gio, Libyan artist, grassroots movement activist and Human Rights defender.

TRACK 2:

Different Pathways to Safety: The search for safe haven - Experiences of LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers in transit countries

Facilitator:

Bella Stevens, Communications and Development Coordinator at ORAM Refugee

Speakers:

- Vanilla Hussein - Executive Director of Refugee Trans Initiative
- Justin Hilton - Founder of Safe Place International.
- Ryan Joseph Figueiredo - Founder & Executive Director of Equal Asia Foundation

TRACK 3:

Pathways to Safety - What options need to be available for LGBTQIA + refugees?

Facilitator and moderator:

- Sharalyn Jordan, Board Chair at Rainbow Refugee Committee

Panelists:

- Frank Mugisha, Executive Director of SMUG
- Anbid Zaman, SOGICA: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Claims of Asylum - A European Human Rights Challenge
- Eirene Chen, Independent Specialist, SOGIESC Forced Displacement.
- Devon Matthews, Director of Programs at Rainbow Railroad

12:15-13:15

Lunch break

Menu created by Ibra Idrees - A person with lived experience in this field who is running a successful business in Malmö called 'Hummusson'.

13:15-13:20

Summary of the morning

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13:20-13:35

Live speech by Edwin Sikot

Waiting to resettle. A performance about the practical and emotional state of waiting.

13:40-14:50

Breakout - Session 2

The acute needs upon arrival at the destination country.

TRACK 1:

The acute needs upon arrival at the destination country: The inapplicable concept of a safe haven for LGBTQIA+ refugees

Facilitator:

- Karl Yves Vallin, Project Manager at RFSL Malmö and President of the Swedish Federation of LGBTQIA+ students

Speakers:

- Aino Gröndahl, Lawyer with specialization in SOGIESC asylum law
- Edward Alessi, Associate Professor and Chancellor's Scholar of LGBTQ Mental, Trauma, and Resilience at Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Ryan Joseph Figueiredo, Founder & Executive Director of Equal Asia Foundation

TRACK 2:

The acute needs upon arrival at the destination country: Where are professionals lacking insight

Facilitator:

- RFSL Newcomers representative

Speakers:

- Dr. S Chelvan, Head of Immigration and Public Law
- Haris Eloy, Project manager for Newcomers youth, Team leader at RFSL Ungdom
- Lilith Raza, Project manager 'Queer Refugees Deutschland' Germany

TRACK 3:

Roundtable discussion. Topic: Durable solutions - Livelihood support and assistance to LGBTQIA+ refugees in asylum countries.

Facilitator:

- Devon Matthews, Director of Programs at Rainbow Railroad

Speakers:

- Mariano Ruiz, Project Coordinator at Fundación AMAL Argentina, BoardMember and Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean for

the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

- Danilo Manzano, Director of the Diverse Dialogue Organization
- Brian Okollon
- Steve Roth, Executive Director of ORAM Refugee
- Akram Kubanychbekov, Senior Advocacy Officer, ILGA-Europe
- Flavia Piovesan, Inter-American Commissioner for Human Rights, Rapporteur for the Rights of People #LGBTI and for USA Bolivia Panama Jamaica.

14:50-15:10

Short break

15:10-15:25

Presentation of the Amsterdam Rainbow dress

Speaker:

- Arnout van Krimpen, the Amsterdam Rainbow Dress Foundation

Model:

- Purity Page

15:25-16:45

Breakout - Session 3

How to improve asylum procedures, conditions, and the security along the way to integration.

TRACK 1:

The "safe haven" in the global south - case of prioritization of LGBTQIA+ refugees in the resettlement process and transit countries.

Facilitator:

- Karl Yves Vallin, Project Manager at RFSL Malmö and President of the Swedish Federation of LGBTQIA+ students

Speakers:

- Willson Tarusarira, Programmes Manager for People Against Suffering, Oppression and Poverty (PASSOP)
- Miriam Gleckman-Krut, Board member of People Against Suffering, Oppression and Poverty (PASSOP)
- Kiki T Adam - Activist, artist and singer
- Annamari Vitikainen, Professor of Philosophy at UiT with research interests in contemporary political philosophy, social and global justice, and sexuality and gender

TRACK 2:

How to improve asylum procedures, conditions, and the security along the way to integration.

Facilitator:

- Bella Stevens

Speakers:

- Moud Goba, UK Black Pride -Chair of the Board of Trustees and Micro Rainbow – National Manager

- Taylor Hirschberg, Professor, Researcher, Journalist, and Humanitarian
- Miles Tanhira - TGEU, Community Building Officer.

TRACK 3:

Roundtable discussion. Topic: Accountability - What do we expect from governments and key stakeholders?

Opening remarks:

- Flavia Piovesan: Inter-American Commissioner for Human Rights, Rapporteur for the Rights of People #LGBTI and for USA Bolivia Panama Jamaica.

Facilitator:

- Kimahli Powell, Executive Director of Rainbow Railroad

Speakers:

- Suma Abdelsamie, Consultant for trans refugees program- Emantes
- Andrea M. Ayala (Digital) - Lawyer, Co-founder of GIRWL & Board Member of the European and Central Asian Lesbian Community
- Tina Dixson, co-founder of the Forcibly Displaced People Network (FDPN), co-convenor Queer Displacements: Sexuality, Migration and Exile conference.
- Eliana Rubashkyn, GIESC Program Officer at ILGA World
- Wael Chamas, Services and protection manager at Helem

16:45-16:50

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Closing keynote speeches

- Melanie Nathan, Executive director of the African Human Rights Coalition and Human Rights Mediator and Advocate
- Denis Castillo, Founder and executive director the LGBTQIA+ Institute on Migration and Refugee for Central America (Instituto sobre Migración y Refugio LGBTIQ para Centroamérica, IRCA CASABIERTA).

17:20-17:25

Passing the baton on to Sydney WorldPride

Sharing our notes from the day with Sydney WorldPride to help continue these discussions next year.

- Kate Wickett, CEO, Sydney WorldPride

17:25-17:30

Thanks to all those who contributed

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17:30-19:00 **Post summit mingle**

Snacks and sparkling wine (including alcohol free) with some live music in the background.

