



### CALL FOR 3 PREPARATORY TEAM MEMBERS

#### “Enlightenment 2: Exploring formal education experiences of LGBTQ youth” Bucharest: Romania; 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

We are pleased to inform you that IGLYO is organizing a conference together with ACCEPT association from Romania. This event has been kindly supported by the Council of Europe European Youth Foundation, De Trut Foundation and The Soros Foundation Romania, through the *East East: Partnership Beyond Borders* Program.

This conference will bring together young LGBTQ activists to make contact with each other, exchange experiences, expertise and good practices, and build each other's capacity to work on LGBTQ education issues. There will be a specific focus on the experience of LGBTQ youth from Eastern European states.

This will lead to better skilled activists with increased knowledge of strategies to actively challenge discrimination in education settings through positive action and to the creation of strong networks for further activism and projects.

The **conference's main objectives** will be:

- Identify the current issues and barriers LGBTQ youth face in education
- Share our own experiences of education
- Increase LGBTQ youths knowledge of peer education models
- Increase LGBTQ youths skills to develop direct action in partnership with education institutions
- Provide opportunities for LGBTQ youth to learn through experience
- Empower LGBTQ youth to be leaders in their own communities
- Provide LGBTQ youth with strategies to work with all stakeholders in education

### The Preparatory Team

We have an opening for three preparatory team members to help plan, organize and facilitate this study session. The team will consist in total of six people (1 IGLYO board member, 2 representatives from ACCEPT), taking into consideration gender and geographical balance in the team.

The preparatory team has the following **responsibilities**:

- Working within the themes, identify methods of facilitation for each session within the conference program;
- Select participants on the basis of given selection criteria;
- Coordinate the running of the event with the rest of the team;
- Ensure a good cohesion and flow between different program elements;
- Implement the program by facilitating workshops and chairing plenary sessions
- Write the conference report and evaluation.
- Maintain follow up work after the conference to identify progress made by participants in their own country
- Contribute to the education blog as a result of the conference





The **ideal candidate** will:

- Be fluent in English (the study session's working language will be English.)
- Have experience of LGBTQ youth work;
- Have experience with education issues/ in education activism (we are particularly interested in people with experience in youth sessions in schools, working with teachers and taking part in gay straight alliances \*this is not essential)
- Have experience leading non-formal education workshop and activities and be a confident facilitator;
- Be between 18 and 30 years old;
- Be available from **24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March** for preparatory meeting in Scotland or Romania and from the **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May - 27<sup>th</sup> May** for the conference.
- Be responsive and available for teamwork before and after the event, mostly by email and skype.
- Be ready to provide a reasonable amount of preparation work before the event, mostly by e-mail and over Skype (between c. 1 and 8 hours a week as the event approaches);
- Be motivated to work in a stimulating, challenging and fun environment!

Candidates will be selected on the basis of geographical balance, gender balance, and a good reflection of LGBTQ diversity. All related expenses (travel, food and accommodation) will be covered.

Interested candidates can apply by **sending a motivation letter** to the IGLYO education coordinator, [esther@iglyo.com](mailto:esther@iglyo.com) presenting yourself, your previous experience in the issue and/or in IGLYO events and your availability for the preparatory meeting.

Please, describe in short (not more than 250 words):

- why you are interested in this particular event
- what qualifies you to be a preparatory team member
- what expectations you have from the study session and
- your relevant skills and experiences

We strongly encourage members of any minorities to apply. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us. The nominated candidates will be considered by the IGLYO Board. Successful candidates will be notified by 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**Deadline for motivation letters: 17<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm CET. Please send them to [esther@iglyo.com](mailto:esther@iglyo.com)**