



## IGLYO Conference

# *This Is Who We Are*

July 19<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> 2009  
Amsterdam

*...Bringing together young LGBTQ activists from across the globe...  
...An intercultural and intergenerational dialogue on past, present and future...  
...A milestone event in 25 years of empowerment...*

In July 2009 IGLYO will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a landmark gathering of LGBTQ youth activists, for both existing IGLYO members and activists from around the world. The conference will offer an opportunity to reflect on the varied past of LGBTQ youth activism, celebrate its vibrant present, and focus on future challenges.

We are now inviting activists to apply to participate in this event, through our online application forms. This letter contains important information about your participation. Please share it with anyone who you feel might be interested in the conference.

### ***'LGBTQ Youth Liberated to Live and Love'***

LGBTQ young people remain among the most vulnerable groups in society. In many areas around the world they face constant fears, ranging from name-calling to violence and persecution. Homophobia can occur in every area of young people's lives, often leading to social exclusion and isolation. At the same time LGBTQ activism in many places around the world has been initiated by young activists. Young people have taken the lead in establishing equality and the freedom to be who they are.

Run by young people, and for young people, IGLYO is a pan-European membership-based umbrella organisation: a unique position from which it can make real change for its members and all LGBTQ youth. Increasingly youth groups from around the world have approached IGLYO with calls for cooperation. For the first time, IGLYO is organising an event bringing together LGBTQ youth activists from around the world. This will take place during a weeklong celebration of IGLYO's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where young people from various countries gathered for the first time in 1984.

The event will focus on best practices for LGBTQ youth relating to the Yogyakarta Principles<sup>1</sup> – the application of human rights in relation to sexual orientation and

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<sup>1</sup> [www.yogyakartaprinciples.org](http://www.yogyakartaprinciples.org)



gender identity. For the first time, we will be creating a global dialogue to explore the potential for future cooperation between LGBTQ youth activists in different regions of the world. IGLYO is working on this project with the support of local partner COC Amsterdam, and international partner the Youth Coalition.

In addition, there will be exciting activities taking place during the week of the conference. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to take part in the cultural programme and exhibition, interact with former activists in the IGLYO reunion, and discover the past and present of the diverse LGBTQ community here in Amsterdam through local parties and events. Some participants will also have the opportunity to present the conference outcomes at the World Outgames in Copenhagen.

## About the call for applications

IGLYO is committed to creating a conference that brings together activists from many different backgrounds and perspectives. The call will be open to LGBTQ youth organizations, or organizations who can demonstrate that they are doing a significant amount of LGBTQ youth work. Non-European participants are expected to make up between a third and a half of the total number of participants. A selection will be made with respect to regional, organizational, sexual orientation and gender identity balance.

IGLYO has been successful in raising limited funds for a scholarship programme. Through the scholarship programme, we are hoping to support approximately 50% of participants with travel expenses, visas and participation fees. There are therefore **two application forms** – one for those whose participation will be **funded by themselves of their organization**, and one for those who are **seeking scholarships**.

With a global event of this size, the application procedure is a little complicated. Please read all the information in this letter carefully before applying.

## Important dates

<i>1<sup>st</sup> April</i>	Open for applications from self-funded applicants
<i>10<sup>th</sup> April</i>	Open for applications for scholarships
<i>20<sup>th</sup> April</i>	First deadline for self-funded applicants (discount)
<i>1<sup>st</sup> May</i>	Deadline for all applications
<i>8<sup>th</sup> May (at the latest)</i>	Notification of successful self-funded participants
<i>22<sup>nd</sup> May (at the latest)</i>	Notification of successful scholarship participants

You can find both of the application forms at [www.iglyo.com](http://www.iglyo.com).



## Self Funded Applicants

*"This Is Who We Are"* is an important step for LGBTQ youth organizations towards a truly international dialogue. You can show your support for this project now, by applying as a self-funded participant. In this way we can make sure that the scholarships go to those who need them most.

Self funded participants who apply **before 20<sup>th</sup> April** will receive the following benefits:

- A simplified application procedure – simply fill out the online form.
- An earlier selection process and greater chance of success.
- A discounted participation fee of €200.
- Earlier confirmation of your participation, enabling you to make cheap travel arrangements to Amsterdam.

Please note that we will continue to accept applications from self funded participants until 1<sup>st</sup> May, but at the full fee of €220. Also, late applicants will be considered alongside scholarship participants, so applying before 20<sup>th</sup> April is recommended.

Applicants should fulfill the following criteria:

- You are working to secure the rights of LGBTQ young people.
- You are able to participate in the conference in English.
- You are at least 18 years and maximum 30 years old on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
- You are able to pay for your own travel expenses, plus a participation fee of €200.

IGLYO is making efforts to ensure the participation of as many applicants as possible, and self-funded applicants have the best chance of success. However, capacity is limited: if there is a very large demand then not all applications will be successful. If there is a large number of applications, preference will be given to applicants who:

- Are a member of an IGLYO member organization for applications coming from the European region.
- Have experience of intercultural learning in an international setting.
- Are able to promote and add value to the conference aims in their own region or community.
- IGLYO aims at having a diverse range of participants present during the conference in terms of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age and citizenship status.

Remember that submitting an application does not guarantee your place – please wait for IGLYO to confirm your place BEFORE booking travel to Amsterdam. All successful self-funded applicants will be notified by **Friday 8th May** at the latest.



The IGLYO board and secretariat are available to offer advice and further information, so please do not hesitate to contact us at [2009@iglyo.com](mailto:2009@iglyo.com). We would also welcome your questions, comments or suggestions about the event.

## Scholarship Participants

IGLYO has been successful in raising limited funds for the scholarship programme. The purpose of the scholarship programme is to enable the participation of activists who would otherwise not be able to attend. IGLYO welcomes applications from activists living and working in the Global South.

Unfortunately, not all applicants can expect to get support – even though they might fulfill the conditions for getting support. Particularly activists coming from **Australia, Canada, Israel, Western Europe, New Zealand, the United States of America and developed Asian countries** are unlikely to get a scholarship, due to the wider availability of local funding in these regions and in particular due to the criteria of funders. We encourage participants from these regions to seek support for the attendance of this conference at local / regional funding agencies in their country.

Scholarship applicants should fulfill the following criteria:

- You are working to secure the rights of LGBTQ young people.
- You are able to promote and add value to the conference aims in your own region or community.
- You are able to participate in the conference in English.
- You are at least 18 years and maximum 30 years old on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
- You are unable to cover the costs associated with the conference yourself.

In order to ensure that the conference represents the voice of LGBTQ Youth, preference will be given to applicants who are aged 30 years or younger. Preference will also be given to applicants with experience of intercultural learning in an international setting. IGLYO aims at having a diverse range of participants present during the conference in terms of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age and citizenship status.

For successful scholars, IGLYO will cover the costs of:

- Travel and visa costs to and / from Amsterdam based on the cheapest available 2<sup>nd</sup> /economy class travel option. Please mind that travel arrangements can only be made in agreement with IGLYO.
- Participation in the program.
- Accommodation (in a hostel).
- Meals and social programs.
- Conference materials.

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Please note that IGLYO is not able to cover health and travel insurance, so participants are urged to purchase this once they receive confirmation of their participation.

Scholars from outside Europe will have their travel tickets and visas paid for in advance, directly by IGLYO. European scholars are requested to purchase their own tickets – they will then be reimbursed after the conference. Please do not make any travel arrangements until you have received confirmation from IGLYO. Successful scholarship participants will be notified by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at the latest.

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