

Motion number:	2
Proposed by:	The Board
Document affected:	Statutes §1 and Strategic Plan 2014-18 «Vision»
Type of suggestion:	Adding «Intersex» and «sex characteristics and bodily diversity»
<p>Statutes</p> <p>Old text: “The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender &amp; Queer Youth &amp; Student Organisation”</p> <p>New text: “The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer &amp; <b>Intersex</b> Youth &amp; Student Organisation”</p> <p>Strategic Plan 2014-18 - Vision</p> <p>Old text: “IGLYO’s vision is a world where we, young people in all our diversity, are able to express and define our own sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions without discrimination, violence or hatred.”</p> <p>New text: “IGLYO’s vision is a world where we, young people in all our diversity, are able to express and define ourselves regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, <b>sex characteristics and bodily diversity</b>, without discrimination, violence and hatred.”</p> <p>Reasoning:</p> <p>IGLYO has been working in the last period to strengthen its’ knowledge and understanding of intersex issues in order to be able to include intersex youth better in our organisation. We are aware that this is a process and that we still have many things to learn, and still many steps to take so that IGLYO develops to be fully inclusive of intersex youth. We believe that intersex voices are essential in this process and we are striving to make space for them to be heard, in their own terms.</p>	

By changing our name and vision to include intersex we are giving an important signal to those of us who are intersex in the LGBTQI community that intersex people, their issues and rights will be recognised by IGLYO.

We started this process by developing a partnership with Organisation Intersex Europe through collaborating with them for our first event on this topic, the Capacity Building seminar on Intersex, organised in collaboration with ILGA Europe. We aimed at facilitating a first round of knowledge to our members and we discovered that there was a real need for this. The people present showed a great interest and commitment to including intersex rights in their work. The knowledge gained in the seminar was then transferred to the board so to support our long term commitment to learning.

Our partnership will continue in the future, as we have already started planning a Study Session on Intersex “I have rights” that will take place in the beginning of next year and that will bring together around 30 youth from European region to discuss intersex issues and improve their organizations’ work on the topic.

We believe that our commitment is strong and that our name and vision change only comes as a natural step to support this fact. IGLYO strives to be an organisation fully inclusive of all youth in the queer community and to truly be a voice of all these youth at European level. This year, we have approved one member that works specifically on intersex issues and are looking into finding other youth intersex groups that can join our membership.

We are supported by OII to both doing this changes in our name and vision but also on developing ourselves as an intersex youth inclusive organisation.