

RainbowUCT hosts 'Faces of IGLYO' exhibition

FACES of IGLYO is a collection of pictures portraying young activists who work relentlessly to promote gay and lesbian rights and challenge stigma and homophobia and was recently on display at UCT.

Faces of IGLYO has been exhibited at the International Conference on LGBT Human Rights in Denmark, at a high school in Norway, an LGBTQ cultural week in the Ukraine, at ILGA-Europe's Annual Conference in Malta and also in Scotland. After being hosted by RainbowUCT, the exhibition will be featured in the IHLIA (International Gay and Lesbian Archives) in the Netherlands in April and all over Eastern Europe during Pride season.

Ian Ollis, MP for the Democratic Alliance and one of the very few openly gay politicians in Africa, opened the exhibition and spoke on gay rights in Africa.

In July 2009, the International Gay and Lesbian Youth Organisation (IGLYO) that includes bisexual, transgender and queer youth and students, celebrated its 25th anniversary with an international LGBTQ activist conference in Amsterdam. It brought together more than 80 activists from around the world.

The exhibition consists of portraits of some of these activists. Self-taught photographer Alex Muller from Germany created these portraits that reflect the manifold backgrounds, experiences and people within the international LGBTQ community.

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