

**Lesbiešu, geju, biseksuāļu, transpersonu
un viņu draugu apvienība**



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To: International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender and Queer Youth and
Student Organization (IGLYO)

Dear Members of IGLYO,

Association of LGBT and their friends MOZAĪKA, as the only LGBT organisation in Latvia, would like to express their interest in hosting the General Assembly of International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Youth and Student Organization (IGLYO) in 2013 in the capital of Latvia – Riga.

We would be proud of bringing together young LGBTQI activists from all over Europe for the biggest and most significant LGBT youth event in Europe. This event will attract attention to MOZAĪKA, which also advocates for the young LGBT community.

General Assembly of IGLYO will empower local LGBT youth to take part in organisation of this unique event. As well as during the event MOZAĪKA is planning open LGBT youth events so local young people could learn more about the LGBT activism across the Europe and the World.

This event will be very important to MOZAĪKA both locally and internationally raising the profile of the organization. MOZAĪKA will be hosting ILGA-Europe Annual Conference in 2014 and, most importantly, Riga will be the host city of EuroPride 2015. Therefore, General Assembly of IGLYO could be an obvious beginning of international events heading to EuroPride 2015.

During this event, IGLYO members could take part in creating youth part of the EuroPride 2015, which is planned to be a largest and most important LGBT event in Central and Easter Europe if not in all Europe.

Youth issues have been defined as one of the MOZAIKA core priorities along with Advocacy in order to improve living conditions of LGBT people in Latvia, Community building, Human Rights work and others.

As few main activities we can mention that MOZAIKA is organiser of - pride parades in Riga in 2006, 2007 and 2008, and an initiator of the Baltic Pride concept and a lead organiser of the Baltic Pride events in Riga in 2009 and 2012, as well as in Vilnius in 2010 and in Tallinn in 2011.

Also along with different international organizations and the Latvian state organization MOZAIKA is leading training both for law enforcement officials and public officials on hate crimes and LGBT issues.

MOZAIKA also has a youth group SKAPIS with two main priorities to improve quality of life for young LGBT people and to maintain the unique youth portal and only LGBT youth media in Baltics (www.skapis.eu).

As the main challenge for hosting General Assembly of IGLYO in Riga Mozaika, foresees is an issue of funding. In order to attract necessary funding once granted the honour of the Host, MOZAIKA hand in hand with IGLYO Secretariat will create a strategy of the IGLYO GA 2103 strategy and will approach first of all existing funders and then future potential funders in order to provide necessary funding for the event.

So far MOZAIKA has only 1 employee, 6 board members and over 20 volunteers who will create the event successful and make the stay in Riga pleasant.

Please accept this as our letter of intent to bid for hosting IGLYO General Assembly in 2013 in Riga, Latvia.

With warm greetings from Riga,



Kristīne Garina



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Members of the Board
Association of LGBT and their friends MOZAIKA