

LGBTIQ people of faith: Situation, Challenges and Opportunities

Voice, is the theme of Helsinki Pride 2018. The purpose is to celebrate diversity within the LGBTIQ community and bring forth voices that are marginalized and usually not given the space to be heard. Strides have been taken in mainstreaming of LGBTIQ equality, but is multiple discrimination faced by LGBTIQ persons of faith recognized?

Welcome to the **LGBTIQ persons of faith: Situation, Challenges and Opportunities** –seminar. The aim is to give a voice to the LGBTIQ people of faith in Finland, give visibility to the LGBTIQ Muslim movement in Europe and Finland and open an interfaith dialogue.

Location: Sonckin Sali, Eteläesplanadi 16, 1st floor.

Time: Friday 29.06 at 09:00-16:00

Language of seminar: English

Accessible by wheelchair

Registration: last day to register 25.6. at following link:

<https://www.webpolsurveys.com/S/A3BE0538E714D662.par>

More information in Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2072521943029203/>

Program (Hosted by Marjaana Toiviainen, Lutheran pastor)

09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:30 Opening words

Hassen Hnini, Heseta chair

Laura 'Late' Mäntylä, University chaplain, Lutheran pastor

Michaela Moua, Ministry of Justice

9:45 How do honor issues in the Christian and Muslim communities effect LGBTIQ people?

Johanna Aapakallio, Sopa Loistosettlementti

10:30 LGBTIQ+ movement in the Church in Finland

Matti Peiponen Doctor of Theology, Pastor, Expert International and Multicultural work

11:00 Multiple discrimination faced by lgbtiq persons in Finland - results of the research done for Rainbow Rights –project

Otti Lepola Senior Researcher-Migration Institute of Finland

12:00 Lunch Break

13:00 Artistic perspectives on gender, sexuality, and queerness in Muslim South Asia

Abdullah Qureshi, Artist and researcher Aalto University

13:45 Islam and LGBTIQ

Dr. Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed, Imam

14:45 Coffee break

15:00 Panel discussion: LGBTIQ of faith; Challenges and envisioning the future *Laura Late Mäntylä, Mona Eid, Mercedesz Czimbalmos*

16:00 Closing

Additional information

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