



CALL FOR 3 PREPARATORY TEAM MEMBERS

“Knock knock, who’s there?” LGBTQ young people at the doorsteps of health care: Understanding obstacles and increasing access

Strasbourg, France; 28th November – 5th December 2010

We are pleased to inform you that IGLYO is organizing a study session together with the European Youth Centre Strasbourg.

This event aims to bring together young LGBTQ activists to make contact with each other, exchange experiences, expertise and good practices, and build each other’s capacity to work on LGBTQ health issues. This will lead to better information and skills to improve health care advocacy in the participants’ home constituencies, and to the creation of strong networks for further activism and projects.

Some of the **Study session’s main objectives** will be:

- Identify the current issues and reasons for healthcare systems to be inaccessible for a majority of LGBTQ youth
- Create a charter of recommendations and solutions to the problems discovered, to be used as a practical tool in creating change;
- Provide an opportunity for LGBTQ youth activists to hear from experts in the field of LGBTQ health and/or youth issues;
- Recognise particular perspectives, issues and solutions for LGBTQ women and trans people;
- Empower participants to change their own local situations in relation to access to health services and the heteronormativity of healthcare systems;
- Promote and enable intercultural dialogue and learning between participants.

The Preparatory Team

We have an opening for three preparatory team members to help plan, organize and facilitate this study session. The team will consist in total of six people, taking into consideration gender and geographical balance in the team.

The preparatory team has the following **responsibilities**:

- Create the study session program;
- Select participants on the basis of given selection criteria;
- Coordinate the running of the event with the rest of the team;
- Ensure a good cohesion and flow between different program elements;
- Implement the program by facilitating workshops and chairing plenary sessions
- Write the study session report and evaluation.



The **ideal candidate** will:

- Be fluent in English (the study session's working language will be English.)
- Have experience of LGBTQ youth work;
- Have experience with health issues/ in health activism
- Have experience with non-formal education;
- Be between 18 and 30 years old;
- Be available from 10th to 13th September 2010 (preparatory meeting) and between November 26th – December 5th (study session and pre meeting)
- Be responsive and available for teamwork before and after the event, mostly by e-mail and skype.
- Be ready to provide a reasonable amount of preparation work before the event, mostly by e-mail and over Skype (between c. 1 and 8 hours a week as the event approaches);
- Be motivated to work in a stimulating, challenging and fun environment!

Candidates will be selected on the basis of geographical balance, gender balance, and a good reflection of the LGBTQ diversity. All related expenses (travel, food and accommodation) will be covered; there is the possibility to receive official accreditation for the work done.

Interested candidates can apply by **sending a motivation letter** to the IGLYO coordinators at lgbthealth@iglyo.com presenting yourself, your previous experience in the issue or in IGLYO events, your availability for the preparatory meeting. Please, describe in short (not more than 250 words):

- why you are interested in this particular event,
- what qualifies you to be a preparatory team member
- what expectations you have from the study session and
- your relevant skills and experiences

We strongly encourage members of any minorities to apply. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us. The nominated candidates will be considered by the IGLYO Board. Successful candidates will be notified by 23rd August 2010.

**Deadline for motivation letters: Friday 20th August 2010, 6pm CET.
Please send them to lgbthealth@iglyo.com**