

SAVE THE DATE: 2nd Rainbow Parliament on Saturday September 22, 2018, in Cologne Gaining acceptance for LGBTI*: the Rainbow Parliament continues

We hope you can keep the date free and join us in September. Invitations will go out shortly, and you'll need to register if you wish to attend.



Decades of struggle have seen significant progress in the legal recognition and acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and intersex people (LGBTI*) within society. Yet even after the introduction of same-sex marriage in Germany, and the groundbreaking ruling handed down by Germany's Federal Constitutional Court on the Third Sex, there is still widespread homophobia, transphobia and other forms of hostility toward particular groups in many parts of society.

Through forums and panel discussions, Germany's second Rainbow Parliament is an opportunity for us to engage in debate on how to build and improve "rainbow competence"¹ across a range of fields: services for the elderly, education, religious communities, the media, employment and international human rights work. For the discussion on religion and media, we will build on and develop the ideas from the first Rainbow Parliament in Berlin.

The LSVD project "Miteinander stärken, Rechtspopulismus entgegenwirken" (which roughly translates as "Stronger through Togetherness, Countering Right-Wing Populism") promotes the acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and intersex people (LGBTI*). As well as empowering LGBTI*, their allies and professionals working in the field, it also aims to develop sustainable strategies and build alliances within civil society against homophobia and transphobia, racism, anti-Semitism and all other forms of hostility toward particular groups.

When: Saturday, September 22, 2018, 09:30 - 17:00

Where: FORUM Volkshochschule, Museum am Neumarkt, Cäcilienstraße 29 – 33, 50667 Cologne

The event is intended for LGBTI* activists and professionals in education, science & research, media, politics, sport, the arts, religion, social work, anti-discrimination and anti-racism work, youth work and migrant organizations. It also serves as a valuable interface between federal, state and local policy initiatives.

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¹ "Rainbow competence" is the ability of specialist staff to engage with issues relating to sexual orientation a/o gender identity professionally and without discrimination.