



Dear Comrades, dear Friends,

hereby we would like to invite you to the upcoming 'Queer Easter 2008 - Education for Diversity and Inclusion'.

This non-formal educational seminar is going to take place from 17.-24.03.2008 in Werftpfuhl/ Germany.

The seminar is organized in cooperation with the educational centre Kurt-Loewenstein of the Socialist Youth of Germany - Die Falken, ECOSY, IFM-SEI and IUSY.

Education plays an important part in socialising, for us as individuals, as well as for society as a whole. Therefore Queer Easter seminar will examine how lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans issues are affecting education and those in education. Questions such as how to raise the issue of homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism in education will be tackled as well as curriculum development on LGBT issues debated, to give only some examples.

Furthermore, taking education as a socialising process, the seminar will take on the challenge to develop skills and materials for educating towards more diversity and for genuine inclusion of LGBT people into society.

## PROGRAMME

The topic of the seminar will be explored through a variety of workshops, discussion rounds and working groups. Besides those, Queer Easter will also offer the opportunity to learn more about LGBT situations in other countries, and there will be provide a space for exchanging experiences, projects and campaigns that our different organisations are running. And of course we have not forgotten about having fun together e.g. while spending one day in Berlin.

The final program will be sent out three weeks before the seminar starts. Together with the final program we will send a description how to reach the educational centre and a last-information email with details of what we would like you to bring, what to prepare beforehand and other useful information.

## DATES

This 9th Queer Easter Seminar is going to take place from 17th to 24th of March 2008.

## VENUE

The venue and accommodation will be at the Educational Centre Kurt Loewenstein in Werftpfuhl (30 km away from Berlin). The closest airports are in Berlin, from where the venue can be reached with local transport. Exact travel details will be sent to you after registration.

## PARTICIPANTS

Participants are expected to:

- o be active in an political youth organisation (either a youth organisation of IUSY or IFM-SEI) or active in an youth organisation dealing with LGBT issues, preferably an LGBT-youth organisation
- o have interest in working on the issue
- o prepare two questionnaires beforehand (which we will send to you with the final programme)

- o be able to follow the seminar and communicate in English
- o be available for the whole duration of the seminar

We do not ask for sexual orientation identification of the participants but welcome everybody who is interested in the topic of the seminar.

## FINANCES

The participation fee depends on the country you are coming from (between 20 - 70 Euro). Please contact the educational officer Tim Scholz (t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de) for exact details.

This fee includes participation in the programme and accommodation as well as four meals per day for the duration of the event and a day-trip to Berlin.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Due to the difficult financial situation we are unfortunately in general unable to reimburse your travel expenses, except in case of special agreements (please contact the educational officer Tim Scholz (t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de) on exact details of this).

## REGISTRATION

Registration for the Seminar is possible via the ECOSY website:  
[www.ecosy.org/Queer\\_Easter\\_2008\\_application.258.0.html](http://www.ecosy.org/Queer_Easter_2008_application.258.0.html)

Registration Deadline is **01.03.2008**

We are asking every participant from your organisation to register separately in order to let them fill the motivation questions by themselves.

If you are coming with a delegation from an organisation, we ask that you pay attention to the biological sex balance of your group, so that we have a balance at the seminar.

In case participants need **Visa** to enter Germany the deadline is the **08.02.2008**. Please register online as soon as possible since the original personal invitation letters are going to be sent out on the 11.02.08. The originals will be sent to the nearest German consulate. You will get scanned copies of this letters to apply for the visa.

## FURTHER QUESTIONS

In case of further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:  
t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de or conny@ecosy.org

Looking forward to welcome you on Queer Easter 2008.

Your Queer Easter Preparation Team,  
Tim, Evan and Conny