



Information about the conference

Focus on LGBTIQ+ Seniors: Information and Inspiration for more Inclusion

On 25 and 26 April 2019 the Rainbow Cities Network, the City of Amsterdam and Pink50+ (Roze50+), in collaboration with IHLIA LGBT Heritage, will host the European conference *Focus on LGBTIQ+ Seniors: Information and Inspiration for more Inclusion* in Amsterdam. You are cordially invited!

This two day conference *Focus on LGBTIQ+ Seniors* is all about exchanging knowledge and experiences in the field of LGBTIQ+ Seniors Europe-wide.

The main topic is the inclusion of LGBTIQ+ seniors, with respect to:

- inclusive services for LGBTIQ+ seniors;
- (prevention of) loneliness and isolation;
- connecting young and old people within the LGBTIQ+ community;
- the role of the government concerning all these issues.

Provisional programme

Thursday 25 April there will be a practice oriented programme offering a lot of activities and good practices all around Amsterdam in which you can participate. You can visit and participate in one or more events of your choice.

Friday 26 April the Conference *Focus on LGBTIQ+ Seniors* is held. In addition to 3 plenary sessions hosted by prominent researchers from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, there will be 8 interactive workshops, 14 inspirational sessions, 3 presentations, an information market and some surprising interludes.

Saturday 27 April is National King's Day in The Netherlands. This is a national festive holiday to celebrate the birthday of King Willem Alexander. This day there will be events, happenings, free markets and performances throughout Amsterdam. With over 700.000 visitors Amsterdam offers you a very good reason to stay an extra day!

For whom?

All European organisations, projects, professionals and volunteers - nationally, regionally and locally operating - who work with and for LGBTIQ+ senior citizens are invited to participate. About 150 participants are expected to visit the Conference. The official language is English. Participation is free.



About the location

On **Thursday 25 April** there will be about 10 events with, by and for LGBTIQ+ seniors, all around Amsterdam. All locations are centrally situated and very accessible by public transport. The programme leaflet (which appears in March) will contain more information on these events and their precise locations.

The conference on Friday 26 April takes place at the OBA, the Public Library at Oosterdokskade 143 In Amsterdam, nearby the Central Station. For information on how to reach OBA Oosterdok, see: <https://www.oba.nl/oba/english/central-library.html>

The organisation

The conference *Focus on LGBTIQ+ Seniors* is organised by the City of Amsterdam - as participant of the European Rainbow Cities Network - and Pink50+, an alliance to improve the social acceptance and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ seniors between ANBO (the Dutch organisation looking after the interests of senior citizens) and COC Nederland (the Dutch interest organisation for LGBTIQ's).

IHLIA LGBTI Heritage is cooperation partner. Please see for more information on the organising parties: www.amsterdam.nl; www.rainbowcities.com; www.roze50plus.nl and www.ihlia.nl

Additional information and registration

- Participation is free.
- **Please register for the conference through this [Registration Form](#) before 1 April 2019**
- Registration will take place in order of notification. Until 1 April 2019 cancellations are free of charge. After 1 April a cancellation fee of € 50,00 will be charged.
- In case of any questions please send your name and address to conference@roze50plus.nl.

TIP: Due to Kingsday hotels in Amsterdam will be fully booked early. Make your travel arrangements in time to prevent unavailability!

Comprehensive information and full details of the programme will be available within the Programme leaflet, published in March 2019.



Focus on LGBTIQ+ Seniors: *inclusion in practice* Thursday 25 April: programme in brief

Thursday 25 April between 13.00 and 22.00 hrs, there will be events with, by and for LGBTIQ+ seniors all over Amsterdam. These events, being regular activities with and for LGBTIQ+ seniors, represent Amsterdam or Dutch examples of good practices, in some cases especially organised this day for the conference visitors.

These events are being organised by several Amsterdam organisations, projects or individuals on their own account and not for responsibility of the organising partners (i.e. City of Amsterdam and Pink50+).

You can visit and participate one or more events of your choice. You compile your programme yourself to gather information and be inspired by these good practice examples. Most of the events are free admissible, though enrolment in advance is often required. When necessary, an English interpreter will be present.

Please find below information on the different events. Additional to a short description of the activities you will find the registration details and - if applicable - additional costs.

The organising parties need to know how many participants will attend the events. Early registration is advised (and should you be prevented from attending, a cancellation in due time is appreciated). On behalf of the organising parties we thank you for your consideration in this matter!

The following activities are organised:

Thursday 25 April

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| 13:00 – 14:30 | Guided tour through the Roze Hallen: living-apart-together for LHBTIQ+ seniors. Free admission. Sign up by emailing before April 20 to Mrs. Josee Rothuizen, joseerothuizen@gmail.com . Location: De Roze Hallen, Bilderdijkkade 50E, Amsterdam. |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | COC Café for LGBTIQ+ Seniors: to meet and chat with other LGBTIQ+ Seniors. Free admission. Sign up by emailing before 17 April to Mr. Jan Willem Ruiter, j.ruiter1@upcmail.nl . Location: DOC, Stadhouderskade 89, Amsterdam |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | LGBTI History Tour in Amsterdam by local guide Henk from Special Amsterdam Tours. Tickets are € 39,00. Payment by cards on the website. For more information see: www.specialamsterdamtours.nl . |



- 15:30 – 17:00 **From intention to inclusion:** a boat trip organised by Cordaan, a colourful long-term care organization favouring diversity. Participation is free. Signing up before 18 April is necessary to Mrs. Hanneke Heim, hheim@cordaan.nl. Location not yet known.
- 17:00 – 20:00 **Photo exhibition *Never in the Closet Again!*** Life stories of LGBTIQ+ seniors imagined, organised by IHLIA LGBT Heritage (also on Friday). Free admission. Location: OBA, Oosterdokskade 143, Amsterdam.
- 18:00 – 21:30 **Burger Meal Xtra International with the movie *Man in an orange shirt*.** Starting from 17:30 hrs. tickets: € 10,00 (payable by PIN only). Sign up by emailing before 20 April to info@derozeport.amsterdam. Location: Huis van de Buurt - Het Schouw, Dollardplein 1, Amsterdam.
- 20:00 – 22:30 **Linedance Evening**, including an introduction and a lesson, organized by Gay Line Dance Club Amsterdam Amigos. Entrance fee: €2,50 per person (payable in cash). No registration necessary. Location: Cruise Inn, Zuiderzeeweg 29, Amsterdam.
- 20.00 – 22:30 **Pink Cast**, a dance performance about and by LGBTI seniors of Introdans and SWOA (Arnhem), organised by Mokum Roze and SOOZ Amsterdam. Free admission, registration is not necessary. **Doors open from 19:30 hrs.** Location: OBA Theaterzaal, Oosterdokskade 143, Amsterdam.

Extra on Friday April 26

- 19:00-22:00** **Queens at The Palace**, a 3 course dinner show in the Palace of Nostalgia Victoria False (who will also perform at the Conference) and Ashley Knight will amuse you with a pleasant show full of songs and fun. Of course singing and music are live with Robert Kloppenburg at the piano. Reservation is possible through www.paleis-van-de-weemoed.nl. Entrance fee (including dinner) is € 55, payable with cash, with PIN or credit card. Doors open from 18:30 hrs. Location: Paleis van de Weemoed, Oudezijds Voorburgwal 15, Amsterdam.



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Friday 26 April: Programme in brief

The conference will be opened by the Mayor or a City Council Member of the City of Amsterdam, whereas Vivian Boelen (known from Dutch television and Chair Council of ANBO) will guide you through the day.

The programme offers 3 plenary presentations by renowned researchers from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. To your choice you can attend interactive workshops about good practices on inclusive services for LGBTIQ+ seniors, (prevention of) loneliness and isolation, connecting young and old people within the LGBTIQ+ community and the role of the government concerning these issues.

Additional to 3 presentations of researches on LGBTIQ+ seniors and short movies and documentary's about LGBTIQ+ seniors, there are inspirational table-sessions which you can participate. During the day you can visit the LGBTIQ information market and a photo exhibition about LGBTIQ+ Seniors.

At the registration desk in the morning of 26 April you can choose two sub sessions you want to attend later this day.

- 09:00 **Registration and enrolment to your choice of workshops, inspiration tables and/ or presentation you want to participate.** Take a coffee or tea and meet other participants. There is also time to visit the Information market and the photo exhibition *Never in the closet again!* organised by ILHLIA LGBT Heritage.
- 10:00 **Welcome and opening.** Host of the day, Vivian Boelen and performer Victoria False will welcome you. There will be an opening speech by the Mayor or a City Council Member of the City of Amsterdam.
- 10:20 **Plenary presentation *LGBTIQ+ ageing in the UK: current issues and future challenges.*** by prof. Andrew King, Deputy Head, Department of Sociology, University of Surrey (UK), Co-Director, Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender.
- 10:45 **Plenary presentation *Multiculturalism and LGBTIQ+ seniors*** by Andrew DJ Shield, PhD, Assistant Professor, Institute for History, Leiden University (NL)
- 11:10 **Short break**



- 11:30 **Round 1 - with workshops, inspiration tables and presentations**, with speakers from several European countries (to be attended by your choice). For more information see below.
- 12:30 **Time for lunch**, informal conversations and a stroll along the information market and the photo-exhibition.
- 13:30 **Welcome back** with Vivian Boelen, Victoria False and Mrs. and Mr. Senior Pride 2018
- 13:45 **Plenary presentation *LGBTIQ+ and ageing in place: experiences of independently living LGBTIQ+ seniors with care and support***
by Dr Roos Pijpers, Radboud University Nijmegen, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment.(NL)
- 14:15 **Round 2 - with workshops, inspirational sessions and presentations** from speakers of several European countries (to be attended by your choice). For more information see below.
- 15:15 **Short break** with coffee or tea and time to visit the Information market and the photo exhibition *Never in the closet again!*
- 15:45 **Conclusion and a feedback lecture** with various speakers from the City of Amsterdam, RCN, ANBO and intermezzos with artists.
- 16:30 **Drinks and bites, networking and music.**
- 17:30 **End of the conference.**



Friday 26 April:

Workshops, inspiration tables and presentations

Choose two options from the following collection of interactive workshops, inspiration tables and presentations with information about good practices on working with LGBTIQ+ seniors.

Workshops

- 1. A European quality mark for Inclusion of LGBTIQ + Seniors? The colors of the rainbow means much more, as they open every door!**
By Petra Verstraten and Martin Moerings, Pink50+ (NL), Paul Willis, Opening Doors London Quality Standard (UK) and Eva Obernauer, Schwulenberatung Berlin (DE)
- 2. Prevention of loneliness and isolation among LGBTI seniors**
By Jan Willem van de Maat, Researcher, Movisie (NL) and Michaela Schonenberger, Senior Health Promotion Specialist, GGD Amsterdam (NL), on behalf of Team Approach to Loneliness, City of Amsterdam (NL).
- 3. Connecting young and old within the LGBTIQ+ community towards senior quality of living in diversity without discrimination: Intergenerational approach in Hamburg and Sitges**
By Fernando Fuster-Fabra, Secretary-Coordinator, Social Volunteers of Sitges (ES) and Reingard Wagner, Instructor and trainer, Lesbenverein Intervention e.V. Hamburg (DE)
- 4. Pink Agenda: about the vision and direction of the municipality when it comes to the LHBTIQ + senior citizens policy of Amsterdam**
By Arnold van den Broek, Advisor Diversity/LHBTIQ+, City of Amsterdam (NL)
- 5. LGBTIQ + Seniors and well-being: how can social welfare organizations ensure that LGBTIQ Seniors feel welcome?**
By Vera Linssen, U-Centraal Utrecht (NL) and Jelle Houtsma, SOOZ Amsterdam (NL)
- 6. Support your chosen family:** about organizing local support groups of and with LGBTIQ + seniors that offer each other support when necessary
By Martin Moerings and Gerard Robben, Pink50+ (NL)
- 7. Love = love: about connecting LGBTIQ + Seniors and young people with a bi-cultural background**
By Gon Teunissen, Pink50+ Ambassador Midden Nederland (NL) and Samantha Diaz (NL).
- 8. Providing good care for LGBTIQ+ seniors and the role of the government**
By Dr. Jagoda Rosul-Gajic, project manager and Head of diversity section, MÜNCHENSTIFT (DE)



Inspiration tables (Information and inspiration to apply a 'good practice' to your own situation)

- 1. The power of working with life stories**
with author Eveline van de Putte, Empowerment Foundation (NL), researcher Corinne Ruffli, Lesben Geschichte (CH) and Martien Sleutjes, IHLIA (NL)
- 2. Support Programme for LGBTIQ Elderly**
with Mitja Blažič, Informational Centre Legebitra (SI)
- 3. The role and impact of ambassadors.** Presentations of the work of Rainbow ambassadors Belgium and Pink50+ ambassadors in The Netherlands,
with Maggy Doumen, Rainbow ambassador (BE) and Margreet van Hensbergen, Pink50+ Ambassador (NL)
- 4. E-learning about LGBTIQ + Seniors**
with Els Meijssen, Advisor Inclusion and Diversity, Movisie Utrecht (NL)
- 5. From intention to inclusion:** an inspirational session on a boat
by Remco de Vries and Hanneke Heim, Cordaan long-term care organization, Amsterdam (NL)
- 6. Campaign #REVOLUTIONSENIOR:** How to set up a publicity campaign about ageing for LGBT's
with Francis Carrier, GreyPRIDE France (FR)
- 7. Roze Stadsdorp:** neighborhood by and for LGBTIQ + Seniors
with Ineke Kraus, Roze Stadsdorp Amsterdam (NL)
- 8. Ageing with pride:** Keeping your Rainbow
with Rico Johnson-Sinclair, Campaign Manager Ageing with Pride Birmingham (UK)
- 9. About LGBT Seniors and Dementia**
with Giannos Kanellopoulos and Deppy Portokalaki, Proud Seniors Greece (GR)
- 10. Best4OlderLGBTI – Best Interest for the Older LGBTI**
with Maria João Azevedo, project manager and Rita Tavares de Sousa, researcher, Caso50+ (PT)
- 11. Roze Hallen: Living Apart Together for LHBT Seniors**
with Josee Rothuizen, Amsterdam (NL)
- 12. Transgender Seniors: Life Stories**
with Vereniging Genderdiversiteit en Erik Alkema, filmmaker (NL)
- 13. Rubicon's approach in working with LGBTIQ+ seniors,**
with Birgit Erlenbruch, Rubicon-Cologne (DE)
- 14. Education and training of public health care**
with Janne Bromseth and Monica Bothner, FRA National LGBTI-organisation (NO)



Presentations:

Focus on Results of (International) Researches about LGBTIQ+ Seniors

By Stephan Cremer, GGD Amsterdam (NL). He will present researches from

- AGEHIV Cohort Study. Amsterdam Academic Medical Centre (NL)
- The Health of Older Lesbians and Gay Men in Amsterdam. GGD Amsterdam City's Public Health Service and Pink Panel (NL)
- Supporting the Social Embeddedness of LGBT Older Adults Initiatives, Projects and Services. Andrea Lorenz-Wende and Anna Mattila, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- Generations. A Study in the Life and Health of LGB People in a Changing Society. Fausta Rosati, Rome (IT)

Focus on Documentaries and Movies about LGBTIQ+ Seniors

By Ad van Dam, Roze in Beeld, Amsterdam (NL). He will show fragments of documentary's and short movies about LGBTIQ+ seniors, to be followed by discussions.

Older LGBTI People, social network, social Isolation and Long term Care

By Dr Ralf Lottmann, University of Surrey (UK) on Older LGBT: Social Networks and Long-Term Care Services. Presentation of the AGEDLGBT* project, which will raise the question of how reliable social networks of older LGBT* people are when it comes to long-term care. We will discuss the concept and the results of an "Agent-based Model" that helps to understand current and future challenges regarding long-term care services for older LGBT.