



XVI NATIONAL
LGBTQI CONFERENCE
OF UKRAINE

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1

NOVEMBER 01, 2023

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🕒 10:00 – 10:30

SESSION 0

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE PROGRAM WALK THROUGH

Hosted by Lenny Emson (studio, Kyiv)

🕒 10:30 – 11:30

SESSION 1.1

«THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY DURING THE GREAT WAR», PART 1.

Moderator — Lenny Emson (studio, Kyiv)

Objective: to provide a modern view of the situation of the LGBTQI community in Ukraine and beyond in the context of a full-scale invasion, review the implementation of the roadmap for LGBTQI in Ukraine for 2023.

Topics for discussion:

- ① «The situation facing LGBTQI people in Ukraine» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Andriy Kravchuk, «Nash Svit» Human Rights Center.*
- ② «LGBTQI+ people during the war in Ukraine»: да research on the life of LGBTIQ+ people in Ukraine and beyond in the context of the full - scale war (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Olesya Trofymenko, Center for Social Expertises named after Yuri Saenko (online).*
- ③ «The LGBT program year is coming to an end: what was planned, what was completed, what will move to the year of 2024. Review of the LGBT road map 2023» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Svyatoslav Sheremet, National LGBTI consortium #LGBTI_PRO.*

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COFFEE BREAK

🕒 12:00 – 12:40

SESSION 1.2

«THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY DURING THE GREAT WAR», PART 2.

Moderator — *Kostiantyn Andriiv (studio, Kyiv)*

Objective: to provide updated data on the situation of LGBTI communities in the context of the war in Ukraine: an overview of the challenges, threats and opportunities facing the communities.

Topics for discussion:

- 1 «The current situation of the gay community and MSM in Ukraine» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Maksym Kasyanchuk, Expert Group on MSM and LGBT health and rights (online).*
- 2 «Current state and prospects of the trans* community in Ukraine» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Yulia Familyeva, NGO Cohort, trans* community representative in the National Council on TB and HIV/AIDS.*

🕒 12:40 – 12:50



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SESSION 1.3

«MARTIAL LAW AND MENTAL HEALTH OF LGBTI COMMUNITIES».

Moderator — *Maryna Didenko (studio, Kyiv)*

Objective: to reveal the relevance and importance of preserving the psychological health of LGBTQI people in the context of the impact of the war.

Topics for discussion:

- 1 «MENTALK — all-Ukrainian service for providing psychological support and assistance for LGBTQI+» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Andrii Bogoslavets, NGO «Alliance. Global».*
- 2 «How to use technologies to build a psychological assistance system: ECOM chatbot for LGBT Ukrainians and Ukrainian women during the war» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Olena German, ECOM (online).*
- 3 «Classical and alternative methods of psychotherapy during the war» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Yuliia Aseeva, LGBT ASSOCIATION 'LIGA' PO (online).*
- 4 «Neurodiversity in the context of transgeneriness» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Jan Gubsky, «Trans*Generation» NGO.*

🕒 14:10 – 15:30

 LUNCH BREAK

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SESSION 1.4 «CONTINUUM OF HIV, STI AND HEPATITIS SERVICES FOR LGBTQI PEOPLE».

Moderator — *Vasyl Malikov (studio, Kyiv)*

Objective: to provide updated strategic information in the context of preserving the health of Ukrainian LGBTQI communities and the key MSM group, presenting new data, updating a new vision regarding the priorities and composition of Public Health Services, and new challenges, threats, and opportunities overview.

Topics for discussion:

- 1 «Project 53-prevention in the conditions of war: adaptation and innovation» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Andrii Bogoslavets, NGO «Alliance. Global».*
- 2 «Security and support: the role of the peer-to-peer consultant: the LGBTQI+ community under the conditions of a military threat» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Volodymyr Shepard, ECOM.*
- 3 «USAID Project «Innovations to overcome the HIV epidemic»» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Andrii Radetsky (the report was collaboratively prepared with the involvement of Iryna Gryshaieva, an advocacy advisor from the USAID Project «Innovations to overcome the HIV epidemic»).*
- 4 «State program to ensure access to the diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis. Providing assistance for viral hepatitis» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Maryna Alexandrova, Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.*

🕒 17:00 – 17:30



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17:30 – 19:00

SESSION 1.5

«RED LINES IN PUBLIC BROADCASTING: WHERE FREEDOM OF SPEECH ENDS GIVING WAY TO ILLEGAL APPEALS».

Moderator — Oksana Solonska (studio, Kyiv)

Objective: to present the homophobia and transphobia criteria for the media developed by the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting, discussion of the implementation of these criteria in Ukraine's media space.

Topics for discussion:

- ① Presentation «Criteria for classifying information as inciting hatred, hostility, cruelty to individuals or groups of persons per SOGI». *Speakers — Dmytro Shvydchenko, head of the Department of Program Content Analysis, Media Research, Control and Analytical Department of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting and Dmytro Gavrilyuk, Lead Specialist of the Department of Program Content Analysis and Media Research of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting.*
- ② Panel discussion involving the representatives of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting, activists and journalists on the integration of the criteria in the media space of Ukraine, monitoring the compliance, and the accountability mechanism for the criteria violation.

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DAY 2

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🕒 9:30 – 11:00

SESSION 2.1 «HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES IN TIMES OF WAR», PART 1.

Moderator — Tetyana Kasian (studio, Kyiv)

Objective: familiarization of Ukrainian organizations with the basic principles of assistance and financing by humanitarian organizations and donors. Discussion of the general experience of cooperations between Ukrainian NGOs and humanitarian organizations and donors.

Speakers: *Amie Bishop – MSW, MPH, Director of Humanitarian and Global Development Programs, Outright International; Sabine Freizer Gunes – Representative, UN Women Ukraine; Anna Davgopol – Women Lead in Emergencies Advisor, CARE Ukraine; Robert Dolan – Partnerships Advisor, Mercy Corps; Olga Ilchuk – Protection Cluster Field Coordinator.*

Topics for discussion:

- ① Fundamental principles of aid provision and funding by humanitarian organizations and donors.
- ② Enhancing access to funding for humanitarian efforts by the LGBTIQ+ organizations and community.
- ③ A discussion on best practices in humanitarian aid delivery and the mechanisms to implement them in the work of Ukrainian LGBTIQ+ organizations.
- ④ Delving into the primary needs and potential collaboration avenues between international entities and LGBTIQ+ organizations, emphasizing the need for coordinated humanitarian efforts.

🕒 11:00 – 11:30



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SESSION 2.2 «HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES IN TIMES OF WAR», PART 2.

Moderator — *Vasyl Malikov (studio, Kyiv)*

Objective: familiarization with the experience of Ukrainian organizations in providing humanitarian assistance to LGBTQI+ communities under martial law, «lessons learned» and the impact of humanitarian interventions on the communities, development prospects for the next years, development of recommendations for humanitarian work with communities.

Topics for discussion:

- ① Experience in providing humanitarian assistance to LGBTQI communities in the conditions of war (presentation, Q&A) — **speakers:** *Andriy Chernyshev (NGO «Alliance.Global»), Olga Onipko (NGO «KyivPride»), Yulia Balagula (NGO «Insight»), Ivan Tereshchuk (LGBT ASSOCIATION 'LIGA' PO - online).*
- ② «Innovative approaches to helping LGBTQI people in the conditions of war» (presentation, Q&A) — **speaker** *Maryna Varban, ICF «Alliance for Public Health» (online).*
- ③ Discussion: «Lessons learned and the impact of humanitarian interventions on communities. Prospects for the development of humanitarian assistance to communities in the coming years. Development of recommendations for humanitarian work with communities».

🕒 13:00 – 14:00

 LUNCH BREAK

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14:00 – 15:00

SESSION 2.3

THE STATE OF UKRAINE'S RESPONSE TO HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC HATE CRIMES:
WHY ARE WE IN THE STANDSTILL AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS

Moderator — Lyudmyla Yankina (studio, Kyiv)

Objective: updating the legislation on liability for hate crimes, proper investigation of crimes committed against LGBTQI, countering «hate speech» against LGBTQI people.

Topics for discussion:

- ① «Monitoring findings of violations of MSM/LGBTQI+ people rights in 2022 by the National paralegal hub» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Yevgen Bilotskiy, NGO «Alliance. Global».*
- ② Supporting the implementation of European standards to combat discrimination and hate crimes by Council of Europe office in Ukraine. *Speakers: Viola Popenko, Yulia Melnichuk, Zemfira Kondur, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe (online).*
- ③ Work of the UN Human Rights monitoring mission in Ukraine in countering discrimination against LGBTQI people — *speaker Noel Calhoun, Deputy Head of UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.*
- ④ Discussion on improving the detection of homophobic and transphobic crimes, and protecting activists in war conditions.

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SESSION 2.4 «PARLIAMENT, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES: UKRAINE ON THE WAY TO IMPLEMENTING LGBTQI INCLUSIVE LEGISLATION».

Moderator — Svyatoslav Sheremet (studio, Kyiv)

Objective: review of parliamentary and government processes re LGBTQI people.

Topics for discussion:

- ① SOGI protections: when will the anti-discrimination law change?
- ② Registered civil partnership: when at last?
- ③ Reform of criminal legal framework — what are the prospects in the conditions of war: decriminalization of HIV infection, introduction of the concept of «intolerance», adding SOGI to certain articles of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, legalization of sex content circulation.
- ④ National Human Rights strategy: slowing down or progressing?

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SESSION 2.5 WATCHING AND DISCUSSING A DOCUMENTARY FILM «QUEER FIGHTERS OF UKRAINE»

Hosted by Yevhen Trachuk (studio, Kyiv)

Documentary film «Queer Fighters of Ukraine» (introduction, film show, Q&A) — *speaker Anzhelik Ustimenko (film author), «Rebel Queers» activist group (online).*

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🕒 10:30 – 12:00

SESSION 3.1 THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY OF UKRAINE DURING THE WAR

Moderators: Yulia Familyeva (studio, Kyiv), Yulia Arefyeva (online)

Objective: to inform about the situation, challenges and needs of the trans* community of Ukraine, the activities conducted by its activists and organizations that are aimed at both transgender people and the development of understanding and consolidation within the LGBTQI+ community at large.

Topics for discussion:

- 1 Awards ceremony for the participants of the National LGBTQI conference. *Speakers: Pavlo Skala (associate director for Policy and partnership of the ICF «Alliance for Public Health»), Myroslava Andrushchenko (program manager for Policy and advocacy of the ICF «Alliance for Public Health»), Yulia Familyeva (NGO Cohort), Tetiana Slabchuk (NGO «Partner»).*
- 2 «Advocacy steps. Depatologization of transgenerness» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Yulia Familyeva, NGO Cohort, representative of the trans* community in the National TB and HIV/AIDS Council.*
- 3 «Research of barriers to medical transgender transition» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Yulia Arefyeva, NGO Cohort (online).*
- 4 «Activities of the organization «Youth Public Movement «Partner»» are aimed at supporting the trans* community» (presentation, Q&A) — *speaker Monroe (Regional Consultant Kyiv, NGO «Partner»).*
- 5 «Algorithm and services of transgender transition during the war» — *speaker Tetiana Slabchuk (coordinator of the Advocacy Project, NGO «Partner»).*

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12:30 – 14:00

SESSION 3.2 «INFORMAL DISCUSSION»: WE ARE CLOSING THE CONFERENCE, STARTING THE INTER-CONFERENCE YEAR. IDEAS, RESULTS, AND TASKS

Moderator — Svyatoslav Sheremet (studio, Kyiv)

Objective: summing up the results of the conference, updating proposals for the final document of the conference — the roadmap for 2024.

Program:

- 1 Open floor discussion of recommendations to the roadmap for LGBTQI people in Ukraine for 2024.
- 2 Conference closure, photo session.

14:00 – 16:30



RECEPTION TO SUPPORT THE XVI NATIONAL LGBTQI CONFERENCE BY DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTIONS (CLOSED EVENT)



THROUGHOUT ALL DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE, FROM NOVEMBER 1ST TO NOVEMBER 3RD, 2023, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION «RELATIVES» SHOWCASING LGBTQI MILITARY PERSONNEL, VOLUNTEERS, AND THEIR LOVED ONES AT THE LOCATION.

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