

LesMigraS calls for speakers and workshop-instructors for an event-series on Empowerment for LGBTI people in 2011

Dear all,

Also this year LesMigraS will offer workshops and evening events in the frame of the empowerment project *Tapesh– with heart and vision against violence and discrimination*. Therefore we are looking for workshop-instructors and speakers.

Empowerment means to us a change from a deficit-oriented notion towards a self-strengthening conception and idea, in which consciousness-raising, taking personal responsibility and self-determination are our main considerations. We would like to strengthen and support lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and intersex people in their awareness of violence and discrimination and to offer and invent together strategies for action.

On this basis we are organizing an event-series running from March 2011 until November 2011.

Following themes are particularly important to us:

- Empowerment of LGBTI people with experiences of personal, structural or institutionalized violence and discrimination,
- Empowerment of supporters of LGBTI during and after experiences of violence and discrimination,
- LGBTI empowerment-history and history of LGBTI anti-racist struggle,
- Empowerment for undocumented LGBTI, LGBTI migrants, Black LGBTI and LGBTI of color,
- Empowerment for LGBTI persons with disabilities,
- Empowerment for trans* and intersex persons.

The workshops or events don't have to be exclusively for a certain group or community. Furthermore if you offer i.e. a workshop for LGBTI people with disabilities the workshop doesn't necessarily have to be on ableism. Just like an event for People of Color doesn't have to necessarily speak to experiences of racism.

We hope to include different styles involving various disciplines. However, what is important for us is that participants with different educational backgrounds and from different generations can follow the content and that you include a practice-oriented approach. It is also important to us that you consider the equal participation of persons with disabilities.

The workshops and events could i.e.:

- provide theoretical and historical contents,
- be based on experiences and self-reflections,
- use drama based approaches,
- be designed artistically (dance, theatre, photography, film) with different audio-visual media,
- include a film screening and following talk
- include performative art
- include readings and spoken words

The workshops should be 6 hours long (excluding time for breaks). They will take place in the rooms of LesMigraS and the Lesbenberatung Berlin e.V. The workshops can be performed in a team of two persons..

The evening events should be between 2-3 hours long. They will take place in the Lesbenberatung Berlin e.V. or at alternative locations/ in cafés.

If you are interested in offering a workshop or a program for an evening event for the *Tapesh*-Project, we would kindly ask you to send us a one page motivation paper until the **7th February 2011**, with the following information:

- a short **outline of the content** of your offer
- some sentences on your **motivation** and **previous experiences**

Please let us know if you can only offer the workshop/ event-program in English and if you would need an interpreter.

We are looking forward to your response!

Best wishes,
your LesMigraS team.

LesMigraS is the antidiscrimination and antiviolence area of the Lesbenberatung Berlin e.V.
Find more information about *Tapesh* on: <http://www.lesmigras.de/tapesh.html>