

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate to the International Conference “LGBTQI Empowering Realities”. The Conference will be held at the Department of Psychology, in Turin, Italy, on February 11 – 12, 2015.

The Conference is the final step of the Project “Empowering LGT young people against violence: a P2P model”.

We know that LGBTQI people youth not conforming to stereotypical gender expressions, are subjected to bullying and discrimination, facing in some cases violent physical attacks. Frequently, these victims can experience a strong disempowerment that leads to social isolation, psychological stress, reduction of self-esteem, self-efficacy and coping strategies. Our Project aimed to empower - using a P2P approach - to protect the LGBTQI people and their peers against violence, to create a “safer space” working with various service providers and to increase awareness about transphobic and homophobic attitudes and to highlight the issue of minority stress.

The International Conferences aims to be a meeting point where participants have the opportunity to make contact with the latest knowledge and share ideas to develop new projects and intervention strategies. This aim will be reached in a way that reflects a multidisciplinary approach with several experts from different scientific areas present.

The International Conference “*LGBTQI Empowering Realities*”, will try to work further towards this direction, bringing participants closer to the progress on scientific research concerning sexual identity, homophobic and transphobic bullying, minority stress, gender stereotypes and discriminations, empowerment, resilience and strategies of resistance.

We invite you to submit an abstract (see the guidelines in the next page) for an oral presentation and if you wish to send also the paper (see instruction in next pages). The participation to the Conference is without any fees and funded with the contribution of the European Commission.

We are sure you will find your participation rewarding and we look forward to seeing you there and to welcoming you to Turin!

Abstract Submission Guidelines

We invite you to submit an abstract for an oral presentation at the International Conference “*LGBTQI EMPOWERING REALITIES*”. Please read first the text below to find out what type of information you will need for your submission.

Language:

English

Session Type:

- ORAL PRESENTATION (The time allotted will be 15 minutes)

Topics:

- Identity and Sexual Identity;
- Homophobia and Transphobia;
- Coming out;
- Heterosexism and Heteronormativity;
- Intersectionality;
- Gender Stereotypes;
- Empowerment;
- Resilience and Strategies of Resistance; Homophobic and Transphobic Bullying
- Peer to peer model;
- Social and media LGBTQI;
- Health LGBTQI;
- Education LGBTQI;
- Professional LGBTQI policies and practices;
- Young LGBTQI realities;
- European Policies on LGBTQI;
- European legal issues in LGBTQI.

Information Required in addition of the abstract:

- **Title**
- **Presenter(s) contact information:** presenter: full name, degrees/credentials, position title, organization, mailing address, phone number, fax number, email address
- **Short biography for each presenter** (limit 100 words)
- **Conflict of Interest declaration:** The abstract submission cannot be concluded until each inscription form has been submitted
- **Permission to publish**
- **Abstract text:**

The abstract should not exceed **300 words** and should be written in **12 cpi T.N. Roman**. Abstracts will contain **text only** – graphs and pictures cannot be inserted. Also, please **DO NOT INCLUDE** page numbers, references and footnotes in the abstract.

Structure of abstract:

- Introduction & Aim

- Method
- Results
- Discussion

Selection Criteria:

Abstracts will be **reviewed** by a panel of experts and selected on the basis of merit for presentation. Abstracts that fail to adhere to the submission guidelines or relate to the conference goals will not be accepted for review.

Abstracts will be reviewed and scored based on:

- Relevance to the goal of the conference
- Organization and clarity
- Content about innovative programs/promising practice issues, concepts, strategies or programs that present effective ways to improve the wellbeing of LGBTQI people
- Content that is scientifically-based, accurate, current, and objective.

Submission Deadline and important Details for Applicants

- **Deadline for Abstract Submission: December 5th, 2014**
- **Deadline for Paper Submission: January 16th 2015**
- You must confirm your intention to participate in the conference by January 16, 2015
- Number of oral presentation for each participant: 2
- Abstract book will be published online on the website *<http://peerlgt.eu>*
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- At the end of the conference delegates will receive a certificate of participation.
- **ATTENDANCE IS FREE**

TEMPLATE FOR THE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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