

## **The program**

### **Thursday, September 27, 2012 "Official opening ceremony"**

Location: : Mozes & Aäronkerk (Moses and Aaron Church)

19.00: Performance by fashion designer Aziz Bekkaoui  
19.10: Welcome by Emir Belatoui, Secret Garden  
19.20: Introduction by Andrée van Es, Alderman Emancipation, Amsterdam  
19.40: Introduction by Ahmed Marcouch (Member of Parliament, PVDA)  
20.00: Personal story of Derya Armanci (Transsexual from Turkey)  
20.10: Documentary Secret Garden "FIGHT TO BE"  
20.40: Opening of the exhibition, drink and opportunity for networking  
22.00: Closing

22.00 - 04.00: "WE ARE FREE" after party at The Club Church, Kerkstraat 52, Amsterdam

### **Friday, September 28, 2012 "Congress day"**

Location: Mozes & Aäronkerk (Moses and Aaron Church)

9:30 Information Market Foyer

Plenary program:

10:30: Welcome and explanation of the program by Emir Belatoui, Secret Garden  
10:45: Presentation by MEP Mrs. Sophie in 't Veld (D66 Member European Parliament)  
11:00: Ms. M.A.S. (Bedayaa - Organization for LGBTQI of the Nile Valley Area (Egypt & Sudan)  
11:15: Judith Sargentini (Member of the European Parliament, GroenLinks / EGP)  
11.30: Koen van Dijk (Director COC Netherlands)  
11.45: Presentation self organizations and discussion / questions:  
- Ali Hili - Iraqi LGBT (Safe houses - Iraq)  
- Samia Amrani (Merhaba, Belgium)

12:30: Lunch

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.:  
Groups (discussion by target)

#### **- Theme Women**

Samira Bouchibti (journalist), Fenek Fatah (volunteer Secret Garden - Caregiver / Activist), also discussion leader, Aytun Aydin (founder of Elance), Khadija Arib (Member of Parliament, PVDA), Souad Boumedien (Amsterdam Police, Pink in Blue and Ambassador LHBT'ers Rotterdam), Samia Amrani (Merhaba, Belgium), M. E. (Bedayaa, Egypt), Ms. M. A. (Bedayaa, Egypt), Ramzi Ibrahim (project assistant Pride4every1 - The Belgian Pride, Belgium), Bears Azizi (LGBT activist / director, Turkey), ELLA vzw I Knowledge Centre gender and ethnicity (formerly SAMV), Belgium

#### **- Theme Men**

Marten Bos, discussion leader, Mohamed CHAIBI (gay nationwide network PvdA), Ellie Lust (Amsterdam Police, Pink in Blue), Cherif Mohamed Larbi (LGBT activist, Dubai, UAE), Ms. M. El (Bedayaa, Egypt), Yahia Zaidi (Omnya, Belgium), Moenira Shirwa (Project Youth and Education, COC Netherlands), Ludovic Lotfi Mohamed Zahed (Calam, France), M. Abdelmonim (Al Bedaya, Egypt), Fatimazohra Hajar (chairwoman van KAP - Amsterdam),

#### **- Theme Transgenders**

Under construction. State Secretary of Security and Justice mr. H is invited (ov), Thomas Wormgoor (POST, TNN and Trans Vision Care), Derya Armanci (Transsexuals from Turkey - story), Catherine Gouffau (Merhaba, Belgium)

#### **- Theme Asylum Seekers**

David Teigeler discussion leader (ASKV - Centre for Refugees), Herman Bosveld (volunteer Secret Garden), Ahmed Marcouch (Member of Parliament, PVDA), Bart Hermans (Fedasil - AHHA Project / Rainbows United / True Colours Café / Proud Projector, Belgium), Ali Hili Iraqi LGBT (safe houses, Iraq), Assaad Idrissi (OMNYA, Belgium), Erik Hagenaars (lawyer), Margot Pot (attorney at law), Thomas Spijkerboer (Pr. Free University, Amsterdam), Michel Bekker (Refugee Action Netherlands), Sharon Gesthuizen (Member of Parliament, SP), Maartje Terpstra (lawyer), Lieneke Lute (Projectleader Asylum, COC Netherlands), Michel Bekker (Refugee Action Netherlands), Thomas Spijkerboer (Pro. Immigration Law - Free University), Ramzi Ibrahim (Pride4every1 - The Belgian Pride, project assistant, Belgium),), Arsham Parsi (IRQR - Iranian Railroad for Queer Refugees, Canada), Tariq Ahmed Yassin (LGBT, Iraq)

15:00: Break

15:30: Theme sessions, each introduced by a speaker.  
Feedback from discussion groups.

#### **Theme International Human Rights**

Jeroen van Dalen (discussion leader - volunteer Secret Garden), Emine Bozkurt (Member of the European Parliament, PvdA (S & D), Fabienne Siemenel (HIVOS - Program Officer LGBT Rights), Yahia Zaidi (OMNYA, Belgium), Catherine Goffau (Merhaba - Coordinator, Belgium), Joyce Hamilton (Project leader International Policy, COC Netherlands ) and more

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#### **Theme The role of self-help organizations for acceptance in their own circles**

Cooperation municipalities and other organizations (see the invited organizations from home and abroad), Aytun (Foundation Elance Amsterdam), Ellie Lust (Amsterdam Police, Pink in Blue), Andrée

van Es (alderman gay emancipation Municipality of Amsterdam), Simon Bontekoning ( Management and Policy Advisor - Public Safety Municipality of Amsterdam), Moenie Shirwa (Project Respect 2 Love, COC Netherlands)

**Completion:**

17:00: Plenary, presentations from theme sessions (main points)

- Panelists

- Emine Boslurt, Andrée van Es, Ahmed Marcouch, Khadija Arib, Margot Pot, Simon Bontekoning (Administrative and Policy Advisor - Public Order and SafetyMunicipality of Amsterdam), Ellie Lust (Amsterdam Police - Pink in Blue), Joyce Hamilton (Projectleader International policy, COC Netherlands)

From each theme session, a brief summary will be presented. Key challenges for the future, action points. Off topic session International human rights is a list of points will be presented that could form part of an international treaty.

17:45: Closing

18.00: Dinner

**Cultural program and book presentations:**

20.00 - 22.30

**Room 1:** Calam - France "The Greenbook"

Samira Bouchibti "Islam, Muslims and I"

Khadija Arib "This is how Allah has created us"

**Room 2:** Presentation of new education programs:

(Houssain Ayoubi)

**Room 3:** LGBTQI MOVEMENT (Muslim countries)

In recent years many organizations have been founded around the world and initiatives have arisen to discuss LGBT topics. In some European countries this is possible, but in the Muslim countries it is prohibited and a very dangerous thing to start.

This theme will address all the organizations / initiatives to exchange knowledge and share experiences, and especially to start a new international network that can be used to support similar initiatives in other countries, where homosexuality is illegal and punishable.

**Saturday, September 29 sports and festive program:**

12:30: *"Walk for Hope"*

With this tour, we call for more tolerance, acceptance, safety, and especially respect for each other's freedom. Anyone who cares about the LGBT community is invited to participate.

Meeting point: Mozes & Aaronkerk (Moses and Aaron Church)

Collect Time: 12:30 (13:00 we will walk to the Gay-Monument)

**Saturday, September 29 festive closing ceremony:**

From 19:00 to 23:00 in the Mozes & Aäronkerk ( Moses and Aaron Church)

19.00: DJ Said

Various performances:

20-00: Nicky Nicole, hostess

20.10: Rachid Alexander, belly dancer

20-25: Seyhan Arman, actor, comedian and Drag Queen from Turkey

20.30 - 23.00: DJ Said

Guest appearance: Jennifer and the House of Hopelezz

23.00 Closing and After party in the Sultana Bar, Reguliersdwaarsstraat 21, Amsterdam.

