Coming-out project

Our goal is to further the tolerance of Hungarians toward minority people, especially toward people of different sexual orientation. We do this by organizing discussion evenings, internet campaigns, press conferences, etc.

Also, we try to ease the life of those with problems accepting who they are and support them in their decisions. We help them accept their gynacy and — if they decide so — help them come out. We also provide support if they need help in explaining their identity in their family and at their workplace. Our goal is to empower them to accept their identity; this way we can prevent their marginalization, drug abuse, etc. We help them live their life as open-minded, proud, valuable members of our society. We try to show them that they are not alone with their problems. Furthermore, we aim to bring existing pressure to bear against those society groups and professions that can play a role in discrimination against LGBTQ people (for e.g. teachers, supporting professionals).

We do trainings and advertising activities among representatives of those society groups and professions that can play a role in discriminating against LGBTQ people (for e.g. teachers, supporting professionals).

We seek opportunities to form liaisons and collaborate with other LGBTQ and minority organizations.

We conduct scientific research on different forms of discrimination against LGBTQ youth.

Getting to know LGBT people

The aim of our collective project with Labrisz Lesbian Association is to create a safe environment in the schools where all diversities are respected. During our school visits we show students the reality of LGBT people’s life and we give them opportunity to ask questions. The lessons are usually guided by a man and a woman who, after a short introduction, bring to the young people’s attention that LGBT people are present everywhere, in all groups of society but in most cases they are invisible. They discuss with the participants what homophobia and discrimination are and what students can do if their environment acts with prejudice.

Szimpozion Club

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Some of our guests and programs from our history:

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Videoblog

In our videoblog called Through Gay Eyes (“Meleg szemmel”) our members address various LGBTQ-related topics. Usually we invite guests as well. The aim of our vlog is to promote tolerance, dispel preconceptions, inform LGBTQ and straight people about our members address various LGBTQ-related topics. Usually we invite guests as well. The aim of our vlog is to promote tolerance, dispel preconceptions; inform LGBTQ and straight people about our published programmes, cinema visits etc.

In order to reach our goals, we have initiated the Videoblog, which is aimed to invite guests as well. The aim of our vlog is to promote tolerance, dispel preconceptions; inform LGBTQ and straight people about our published programmes, cinema visits etc.

Szimpozion Association.

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- the diversity of society and the differences between people
- groups where people can create personal relationships with each other, where they can openly give voice to their feelings and thoughts, where they can be a community and not just a group of people
- solidarity with the victims of disrespect, unlawfulness and discrimination
- intellectual openness, accepting ourselves
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WE SUPPORT THOSE LGBTQ COMMUNITIES, WHOSE GOALS AND CREDOs ARE SIMILAR TO OURS.

Excursions

In spring and fall we organize one-day excursions, where participants can discuss their experiences and problems in an informal setting.

Library

A range of works by LGBTQ writers, LGBTQ-themed books, journals and movies can be borrowed in Szimpozion Club. If you have similar literature you no longer read, you are welcome to donate!

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