

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: Training course on LGBTQI topics for mental health service providers

Lesbian Organisation Rijeka – LORI is launching a Call for participants for the *Training course on LGBTQI topics for mental health service providers* that will be held in **Rijeka (Croatia) from October 24th until October 28th, 2020**, as a part of Erasmus+ project “CommonPoint - Innovative approaches to training mental health service providers for the quality support of LGBTQI people”. The project is implemented by Hatter Tarsasag (Hungary) and partner organisations are Prague Pride (Czech Republic), Single Step Foundation (Bulgaria) and Lesbian Organisation Rijeka LORI (Croatia).

Aim:

The training aims to build capacities of mental health workers and to increase the quality of mental health services supporting LGBTQI. The training is designed to provide specific knowledge on LGBTQI topics, to improve the skills and attitudes of the participants and to increase the quality of mental health services supporting LGBTQI persons.

This training will also serve as a 'testing ground' for the teaching methods and content that the project team developed in the *Handbook for trainers* on LGBTQI topics created specifically for delivering trainings to the mental health service providers.

Training modules/topics:

The training course includes several modules related to relevant topics in the field. Training course involves the theoretical part and the activities on the following topics:

- Basic concepts and terminology: LGBTQI terminology, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, unboxing and non-binary thinking
- Gender recognition and transition
- The coming out process
- Prejudices and stereotypes against LGBTI persons,
- Internalised homophobia and minority stress
- Discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, violence

The complete programme will be available at the beginning of October 2020.

The training course will be led by LORI trainers and associates experienced in education in the field of LGBTQI human rights and homo/bi/transphobia, as well as in providing psychosocial support for LGBTQI persons.

Who can apply?

The training is intended for mental health service providers, specifically clinical psychologists, school counsellors, crisis hotline operators and social workers, who want to improve their competencies for working with LGBTI clients. The training will gather 16 participants from 4 different countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary), one member of each target group from each country.

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Organisational and financial aspects:

The 5-day training will be held in Rijeka, Croatia, **from October 24th until October 28th, 2020. It is expected that the participants attend all sessions.**

Costs of the training (travel costs, accommodation and meals) are covered by the Erasmus + grant.

Accommodation and meals are organised by LORI.

Travel arrangements are organised **by partner organisations in each country**. Travel expenses are refunded depending on countries and are calculated accordingly to the Travel Distance Calculator of the EACEA (the amount depends of the route to the venue of the training as calculated by the Distance Calculator).

The maximum travel reimbursement for Hungary is 180 EUR per person, for Czech Republic and Bulgaria is 275 EUR per person.

*Accommodation and travel costs are not provided for the participants from Rijeka.

Working language:

The working language of the program will be **English**.

Application procedure:

It is necessary to fill in the application form, published on partner organizations websites with this Call. Deadline for applications: **September 25th 2020**.

Please fill **the application form** and send it until **September 25th 2020**.

Applications should be sent on the following addresses:

Participants from Bulgaria: info@singlestep.bg

Participants from Czech Republic: karel.pavlica@praguepride.com

Participants from Hungary: hatter@hatter.hu

Participants from Croatia: loricure@yahoo.com

The number of participants is limited (4 per each country, according to target groups described above).

Contact info:

For more information about the training, the application procedure, or the financial and practical conditions of participants please email **Lesbian Organisation Rijeka LORI** loricure@yahoo.com.

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About the project:

The training course for mental health service providers on LGBTQI topics 2020 is organised within project **Common Point: Innovative approaches to training mental health service providers for the quality support of LGBTQI people.** Through the exchange of good practices at the European level, the project aims at developing innovative materials of wide diffusion that gather and multiply their impact in diverse territorial contexts. The project will result in innovative and easily accessible material to train professionals in the field of mental health, in order to promote the design of personalized support programs for LGBTQI people in their empowerment processes. The project coordinator is Hatter Tarsasag (Hungary) and partner organisations are Prague Pride (Czech Republic), Single Step Foundation (Bulgaria) and Lesbian Organisation Rijeka LORI (Croatia). The training course is co-funded by Erasmus + programme of the European Union.

Please note: in view of restrictions due to the COVID-19 (corona) virus and depending on how the situation evolves on the European level, changes may occur in the training course program or the training delivery method (for example: on-line training via Zoom platform). For the moment it is not expected that this training will be affected.