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PSI/EI LGBT FORUM

Monday 30 October 2017 – Geneva

Public Services International and Education International are delighted to organize the Fourth PSI/EI LGBT Forum prior to PSI's 30th World Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG).

The LGBT Forum provides guidance to the EI and PSI Executive Boards and Steering Committees, in undertaking the activities proposed by member organisations represented at the Forum. The one-day Forum provides an opportunity to exchange good practices, strengthen alliances and share information on current trends and guidance on future work. The outcomes and recommendations will be delivered to the PSI Congress for its consideration, and at the next PSI and EI Executive Board meetings. We remain deeply committed to equality for all at the workplace, in trade unions and in society. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) workers' rights are trade union rights, and EI and PSI are committed to challenging all forms of discrimination and to enabling conditions for promoting social justice.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish during plenary sessions.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday 29 October

18:00 - 21:00 **Informal networking meeting.** Organized by PSI and IE in cooperation with ILGA and relevant NGOs based in Geneva. Drinks and food will be provided. **The event will be held at MAMBO, 60 Rue de Monthoux, 1201 Geneva, just a few minutes from Cornavin train station.**

Monday 30 October

08:00 – 08:30 | Registration

08:30 – 09:00 | Welcome remarks and introductory session on EI and PSI work on LGBTI policies
Rosa Pavanelli, PSI General Secretary
Daniel B. Lafreniere, EI Executive Board member

09:00 – 10:30 | Fighting for inclusion and equality – Moderated by Meredith Peace, AEU Victorian Branch President

- **SNUipp-FSU (France): Promoting LGBT rights through Early Childhood Education**
- **APUBA (Argentina): The Diversity platform**
- **German Education Union (GEW): supporting LGBTIQ teachers and fighting for acceptance of sexual diversity in education**
- **UNISON (UK): From lone voices to collective actions for LGBT equality**

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

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11:00 – 11:15 | ILO's work on LGBTQI policies, Shauna Olney, Chief Gender, Equality and Diversity & ILOAIDS Branch, International Labour Organization

11:15 – 12:15 | Unions for rights, diversity and justice. Working with and for LGBTI workers: lessons learned, new alliances and activism. Moderated by Jolanda van Gool, FNV Roze, Vice-Chair.

- SEIU: Building a coalition against neo-liberalism
- PSI Regional LGBT Committee for Inter-Americas – building stronger networks
- FCS CCOO (Spain): Health and HIV policies
- Japan Teachers Union, JTU: From JTU LGBTI members to JTU as a whole

12:15 – 13:45 | Lunch

13:45 – 14:45 | LGBTI policies in a changing world. Moderated by Sandra Vermuyten, PSI Head of Campaigns. Panel discussion with Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); Phyll Opoku-Gyimah, Head of Political Campaigns and Equality, PCS UK; Eric Brown, Executive Committee member of the National Education Association US, Gurchaten Sandhu (UN-GLOBE) and Jane Pillinger (Independent Researcher).

14:45 – 15:45 | Business as usual? Future policies and programs.

Groups conversations:

- Diversity in PSI's Programme of Action – to be adopted by PSI Congress or
- Directions to the 8th EI World Congress in 2019

15:45 – 16:00 | Brief reports and Next steps

PSI Congress delegates should attend the opening of PSI Congress at 18:00 pm

PSI LGBT website: www.world-psi.org/LGBT

EI Sexual Diversity website: https://ei-ie.org/en/detail_page/4656/sexual-diversity

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