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Subject: World Pride Madrid 2017 - LGBTQI Interparliamentary Session

Dear Ms Ward,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Madrid Summit and the Victory Institute to formally invite you to the first ever international 'LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session' which will take place on Thursday 29 June from 16h00 - 18h00 in the Senado de España, Madrid.

As part of World Pride Madrid 2017, the Plenary Session will look to bring together elected representatives of all levels, ages, genders, races and political families from around the world who identify as LGBTQI or are passionate about defending the community. It will seek to find ways that attendees of the session can further collaborate and use their unique positions of influence to further the advance of LGBTQI specific Human Rights around the world.

The LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session will open with a formal reading of the Madrid Declaration, the formal conclusions of the Madrid Summit. During the ensuing debate attending elected representatives of all levels and nationalities will have the chance to contribute to the discussion. The debate will focus on how LGBTQI politicians and defenders can best use their positions of influence to implement the aims of the Madrid Declaration. Representatives will draw on their experience in office, highlight specific challenges in their regions and seek to define how they can best work together to best improve the lives of LGBTQI people across the world.

Interpretation will be available between Spanish and English only.

Attendees will also receive access to the VIP programme of the World Pride on Friday and Saturday which includes tours of the Pride venues, exclusive networking events and a secure section during the Pride march and at the main stage on Saturday 1st July.

I have attached for your information a provisional programme for the Session. Further information on the Madrid Summit and World Pride Madrid 2017 can be found on our website
<http://www.worldpridemadrid2017.com>

The Interparliamentary Session is open to attendance from elected representatives of any level of office that identify as LGBT+ or is a defender of the community. If you know of any other elected representatives from the Labour party or further afield who might be interested in attending I would be very grateful if you might circulate this email to them.

I hope to hear back from you and to be able to welcome you to Madrid in a month's time, assistants/advisors are also very welcome. We can issue a formal invitation to the Session and the World Pride although they won't be able to participate in the debate.

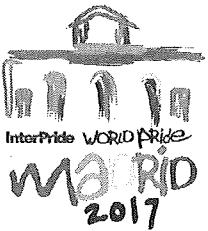
I remain at your disposal for any further questions or clarifications that you may have.

Best,

Ben

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WorldPride Madrid 2017 VIP Program

PLEASE CARRY YOUR BADGE AND PASSPORT WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.

Friday 23rd June

- 20:00h. Optional: Viva la Vida Vedettes Show
Mercado San Antón
Calle Augusto Figueroa 24

Wednesday 28th June

Morning: Activities to be determined / Free time

Pick up time at hotel TBA (to be announced)

- 19:00h. Meeting Point prior to WorldPride Festival opening speech: Hotel de las Letras at Calle Gran Vía, 11.
- 20:00h. WorldPride Festival opening speech (Plaza de Pedro Zerolo Stage).
Access to the backstage.
The InterPride Co-Presidents and EPOA President will speak at the stage.
- 21:00h. Madrid City Council Institutional Reception (Crystal Gallery at Plaza de Cibeles S/N)

Thursday 29th June

Pick up time at hotel TBA (to be announced)

- 14:00h. Nuestro deseo es una revolución. Imágenes de la diversidad sexual en el estado español (1977-2017)
Centro Cibeles de Cultura y Ciudadanía
Plaza Cibeles, 1 (Palacio de Cibeles)

- 16:00h. Thyssen Museum Guided Tour (to be confirmed)

- 19:30h. Belgium Embassy Reception

- 23:00h. Optional: Several nightlife options

Friday 30th June

Pick up time at hotel TBA (to be announced)

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- 12:00h. Visit to the WorldPride Park (Explanada de Puente del Rey, Madrid Río). This is the Village, the space of diversity where national and international associations, organizations and institutions meet and will have a small stage with cultural and playful programming.
- 20:00h. InterPride/EPOA/WorldPride 2019/EuroPride 2018 Reception.
Jardines de Cecilio Rodríguez (Retiro Park) (Food & Drinks)
Speeches:
- 1- *WorldPride Co-Chairs :*
 - Dallas Barnes
 - Alan Reiff
 - 2- *AEGAL - Moderator- TBA*
 - 3- *EuropePride 2018 Stockholm & Gothenburg:*
 - Alice Bah Kuhnke (*Sweden Minister of Culture and Democracy*)
 - Tobias Björk (*Vice President WestPride*)
 - Haydar Adelson (*President Stockholm WorldPride 2018*)
 - 3- *EPOA*
 - Kristine Garina (*President of EPOA*)
 - 4-*WorldPride 2019 NYC/ Stonewall 50' organizers: NYC & Co:*
 - Chris Frederick (*Managing Director of Heritage of Pride*)
 - Fred Dickson (*President & CEO of NYC & Company*)
 - 5-*InterPride Co Presidents:*
 - Sue Doster
 - Brett Hayhoe
- 22:00h. Optional: Puerta del Sol Stage: X Anniversary Mr. Gay Pride España ceremony or performances in different stages.
- 01:00h. Optional: Several nightlife options

Saturday 1st July

Pick up time at hotel TBA (to be announced)

- 13:00h. Brunch at Hotel ME Plaza Santa Ana 14
- 16:30h. Meeting point prior World Pride Parade 2017
Retiro park entrance Calle Alfonso XII with Cuesta de Moyano
- 17:00h. World Pride Parade 2017 (From Atocha Station to Plaza de Colón).
- 22:00h. Plaza de Colón Stage: This is the stage at the end of the Parade where all groups are announced, the organizers speak and several artists will perform.
InterPride Co-Presidents & EPOA President will give small speeches
- 22:30h. Puerta de Alcalá Stage: EuroPride Gala
Access to special VIP area at the backstage
- 00:30h. Puerta de Alcalá Stage: EuroPride Token Ceremony (Max. 30')
 - *Video*
 - *Speeches at the stage: (order of delivery to be determined)*
 - o *EPOA President*
 - o *EuroPride 2018 Stockholm & Gothenburg organizers*
 - o *Madrid Pride Speaker*
 - o *Other Authorities*

Sunday 2nd July

Morning/afternoon: Free time

Pick up time at hotel TBA (to be announced)

20:00h. Puerta de Alcalá Stage: WorldPride Madrid 2017 Gala
Access to special VIP area at the backstage

22:30h. Puerta de Alcalá Stage: WorldPride Token Ceremony (Max. 30')
- Video
- *Speeches at the stage: (order of delivery to be determined)*
o *InterPride Co-Presidents*
o *"NY WP 2019/Stonewall 50" organizers*
o Madrid Pride Speaker
o Other Authorities

23:30h. Puerta de Alcalá Stage: WorldPride Madrid 2017 Closing Ceremony

00:00h. End of WorldPride Madrid 2017

Note: this program is sensible to tiny changes



LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session

Speakers Guide

Thursday, 29th of June 2017 - Spanish Senate, Madrid

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Information about the session.

Chair

Tamara Adrian, Congressional Representative of Venezuela

Vice-Chairs

Helga Stevens, Member of the European Parliament for Belgium

Apsara Reddy, Political spokesperson

Full Agenda

15h30 Arrive at the Senado de España, Calle de Bailén, 3, 28013 Madrid

16h00 Plenary Session, Sala de Europa

16h00 Formal welcome by Spanish LGBTQI parliamentarians (PP, PSOE, PODEMOS, CIUDADANOS).

16h10 Opening of the LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Opening remarks by the Chair
- Formal Reading of the Madrid Summit Declaration

16h20 Interventions from International Intervenciones de representantes electos LGTBI
25 x 2.5minutes

17h20 Open debate

17h50 Conclusions

- Concluding remarks from the President
- Next steps for future collaboration of the LGBTI Interparliamentary Collective.

18h00 Closure of the LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session

18h15 Official Group Photo outside the Senate in the Plaza Mariña Española

18h30 Transport leaves from the Senate*

19h00 Arrival at the Residence of the Belgian Ambassador, Welcome from Bianca Debaets, Brussels Secretary of State*

19h30 Official start of the reception hosted by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Spain, M. Marc Calcoen*

*Attendance at the Reception at the Residence of the Belgian Ambassador is strictly restricted to those who have received an official invitation from the Embassy.

Description of the session and methodology

As part of World Pride Madrid 2017, the Madrid Summit and the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute are organizing an LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session that will bring together elected and appointed representatives of all levels, ages, genders, races and political families from around the world who identify as LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, genderqueer, and intersex) or are dedicated allies. The Session will take place on Thursday, 29th of June, in the Senate of Spain, in Madrid.

The number of elected and appointed officials who identify as LGBTIQ has increased steadily in recent years and they have been at the forefront of the fight for equality around the world. It seems that there is a desire from these officials to leverage their expertise and experience to help other out elected and appointed officials and also allies.

The goal of the LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session will be to explore ways in which openly LGBTQI elected and appointed officials could advise other openly LGBTQI and allied elected and appointed officials when they are trying to move forward specific measures that aim at achieving equality for LGBTQI persons.

The LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session will open with a formal reading of the Madrid Summit Declaration, which will be drafted after the formal conclusions of the mentioned conference. Then, elected and appointed representatives in attendance will have the chance to contribute to the discussion. Drawing on their experience in office, they will highlight specific challenges in their regions and seek to define how they can best help other out elected and appointed officials work together to use their positions of influence to contribute towards achieving the aims of the Madrid Summit Declaration.

Included below is a series of initial questions to help you to prepare your presentation:

- Do out elected and appointed officials contribute towards achieving equality for LGBTQI persons?
- How do you think out elected and appointed officials could support other out elected or appointed officials and allies who are trying to pass equality measures?
- In what other ways could out elected and appointed officials work together?

Next steps for collaboration after the LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session.

In order to achieve the goal of the session, which is to explore ways for openly LGBTQI elected and appointed officials to support and provide advice to other openly LGBTQI and allied elected and appointed officials around equality initiatives, Madrid Summit and the Victory Institute are suggesting the following steps, that could crystalize as Experts Group:

1. LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session - Discuss the ways openly LGBTQI elected and appointed officials could use their expertise to help other elected and appointed officials, both LGBTQI and allies, to advance measures aiming at achieving equality for LGBTQI people.
2. Madrid Summit and the Victory Institute will process and share all the comments made during the session and any other additional input received.
3. A survey for openly LGBTQI elected and appointed officials will be launched to map worldwide the current out elected and appointed officials, their areas of expertise, and whether they would like to advise other out or allied elected and appointed officials in areas related to their expertise on equality for LGBTQI people, if needed.
4. The Victory Institute will host a webpage for the 'LGBTQI Elected and Appointed Officials Experts Group'. The website will highlight the openly elected and appointed LGBTQI officials that filled the survey and their areas of expertise and will allow others to send requests for advice.
5. If appropriate, the expert groups could choose three people among themselves to energize the group.
6. The Madrid Summit and Victory Institute will advertise through social media and email this expert group.
7. Advice requests will be matched according to needs with the most appropriate LGBTQI elected or appointed official.
8. A biannual short report will be circulated among those out elected and appointed officials that signed up for the expert group.

Logistics and attire.

Accessing the Senate

The LGBTQI Interparliamentary Plenary Session will take place at the Spanish Senate, Calle de Bailén, 3, 28013 Madrid, from 4pm to 6pm. Participants should arrive with their ID documents at 3.30pm in order to go through security.

All participants should register and provide with your European Union ID card or passport number and name as it appears on it. Make sure you bring the same document you used for the registration, as the Senate security service will have to verify your invitation against the provided list of attendees.

Use the following link to fill the registration form:

www.worldpridemadrid2017.com/en/registrationplenarysession

Interpretation

There will be simultaneous translation in Spanish and English and some of the session will be recorded and photographed.

Dress Code

We recommend business attire, business casual or any traditional clothing that would be equivalent.

Reduced Mobility Access

Access to the senate for people with reduced mobility is possible through the same entrance. Please inform the organisers in advance.

Live Streaming

The Session will be live streamed on the following link and this recording will be available on the Madrid Summit (and Victory Institute?) following the session.

Link : <http://www.senado.es/streaming/p1.html>

Following the Session

Following the Session, the Belgian Ambassador to Spain has kindly invited all representatives participating in the debate to a reception at the Ambassador's residence, Calle Padilla 23, 28006, Madrid. This is strictly by invitation only. For those participants who have received an invitation, transport from the Senate to the Ambassador's residence will be provided.



Global LGBTI Interparliamentary Session
Sesión Parlamentaria Global LGTBQI

VADEMECUM

29 JUN 2017

16h00 - 18h00
Senado de España

**Tamara Adrian**

Diputada del Asamblea Nacional de Venezuela

Primera diputada trans de Venezuela, y cuarta del mundo. Abogada, Doctora en Derecho, Profesora Universitaria y Activista de derechos LGBTIQ.

Presidenta mundial del Comité IDAHO-T 17 de Mayo (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia). Presidenta de la Junta de GATE (Global Action for Trans Equality). Copresidenta de GLISA (Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association). Miembro de la Junta directiva de All Out y de WPATH (World Professional Association for Transgender Health), Miembro del Comité Científico de la Cátedra de Sexualidad y DDHH de la UNESCO y WAS (World Association of Sexual Health).

Congressional Representative of Venezuela

First trans congressional representative of Venezuela and the fourth one in the world. Lawyer, PhD in Law, university professor and LGBTIQ rights activist.

World President of the IDAHO-T Committee on May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia). Chair of the GATE Board (Global Action for Trans Equality). GLISA Co-President (Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association). All Out and WPATH Member of the Board (World Professional Association for Transgender Health). Member of the Scientific Committee on Chair of Sexuality and Human Rights of UNESCO, and WAS (World Association of Sexual Health).

**Ángeles Álvarez**

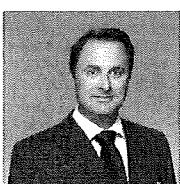
Diputada del Congreso de España

Nacida en Molacillos, Zamora, en 1961. En 2005 se casó con Teresa Heredero, fue el primer matrimonio de lesbianas celebrado en el Ayuntamiento de Madrid, una ceremonia oficiada por Pedro Zerolo. Se inició en el feminismo con la Asamblea de Mujeres de Salamanca, a los 17 años se trasladó a Madrid y recaló en Barquillo 44, sede histórica del movimiento feminista madrileño donde comenzó a militar a principios de los 80. La defensa de los derechos de las mujeres y la lucha contra la discriminación ha marcado su trayectoria personal, profesional y política.

En 1995 entra en contacto con la Federación de Mujeres Separadas y Divorciadas liderada por Ana María Pérez del Campo y poco después inicia su activismo en la lucha contra la violencia de género. A finales de los 90 se incorpora como representante de la Federación en la Comisión de Violencia del Consejo de las Mujeres de la Comunidad de Madrid y participa en la creación del Foro de Madrid contra la Violencia de Género, germen de lo que en el año 2001 será la Red Estatal de Organizaciones Feministas contra la Violencia de Género de la que Ángeles Álvarez será portavoz de 2000 a 2004. En 1999 publica la "Guía para mujeres maltratadas", una guía pionera y planteada desde una mirada integral al fenómeno de la violencia contra las mujeres. Desde julio de 2015 es portavoz de Igualdad del PSOE en el Congreso de los Diputados asumiendo también la Secretaría de Igualdad y Diversidad del PSOE-M.

Born in Molacillos, Zamora, in 1961. In 2005 she married Teresa Heredero, in the first lesbian marriage of the city of Madrid, a ceremony officiated by Pedro Zerolo. Initiated in feminism with the Assembly of Women of Salamanca, she moved to Madrid at age 17 and ended up in Barquillo 44, one of the cradles of Madrid's feminist movement in the early 80's. The defense of women's rights and the fight against discrimination has marked her personal, professional and political trajectory.

In 1995, she came into contact with the Federation of Separated and Divorced Women led by Ana María Pérez del Campo and shortly after began her activism in the fight against gender violence. At the end of the 1990's, she joined the Federation on the Violence Commission in the Council of Women of the Community of Madrid and participated in the creation of the Madrid Forum against Gender Violence, which became the State Network of Feminist Organizations against Gender Violence in 2001. In 1999 she published the 'Guía para mujeres maltratadas' (Guide for Abused Women), a pioneering guide built from an integral view on violence against women. In July 2015 she became spokesperson of Equality of the PSOE in the Congress of Deputies assuming also the Secretary of Equality and Diversity of the PSOE-M.

**Xavier Bettel**

Primer Ministro de Luxemburgo

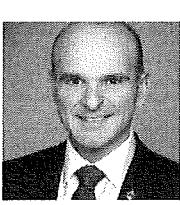
Después de los estudios secundarios. Xavier Bettel cursó estudios superiores en la Universidad de Nancy, donde obtuvo una maestría en derecho público y europeo de la Facultad de Derecho, seguido de un DEA (Diploma en estudios avanzados) en Ciencias políticas y derecho público. De 2001 a 2013, Xavier Bettel trabajó como abogado en Luxemburgo.

Tras las elecciones legislativas del 20 de octubre de 2013, Xavier Bettel fue nombrado Primer Ministro, Ministro de Estado, Ministro de Comunicaciones y Medios de Comunicación y Ministro de Asuntos Religiosos el 4 de diciembre de 2013 en el Gobierno de coalición formado por el Partido Democrático. El Partido de los Trabajadores (LSAP) y el Partido Verde ('déi gréng').

Prime Minister of Luxembourg

Following secondary school studies, Xavier Bettel pursued higher education studies at the University of Nancy, where he was awarded a Master's degree in public and European law from the Faculty of Law, followed by a DEA (post-graduate diploma of advanced studies) in political sciences and public law. From 2001 to 2013, Xavier Bettel worked as a barrister in Luxembourg.

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Xavier Bettel was appointed Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister for Communications and Media and Minister for Religious Affairs on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ('déi gréng').

**Randy Boissonnault**

Miembro del Parlamento Canadiense y Asesor Especial del Primer Ministro sobre asuntos LGBTIQ

Randy Boissonnault es el miembro del parlamento para el centro de Edmonton y el consejero especial del primer ministro en asuntos LGBTQ2. Antes de su elección, Randy era un exitoso empresario, líder comunitario y filántropo. Tiene un sólido historial de liderazgo en los negocios, en el servicio público y en el sector sin fines de lucro.

Randy tiene una larga historia de trabajo caritativo, tanto localmente en Edmonton como en el extranjero. Fundó Alfabetización Sin Fronteras, una ONG internacional dedicada a promover la alfabetización de niños y adultos en el mundo en vías de desarrollo y en Canadá. En su calidad de Asesor Especial del Primer Ministro para Asuntos LGBTQ2, Randy ha hablado sobre paneles de derechos humanos en Canadá y el mundo, incluso en la Universidad de Oxford. También lidera las consultas públicas en Canadá que conducen a una disculpa formal del gobierno a la comunidad LGBTQ2 por injusticias pasadas.

Member of the Canadian Parliament and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on LGBTIQ issues

Randy Boissonnault is the Member of Parliament for the Edmonton Centre and the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on LGBTQ2 issues. Prior to his election, Randy was a successful entrepreneur, community leader, and philanthropist. He has a strong record of leadership in business, public service, and in the not-for-profit sector.

A proud Rotarian, Randy has a long history of charitable work, both locally in Edmonton and abroad. He founded Literacy Without Borders, an international NGO devoted to promoting literacy for both children and adults in the developing world and in Canada. In his capacity as the Prime Minister's Special Advisor on LGBTQ2 Issues, Randy has spoken on human rights panels across Canada and the world, including at the University of Oxford. He is also leading public consultations in Canada leading up to a formal government apology to the LGBTQ2 community for past injustices.



Sedef Çakmak

Activista de los derechos humanos LGBTI que se convirtió en miembro de consejo del municipio de Besiktas en Estambul y la primera política abiertamente LGBTI elegida para una posición en Turquía. Fundadora y miembro principal de la Comisión de Relaciones Internacionales y la Comisión de Investigación Académica de Lambdaİstanbul LGBTI Asociación Solidaria (2010-2014). La primera presidenta en participar en la fundación de la Asociación de Estudios de Identidad de Género y Sexualidad (SPoD) en 2011.

Established la Unidad de Igualdad en el Municipio de Besiktas con el fin de desarrollar e implementar políticas locales sobre los derechos de las minorías, los derechos de las mujeres y los derechos de los refugiados. Cakmak fundó además el Centro de Solidaridad Femenina para ayudar a las víctimas de la violencia doméstica. También participó en el establecimiento de la Dirección de Relaciones Internacionales en el Municipio de Besiktas.

LGBTI human rights activist who became a city council member of Besiktas Municipality in Istanbul and the first openly LGBTI politician elected to a position in Turkey. Founder and a core member of the International Relations Commission and the Academic Research Commission of Lambdaİstanbul LGBTI Solidarity Association (2010-2014). The first chairwoman to take part in the foundation of the Social Policies Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association (SPoD) in 2011.

She established the Equality Unit in Besiktas Municipality in order to develop and carry out local policies on minority rights, women's rights and refugee rights. In addition Cakmak founded the Women Solidarity Centre to help the victims of domestic violence. She also participated in the establishment of the International Relations Directorate at Besiktas Municipality.



Lol Kin Castañeda Badillo

Diputada Constituyente de la Ciudad de México

Psicóloga por la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Xochimilco

Master en Género y Derecho, políticas públicas contra la desigualdad, por el CIESAS y la Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona

Especialidad y maestría en Estudios de la mujer, por la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Xochimilco

Lesbiana feminista, defensora de derechos humanos.

Impulsé y coordiné los trabajos para legislar el matrimonio civil igualitario en la Ciudad de México en 2009, su entrada en vigor en 2010.

Acompañé la defensa del matrimonio ante la Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación (SCJN)

He acompañado centenares de historias en búsqueda del reconocimiento de derechos respectivos al matrimonio igualitario (seguridad social, viudez, adopción, divorcio, registro de nacimiento).

Impulsé las reformas de matrimonio en Coahuila, Michoacán, Morelos.

Impulsé la reforma de la ley para prevenir la discriminación y la creación del COPRED

Participé en el Grupo Redactor de la Constitución CDMX y fue electa como Asambleista Constituyente de la Ciudad de México en donde garantizamos la autodeterminación, identidad, derechos sexuales, derechos reproductivos, familias, orientación sexual, identidad de género, expresión de género y características sexuales, así como derecho a una vida libre de violencia y matrimonio civil igualitario, concubinato.

Constituent Representative of Mexico City

Psychologist for the Autonomous Metropolitan University, Xochimilco

Master in Gender and Law, public policies against inequality, from the Investigation Centre for Social Anthropology (CIESAS) and the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Specialization and masters in Women's Studies, from the Autonomous Metropolitan University, Xochimilco.

Feminist lesbian, human rights defender.

I spearheaded and coordinated the work to legislate equal civil marriage in Mexico City in 2009, which came into force in 2010.

I joined the defence of marriage before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN)

I have followed hundreds of stories in search of recognition of their respective rights to equal marriage (social security, widowhood, adoption, divorce, birth registration).

I championed marriage reforms in Coahuila, Michoacán, Morelos.

I championed the reform of the law to prevent discrimination and the creation of COPRED.

I took part in the Copywriting Group of the CDMX Constitution and was elected as member of the Constituent Assembly of Mexico City where we guarantee self-determination, identity, sexual rights, reproductive rights, families, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sexual characteristics, as well as the right to equal civil marriage and a life free of violence and concubinage.



Shane Cohn

Alderman, City of St. Louis, Missouri, USA



Purificación Causapie

Purificación Causapie es licenciada en Filosofía y Letras por la Universidad de Alcalá de Henares.

Su actividad profesional se ha desarrollado en el ámbito de la planificación y gestión de políticas, programas y recursos dirigidos al desarrollo de los derechos y servicios sociales, a la conquista de la igualdad y al fomento de la participación social.

Su experiencia profesional comienza en el Ayuntamiento de Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), y después se traslada a Madrid donde trabaja en la Dirección de la Fundación Mujeres durante varios años, tras los cuales se ocupa de la Dirección de la Delegación de Mujer del Ayuntamiento de Fuenlabrada. Fue Directora General de Servicios Sociales y Secretaria General para la Atención a la Dependencia en la Junta de Andalucía, coordinando la aplicación de esta Ley en Andalucía.

También fue Directora General del Instituto de Mayores y Servicios Sociales (IMERSO) del Ministerio de Sanidad y Política Social, responsable del impulso, coordinación y desarrollo de las políticas y programas dirigidos a las personas mayores, al envejecimiento activo y la coordinación de la Ley de la Promoción de la Autonomía Personal y Atención a la Dependencia desde el Estado.

De su actividad política destaca la participación en organizaciones sociales y feministas de ámbito nacional e internacional, así como su militancia en el Partido Socialista, en el que ha sido miembro de la Comisión Ejecutiva Federal como responsable de la Secretaría de Igualdad. En la actualidad pertenece al Comité Federal. También ha sido Vicepresidenta de la Internacional Socialista de Mujeres.

Purificación Causapie holds a degree in Philosophy and Letters from the University of Alcalá de Henares. Her professional activity has evolved in the area of planning and management of policies, programs and resources targeting the development of social rights and services, the achievement of equality and the promotion of social participation.

Her professional experience began in the City Hall of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), and she then moved to Madrid where she worked in the Directorate of the Women Foundation for several years, after which she was put in charge of the Directorate of the Women's Delegation of the City of Fuenlabrada. She was Director General of Social Services and Secretary General for Care of Dependant Adults in the Andalusian Government, overseeing the enforcement of this law in Andalusia.

She was also Director General of the Institute of Social Services and the Elderly (IMERSO) of the Ministry of Health and Social Policy, responsible for the promotion, coordination and development of policies and programs for the elderly, active aging and overseeing the Law of The Promotion of Personal Autonomy and Care of Dependents from the State.

As part of her political activity, she also participated in social and feminist organizations of national and international scope, and was a member of the Socialist Party, in which she has been part of the Federal Executive Commission, responsible for the Secretariat of Equality. She is currently a member of the Federal Committee. She has also been Vice-President of the Socialist International Women.



Ana Helena Chacón Echeverría

Vicepresidenta de la República de Costa Rica. Ha firmado y defendido la Consulta que el Estado de Costa Rica le realizó a la Corte IDH sobre los derechos de las parejas del mismo sexo y las personas trans, con la intención de crear mayor seguridad jurídica en la región. En el 2015, impulsó la Política Pública para la inclusión y la no discriminación hacia las personas LGBTI, que declaró al Poder Ejecutivo libre de toda discriminación hacia las personas LGBTI y permitió a estudiantes trans que se les reconociese su identidad de género en el Ministerio de Educación Pública y en el Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje.

En su trabajo legislativo ha impulsado proyectos de ley para parejas del mismo sexo, así como iniciativas de ley sobre salud sexual y reproductiva, y una política integral en materia de VIH/SIDA. Como Viceministra de Seguridad, desarrolló protocolos de atención para la población LGBTI y procesos de capacitación para el cuerpo policial. Anteriormente, fue comisionada de la Comisión Global sobre HIV y el Programa de Desarrollo de la ONU.

Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica. She has signed and defended the Consultation that the State of Costa Rica made to the Inter-American Court on same-sex couples and trans people's rights, with the intention of creating greater legal security in the region. In 2015, She promoted the Public Policy for Inclusion and Non-Discrimination towards LGBTI people, that declared free Executive Branch from all discrimination towards LGBTI people and allowed trans students to be recognized as gendered in the Ministry of Public Education and the National Institute of Learning.

In her legislative work, she has promoted legislation for same-sex couples and on sexual and reproductive health, and a comprehensive HIV/AIDS policy. As Deputy Minister of Security, she developed protocols to care for the LGBTI population and training processes for the police force. Previously, she was commissioned by the Global Commission on HIV and the UN Development Program.



Carla Delegado Gomez

Diputada del PSOE en la Asamblea de Madrid

Activista transexual desde el año 1977, actriz y primera mujer transexual en España en acceder al cargo de diputada en el año 2011, con el Partido Socialista en la Asamblea de Madrid. Trabajó en el programa electoral de José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero para la inclusión del Matrimonio Igualitario y la Ley de Identidad de Género, igualmente ha participado en la elaboración de la reforma de la Ley 3/2007 para la despenalización de la transexualidad. Ponente del PSOE en la Ley Integral de Transexualidad de la Comunidad de Madrid ya en vigor.

Deputy of the PSOE in the Assembly of Madrid

Transsexual activist since 1977, actress and the first transsexual woman in Spain gain office as the position of deputy in the year 2011, with the Socialist Party in the Assembly of Madrid. She worked on the campaign manifesto of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero for the inclusion of Equal Marriage and the Law of Gender Identity, and she also collaborated in the drafting of the reform of Law 3/2007 for the depathologization of transsexuality. Spokesperson for the PSOE on the Integral Law of Transsexuality of the Community of Madrid, which is already in force.

Paulón Esteban

Subsecretario de Políticas de Diversidad Sexual del Gobierno de la Provincia de Santa Fe

Ha sido Presidente de la Federación Argentina LGBT (2010-2015) organización de la que actualmente es Vicepresidente.

Es co autor del 'Plan de Ciudadanía LGBT: De la Igualdad legal a la Igualdad Real' editado por la FALGBT y el Sistema de Naciones Unidas en Argentina. Asimismo ha sido coordinador y compilador del Informe 'Orgullo en el Trabajo', editado por la Organización Internacional del Trabajo en el año 2015. Entre 2007 y 2009 se desempeñó como Secretario Parlamentario del Bloque de Diputadas y Diputados nacionales del Partido Socialista.

Undersecretary for Policies of Sexual Diversity of the Government of the Province of Santa Fe

He has been President of the Argentinian LGBT Federation (2010-2015), the organization of which he is currently Vice President

He co-authored the 'LGBT Citizenship Plan: From Legal Equality to Real Equality' edited by the FALGBT and the United Nations System in Argentina. He has also been coordinator and compiler of the report 'Pride in the Work', edited by the International Labour Organization in the year 2015. Between 2007 and 2009 he served as Parliamentary Secretary of the Bloc of Deputies and National Representatives of the Socialist Party.



Maximiliano Ferraro

Diputado de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires y presidente de la Comisión de Educación, Ciencia y Tecnología

Integra el Consejo Asesor de Políticas Públicas LGBTI de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires y es Director Editorial del libro 'Acá Estamos. Carlos Jáuregui, sexualidad y política en la Argentina'. Autor de las leyes de Políticas Públicas para el colectivo LGBTI o Test Masivos VIH y Ley de Sangre. Creador y Coordinador General del Centro Cultural autogestivo e independiente Jungla Hábitat Cultural. Fue Vicepresidente 3º de la Legislatura de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires

Deputy in Buenos Aires and president of the Education Commission, Science and Technology

He is part of LGBTI Public Policy Advisory Council in Buenos Aires and is the Editorial Director of the book 'Acá Somos. Carlos Jáuregui, sexuality and politics in Argentina' (Here We Are. Carlos Jáuregui, sexuality and politics in Argentina). Founder of public policy laws for the collective LGBTI or mass testing for HIV and the law on blood. Creator and General Coordinator in the self-governing and independent Cultural Centre Jungla Hábitat Cultural. He was the third Vice-President of the Legislature in Buenos Aires.



Alex Greenwich MP

Miembro Independiente del estado de Sydney en Nueva Gales del Sur, Australia

Elegido por primera vez en 2012 y luego reelegido en 2015. Además, Alex es el Copresidente de Australian Marriage Equality, el principal grupo de defensa que promueve la libertad de matrimonio en Australia.

Como parlamentario, Alex ha desempeñado un papel clave en las reformas legislativas LGBTI importantes, incluyendo la eliminación de las convicciones homosexuales pasadas, el reconocimiento de los matrimonios homosexuales en el extranjero, y es parte principal del grupo de amistad parlamentaria para la comunidad LGBTI. La reforma del derecho de las drogas, el grupo de trabajo parlamentario sobre las leyes de muerte asistida, y es miembro del Comité de Servicios Comunitarios del Parlamento.

Alex tiene un fuerte historial de derechos humanos, justicia social y ciudades habitables y sostenibles.

Independent Member for the state of Sydney in New South Wales, Australia

Alex was first elected in 2012, and then re-elected in 2015. In addition Alex is the Co-Chair of Australian Marriage Equality, the leading advocacy group campaigning for the freedom to marry in Australia.

As a parliamentarian Alex has played a key role in major LGBTI law reforms including the removal of past homosexual convictions, recognition of overseas same-sex marriages, and is leading part of the parliamentary friendship group for the LGBTI community, the cross party working group on drug law reform, the parliamentary working group on assisted dying laws, and is a member of the Parliaments Community Services committee.

Alex has a strong record on human rights, social justice, and liveable and sustainable cities.



Bosco Labrado

Consejal del Ayuntamiento de Madrid

Councillor of the City of Madrid



Pilar Lima

Senadora Española

Diplomada en Trabajo Social por la Universidad de Valencia y Profesora Especialista en Lengua de Signos. Nació en Valencia hace 39 años. Su trayectoria activista y profesional ha transcurrido principalmente en el movimiento asociativo de personas sordas con el fin último de derribar las barreras de comunicación que impide que seamos ciudadanas en igualdad al resto, siempre incluyendo la perspectiva feminista y LGBTIQ.

Ha realizado funciones multidisciplinares dentro de FESORD CV y otras entidades como BCBL.eu, además de impartir Lengua de Signos y perspectiva sociocultural de las personas sordas y sordociegas a diferentes entidades públicas y privadas. Participó durante 5 meses en un proyecto de formación para profesorado en Anantapur (India) dentro de la Fundación Vicente Ferrer. Ha colaborado con el Collectiu LAMBDA puntualmente en materia de inclusión de las personas sordas LGBTIQ. Actualmente desde Julio de 2015 en el Senado por designación territorial de la Comunidad Valenciana, previa proceso de primarias, y desde mayo de 2017 consejera ciudadana valenciana.

Spanish Senator

Diploma in Social Work from the University of Valencia and Specialist Professor in Sign Language. She was [NE1] born in Valencia 39 years ago. Her professional and activist career has mainly taken place in the movement for deaf people with the ultimate aim of breaking down communication barriers that prevent them [NE2] from being equal citizens to the rest, always considering the feminist and LGBTIQ perspective.

She has occupied multidisciplinary roles within the Federation of Deaf People of the Valencian Community (FESORD CV) and other entities such as the Basque Centre on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL.eu), as well as teaching sign language and sociocultural perspective of the deaf and deaf-blind people to different public and private entities. She took part in a teacher training project for five months in Anantapur (India) within the Vicente Ferrer Foundation. She has collaborated with the Collective for Lesbians, Gays, Transsexuals and Bisexuals (Collectiu LAMBDA) on the inclusion of the deaf LGBTIQ. Currently from July of 2015 in the Senate by territorial designation of the Valencian Community, previous process of primaries, and from May of 2017 Councillor for Valencian citizens.

**Javier Maroto**

Diputado del Congreso de España

Javier Maroto Aranzábal nació en Vitoria el 6 de enero de 1972. Es Licenciado en Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales por la Universidad Comercial de Deusto y Máster en Gestión y Administración Pública en el IESE. Ha sido alcalde de Vitoria entre los años 2011 y 2015, y parlamentario vasco, y con anterioridad ocupó los cargos de teniente de alcalde, portavoz y concejal de Hacienda en los gobiernos de Alfonso Alonso al frente del Ayuntamiento vitoriano. Como alcalde de Vitoria le tocó gestionar el nombramiento de la ciudad como European Green Capital 2012, y Capital Española de la Gastronomía en 2014. Asimismo puso en marcha una iniciativa pionera de participación ciudadana llamada Cita con el a

alcalde, a través de la cual, cualquier ciudadano de Vitoria podía entrevistarse con él a título individual aunque no perteneciera a una asociación o colectivo profesional.

En las elecciones municipales de 2015, pese a que superó el número de votos objetivo y fue el candidato del PP que mejor resultado obtuvo en toda España, con un 10% más de votos, un pacto entre las diferentes fuerzas políticas de la oposición le sacó de la alcaldía. Tan solo una semana después, fue nombrado vicesecretario general de Política Social y Sectorial del Partido Popular, una posición desde la que ha puesto en marcha la Ruta Social, una iniciativa destinada a conectar el partido con los colectivos sociales. Desde junio de 2016 es también diputado del PP por la provincia de Álava.

Deputy of the Spanish Congress

Javier Maroto Aranzábal was born in Vitoria on January 6, 1972. He holds a degree in Economics and Business Studies from the Commercial University of Deusto and a Master's in Management and Public Administration from IESE. He was mayor of Vitoria between 2011 and 2015, and served as a Basque parliamentarian, and previously held the positions of lieutenant of mayor, spokesman and councilman of Finance in the governments of Alfonso Alonso before the Victorian Town Hall. As Mayor of Vitoria he was responsible for managing the city's election as European Green Capital 2012 and the Spanish Capital of Gastronomy in 2014. He also launched a pioneering initiative of citizen participation called Cita con el alcalde, through which any Citizen of Vitoria could interview him individually although he did not belong to an association or professional group.

In the municipal elections of 2015, even though he exceeded the number of target votes and was the PP candidate with the best results in all of Spain, with a 10 per cent more votes, a pact between the different political forces of the opposition removed him from the mayor's office. Only a week later, he was appointed Deputy Secretary-General for Social and Sectorial Policy of the Popular Party, a position from which he launched the Social Route, an initiative designed to connect the party with social groups. Since June 2016 he has also been deputy of the PP for the province of Álava.

**Zakele Mbhele**

Miembro del Parlamento en la Asamblea Nacional de Sudáfrica

Zakele Mbhele es un ex alumno de la Universidad de Witwatersrand donde también fue presidente de la sociedad de campus LGBTI, ACTIVATE, que proporcionó apoyo a estudiantes LGBT y promovió la sensibilización pública sobre asuntos LGBTI.

Primero trabajó en el sector de desarrollo como un oficial de programa para una organización filantrópica que facilita el financiamiento y el apoyo de desarrollo de capacidad para las organizaciones comunitarias que trabajan para proteger y promover los derechos de grupos vulnerables, incluyendo entre otras, a personas LGBTI.

Posteriormente trabajó en la Oficina del Primer Ministro de Cabo Occidental como oficial de enlace de medios de comunicación. El Sr. Mbhele es actualmente, Miembro del Parlamento en la Asamblea Nacional, sirviendo en el Comité de Portafolio de Policía.

Member of Parliament in the South African National Assembly

Zakele Mbhele is an alumnus of the University of the Witwatersrand where he was also Chairperson of the LGBTI campus society, ACTIVATE, which provided support for LGBT students and promoted public awareness-raising on LGBTI issues.

He first worked in the development sector as a programme officer for a philanthropic organisation that facilitates funding and development support for community organizations that work to protect and promote the rights of vulnerable groups including, among others, LGBTI people.

He subsequently worked in the Office of the Western Cape Premier as the media liaison officer. Mr Mbhele is currently a Member of Parliament in the National Assembly, serving on the Police Portfolio Committee.

**Kevin Peel**

Concejal del Ayuntamiento de Manchester, Miembro del Comité Europeo de las Regiones

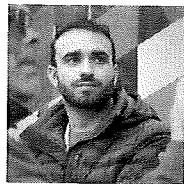
Ayuntamiento de Manchester en el noroeste de Inglaterra, representando el centro de la ciudad, incluyendo la mundialmente famosa Canal Street de Manchester y Gay Village, un centro para la comunidad LGBT + de la región. Kevin sirvió en el comité de igualdad del consejo de la ciudad y pasó dos años como miembro principal del consejo de la ciudad para asuntos LGBT +, representando a la comunidad en el corazón de la toma de decisiones.

Desde enero de 2015, Peel también ha representado al gobierno local del Reino Unido en el Comité de las Regiones: La Asamblea de la UE de representantes locales y regionales. Actúa como portavoz de los asuntos LGBT + para el grupo político del PSE. Sirve en la comisión de la asamblea responsable de los asuntos europeos de vecindad y de asuntos exteriores y se sienta en el grupo de trabajo sobre Montenegro, el grupo de trabajo para Ucrania y el Foro de la Asociación Oriental. Utiliza su papel para plantear cuestiones de Derechos Humanos con políticos locales y regionales dentro y fuera de la UE y con otras instituciones de la UE.

Councillor for the City of Manchester, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

City councillor in Manchester in the North West of England, representing the city centre including Manchester's world famous Canal Street and Gay Village, a hub for the region's LGBT+ community. Kevin served on the city council's equality committee and spent two years as the city council's Lead Member for LGBT+ issues, representing the community at the heart of decision making.

Since January 2015, Peel has also represented UK local government on the European Committee of the Regions: The EU's assembly of local and regional representatives. He acts as a spokesperson for LGBT+ issues for the PES political group. He serves on the assembly's committee responsible for European neighbourhood and external affairs and sits on the working group on Montenegro, the task force for Ukraine and the Eastern Partnership Forum. He uses his role to raise issues of Human Rights with local and regional politicians inside and outside the EU and with other EU institutions.



Eduardo Petrini

Diputado de la Ciudad. Vicesecretario de la Comisión de Mujer, Infancia, Adolescencia y Juventud

Deputy of the City. Vice-president of the Commission for Women, Children, Adolescents and Youth



Apsara Reddy

Portavoz político

Apsara es una de las mujeres transexuales más respetadas y conocidas de la India, que ha surgido entre el periodismo y la política y ahora es redactor principal. Apsara ha trabajado con BBC WORLD SERVICE, de la Commonwealth Secretariat en Londres (Reino Unido) y ha trabajado con la BBC WORLD SERVICE en la Universidad de Monash, Australia y con una Maestría en Radiodifusión con especial énfasis en Economía del Desarrollo, New Indian Express y Deccan Chronicle. También escribe columnas en los periódicos nacionales sobre los derechos LGBT.

Ha sido la voz de LGBT Radio en Joy Melbourne, Australia durante sus días de estudiante en Australia. Después de su educación, Apsara también trabajó brevemente con UNICEF para lanzar una campaña de salud en todo el sur de la India. Es una voz activa que habla contra la violencia contra las mujeres, la corrupción y es una voz respetada en los debates de la televisión nacional. Ella fue premiada con un premio de excelencia por Jaguar Motors en el año 2013.

Political spokesperson

Apsara is one of India's most respected and well-known transsexual woman who has risen in the ranks of journalism and politics and is now a Senior Editor. Armed with a BA degree in Journalism and as a student Body President at Monash University, Australia and an MA in Broadcasting with a special focus on Developmental Economics (City University, London). Apsara has worked with the BBC World Service, Commonwealth Secretariat in London, New Indian Express and Deccan Chronicle. She also writes columns in national newspapers on LGBT rights.

As a journalist she covered the tsunami from Sri Lanka, India and Indonesia. She has also been the voice of LGBT Radio on Joy Melbourne, Australia during her student days in Australia. After her education, Apsara also worked briefly with UNICEF to launch a health campaign across South India. She is an active voice that speaks against violence against women, corruption and is a respected voice on national TV debates. In 2013 she received an excellence award by Jaguar Motors.



Alyn Smith

Miembro del Parlamento Europeo de Escocia

El eurodiputado de Alyn Smith fue elegido al Parlamento Europeo por primera vez en 2004. Se graduó de Nottingham Law School en 1996 y también obtuvo una Maestría en Estudios Europeos del College of Europe de Varsovia.

Alyn es miembro del grupo de jóvenes LGBT, una organización benéfica contra la homofobia en Escocia y miembro del Intergupo sobre los derechos LGBTI del Parlamento Europeo.

Member of the European Parliament for Scotland

Alyn Smith MEP was elected to the European Parliament for the first time in 2004. He graduated from Nottingham Law School in 1996 and also gained a Master's degree in European Studies from the College of Europe in Warsaw.

Alyn is a Trustee of LGBT Youth, an anti-homophobia charity in Scotland, and a member of the European Parliament's Intergroup on LGBTI Rights.



Kendra Stefani

Candidata a Diputada para el Parlamento Centroamericano

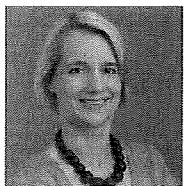
Me llamo Kendra Stefani Jordany y tengo 28 años.. Trabajo en la Asociación CEPRES (Centro de Educación y Prevención en Salud, Sexualidad y SIDA) coordino el depto. De comunicación social y relaciones públicas y estoy a cargo del recibimiento de denuncias sobre violaciones de los DDHH de las personas LGTBI. Lo más reciente que soy Candidata a diputada para el Parlamento Centroamericano, fui como delegada Al 3er Encuentro de Liderazgo Político LGTBI de América Latina y el Caribe que se llevó a cabo en República Dominicana. Pertenezco a la Confederación Trans de América Latina y el Caribe (COTRANSLAC) y ahorita voy en una planilla de la Asociación Estudiantil de Periodismo como candidata a Secretaria General.

Estudio la Carrera Licenciatura en Periodismo en la UAH-VS, en Pertenezco a la Red de Jóvenes Feministas de Cortes, A la Articulación Feminista, Soy militante del Movimiento Estudiantil Revolucionario Lorenzo Zelaya (MER-LZ). Como organización pertenecemos a la Coalición contra la Impunidad, Soy Agente de Cambio 2015 en la formación Socio Política brindada por Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Miembro del Colectivo Libertario Feminista en la Unah-vs, Fui parte de la delegación para presentar el Informe alternativo ante el CAT, soy miembro del Movimiento Diversidad En Resistencia (MDR), Militante del Movimiento M28 Del Partido Libertad y Refundación LIBRE y miembro de la Secretaría de la Diversidad Sexual de la Juventud Libre, de Soy promoción 2016 de la Escuela de Formación Socio Política de Radio Progreso y el ERIC.

Candidate for Member of the Central American Parliament

My name is Kendra Stefani Jordany, I am 28 years old and work in the CEPRES Association (Centre for Education and Prevention in Health, Sexuality and AIDS), in social communication and public relations and I am in charge of receiving complaints about violations of human rights of LGTBI people. I recently became a candidate for the Central American Parliament. I belong to the Trans Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean (COTRANSLAC), and I will soon be a candidate for the General Secretariat of the Student Association of Journalism.

I am a member of the Lorenzo Zelaya Revolutionary Student Movement (MER-LZ). As an organization, we are members of the Coalition Against Violence Against Women. I am a member of the Diversity in Resistance Movement (MDR), Militant of the M28 Movement of the Freedom and Refoundation Party, FREE and member of the Secretary of Sexual Diversity of Free Youth, I am also part of the school of socio-political training for the Progressive Radio and ERIC.

**Helga Stevens**

Miembro del Parlamento Europeo de Bélgica

Helga Stevens es la primera mujer sorda miembro del Parlamento Europeo y miembro de la N-VA flamenca. Fue elegida en el PE en 2014 y es la Vicepresidenta del grupo ECR. Anteriormente fue miembro del Parlamento flamenco y del Senado belga, al mismo tiempo que fue elegida para el consejo de la ciudad de Gante.

En 1993 Helga Stevens fue la primera persona sorda que obtuvo una licenciatura en derecho en Bélgica (Licenciatura en Derecho) de la Universidad Católica de Lovaina y una Maestría en Derecho (LL.M) de la Universidad de California en Berkeley, Estados Unidos. A lo largo de su carrera, Helga ha trabajado incansablemente para promover la igualdad y es copresidenta del Intergupo de Discapacidad del Parlamento Europeo, así como miembro del Intergupo LGBTI.

Member of the European Parliament for Belgium

Helga Stevens is the first female deaf Member of the European Parliament and a member of the Flemish N-VA. She was elected into the EP in 2014 and is the Vice-President of the ECR group. She was previously a Member of the Flemish Parliament and the Belgian Senate while at the same time being elected to the Ghent city council.

In 1993 Helga Stevens was the first deaf person to be awarded a law degree in Belgium (Licentiate in Law) from the Catholic University of Leuven and has a Master of Law degree (LL.M) from the University of California in Berkeley, USA. Throughout her career Helga has worked tirelessly to promote equality and is the co-chair of the European Parliament's Disability Intergroup as well as a member of the LGBTI Intergroup.

**Audrey Tang**

Ministra Digital de Taiwán

Hacker clívica y ministra digital de Taiwán a cargo del Gobierno Abierto, es conocida por revitalizar las comunidades mundiales de código abierto como Perl y Haskell. Tang contribuye activamente al govt de Taiwán, una comunidad vibrante que se centra en crear herramientas para la sociedad civil, con el llamado a 'bifurcar al gobierno'.

En el sector público, Tang sirvió en el comité de datos abierto del consejo nacional de desarrollo de Taiwán y el comité de currículo K-12. Y lideró el primer proyecto de e-Rulemaking del país.

En el sector privado, Audrey trabajó como consultora con Apple en lingüística computacional, con Oxford University Press en la lexicografía de la muchedumbre, y con Socialtext en el diseño de la interacción social.

Digital Minister, Taiwan

Civic hacker and Taiwan's Digital Minister in charge of Open Government, is known for revitalizing global open source communities such as Perl and Haskell. Tang actively contributes to Taiwan's govt ('gov-zero'), a vibrant community focusing on creating tools for the civil society, with the call to 'fork the government'.

In the public sector, Tang served on Taiwan national development council's open data committee and K-12 curriculum committee; and led the country's first e-Rulemaking project.

In the private sector, Audrey worked as a consultant with Apple on computational linguistics, with the Oxford University Press on crowd lexicography, and with Socialtext on social interaction design.

**Daniele Viotti**

Miembro del Parlamento Europeo. Copresidente del Intergupo LGBTI del Parlamento Europeo

Nacido en Alessandria en 1974, es miembro del Parlamento Europeo desde 2014. Representa al Partido Democrático de Italia (miembro del Partido de los Socialistas Europeos) en la circunscripción noroccidental. Actualmente es co-presidente del intergrupo LGBTI y miembro de la Comisión de Libertades Civiles, Justicia y Asuntos de Interior. Siempre ha sido un activista de los derechos civiles trabajando en el tema de la igualdad para la comunidad LGBTI. Actualmente participa en diferentes iniciativas nacionales e internacionales contra la homofobia y la discriminación.

Member of the European Parliament. Co-President of the European Parliament's LGBTI Intergroup

Daniele Viotti, born in Alessandria in 1974, has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2014. He represents Italy's Democratic Party (member of the Party of European Socialists) in the North-West constituency. He is currently co-president of LGBTI intergroup and a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. He has always been a civil rights activist working on the issue equality for the LGBTI community. He is currently involved in different national and international initiatives against homophobia and discrimination.

**Julie Ward**

Miembro del Parlamento Europeo. Diputada laboral del noreste de Inglaterra

También es escritora, creadora de teatro y activista cultural. Miembro de las comisiones de Cultura y Educación del Parlamento Europeo, de Derechos de la Mujer e Igualdad de Género y Desarrollo Regional. Julie también participa en la delegación en Bosnia y Herzegovina y en Kosovo y en la Asamblea Parlamentaria Paritaria ACP-UE. Julie es también miembro fundador del Intergupo de los Derechos del Niño y miembro activo del intergrupo LGBTI.

Member of the European Parliament. Julie Ward is a Labour MEP for the North West of England

She is also a writer, theatre-maker and cultural activist. A member of the European Parliament's committees on Culture and Education, Women's Rights and Gender Equality and Regional Development, Julie also sits on the delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo and the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. Julie is also a founding member of the Children's Rights Intergroup and is an active member of the LGBTI intergroup.

Order of Interventions

The following participants will be given the floor for a maximum of 2.5 minutes each during the interventions round in the following order:

Chair - Tamara Adrian

Xavier Bettel - Video

Vice Chair - Helga Stevens

Randy Boissonnault

Vice Chair - Apsara Reddy

Alyn Smith

Ana Helena Chacón Echevarría

Maximiliano Ferraro

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Esteban Paulon

Lol Kin Castañeda Badillo

Zakhele Mbhele - Video

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Kendra Stefani Jordan Bonilla

Shane Cohn

Ulrike Lunacek - Video

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