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Istanbul LGBTI+ Pride Week Exhibition: nerdeen nereye

Opening 20 June 2016, Monday 19:00 Place: Boysan'ın Evi

Exhibition can be visited between 20-26 June, from 13:00 to 18:30

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MONDAY, JUNE 20

Workshop: Self-Defense Against Homo-Transphobic Assaults

Time: 14:00-16:00 Place: İnfial

As LGBTI+ individuals, we must be on constant alert against the mechanisms and means of social violence we encounter at any moment in our social and individual lives and we must develop our self-defense. Self-defense requires mental and physical practical effort to swiftly and effectively fight the oppressive apparatus that directs its violence to us. First, at an individual level, we must empower ourselves by discovering and working on techniques that enable us to stand tall in the face of assaults and to thwart them. Then we can generalize/broaden our self-defense by sharing our strength, experience and skills with others around us.

Panel: Conscientious Objection as an Act of Protest

Time: 15:00-17:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderator: **İrem Az**

Speaker: **Ercan Jan Aktaş** "Rejecting being men in a society that does not consider those who do not serve in the military men"

Men's conscientious objection demands challenge not only the political and ideological strategies of nation-states forcing them to use violence but also the masculine violence pervasive in male dominant domains such as the Market and the Family. Compulsory military service is not only about "national defense" but it is also a practice that regulates the terms of citizenship between men, women and the state. First class citizenship is bestowed on men through military service, "the most sacred duty".

Speaker: **Gökhan Soysal** "Legal Aspects of Conscientious Objection"

Conscientious objection is a human right placed under protection by international human rights organizations and regarded in the context of anti-war moral values, religious liberty and freedom of conscience. Both the agreements undersigned by the Turkish State and particularly, the decisions of the European Human Rights Court are binding. No matter how reluctant the state is to recognize this right, it is also evident that it is unable to fully resort to its repressive apparatus unlike in the past. This situation will be assessed in the paper.

Speaker: **Emre Özyetiş**

Workshop: Debating Sexual Violence in Lubunca

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: Feminist Mekan

Facilitator: **Association to Combat Sexual Violence**

Those who resist the trauma experienced in the wake of sexual violence, those who have been subject to sexual violence, those who have witnessed a form of sexual violence...We need a language that we can all use and that can empower us. Do LGBTI+ individuals use concepts of sexual violence in Lubunca (queer dialect/argot used in Turkey)? Does our sex positive language allow us to express ourselves when we have been subjected to sexual violence? We do not know how to address people who have been subjected to sexual violence and have resisted it? These questions have created the need to debate sexual violence at a conceptual level. Let's talk!

Film Screening: "Mutants: Punk Porn Feminism"

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Director: **Virginie Despentes**, Documentary, France, 2009, 85'

Made up of about twenty interviews filmed in the United States, France and Espagne, and documents from the archives about the political action of sex workers, queer activists and performances of another kind, 'Mutantes: Punk Porn Feminism' is a documentary by writer-director Virginie Despentes ('Rape Me', 'King Kong Theory'), which gives the floor to pro-sex activists and follows the evolution of the movement from the 80s to the present.

Panel: University LGBTI+ Meeting and Cocktail

Time: 19:00-21:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Presentation: **Görkem Ulumeriç**

Istanbul LGBTI+ Pride Week, LGBTI+ student clubs are proud to invite LGBTI+ students to a presentation about gender-neutral bathrooms, dormitories and dressing rooms, peer bullying, safe spaces and campus activism. The presentation will be followed by a cocktail.

* Participation is limited to university students.

Please register at istanbulpride@gmail.com

Workshop: "Concepts of Intimacy and Sincerity" in the Context of "Queer Body" Studies (I)

Time: 20:00-22:30 Place: Çatı Dans

Facilitator: **Ufuk Şenel**

This workshop, scheduled for approximately three hours a day on two days, is an exploration focusing on the body through the concepts of intimacy and sincerity. What does queerness provide to us as we relate to each other, to the world and to others? How do our feelings of intimacy and sincerity get constructed/ deconstructed within a queer life? These are some of the questions we will pursue in this workshop where the goal is to begin from improvised practices and to help participants gain a new perspective and dynamic on how they relate to their own world, selves, the world and others.

Party: STREET PARTY

Time: 20:00 Place: Piri Çavuş Sokak, Kadıköy (Piri Çavuş Street, Kadıköy)

We who have a problem with heteronormativity are meeting in Kadikoy on Monday evening. We are meeting in defiance of those who want to imprison us in our homes, the dominators who think they own the streets as well as life, those who say "do it, but do it at home out of sight", and to many others. We are dancing and having fun, not afraid of being alone, not anxious, but feeling empowered!

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Workshop: Consensus as a Form of Organizing and Decision-Making Process Among Equals

Time: 15:00-18:00 Place: SALT Galata

Facilitator: **Center of Nonviolence**

In meetings among equals decisions are made with the shared responsibility of all participants, therefore it is important how decisions are made and implemented and that all participate equally in the decision-making process for groups engaged in rights struggles. As a form of decision-making, the consensus decision-making model aims at the equal participation of all participants, the equal distribution of power within the group, the productive and optimal use of time and other resources. In this Pride Week, we would like to explore CONSENSUS as a model that

enables more productive meetings and decisions on the context of our theme "We Unite".

* The workshop is open to all, whether they are activists or not.
The workshop will last at least 3 hours

Workshop: Mask Workshop (I)

Time: 17:00 Place: TAK

Facilitator: **Oğuz Güdek** (Mask & March)

We are inviting all to our workshop to paint in colors not only the streets and the squares, but also our bodies, and to make masks which we will wear not in order to hide ourselves, but to be visible and to use our freedom of expression.

Materials provided: Cardboard, paper, textile materials, scrap materials, acrylic paint and coloring materials, glue. Participants can bring their own additional scrap materials, visual materials and prints for collage techniques. The activity will last 12 hours over two days.

* Participation is limited to 30 people.

Please register at maskandmarch@gmail.com

Workshop: The Queer's Nightlife Test

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: LeylaAlt

Nots and **Şevval** discuss LGBTI+ entertainment life.

When did the şemmamme (folk dance) enter our nightlife and party entertainment? Why do we love to dance the halay (folkloric line dance) so much? How are queers lying on the ground singing "Only God and I know" made to belly dance? Our musical tastes from Tiësto to Bergen? What did we like about our favorite party? The music? The space? Or else the opportunity to find a hook up? What does the LGBT-friendly concept express for us? Are we using the spaces or are they using us?

Panel: Why the LGBTI+ Peace Initiative

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderator: **Esra Ferit**

Speakers: **İrem Güven, Zelal Demir, Cihan Erdal**

The basis of Life: Oxygen and Peace!

The critical importance of peace is more evident in these days we are going through. We have gathered together as organized and unorganized LGBTI+ activists to shout out this need everywhere. We want to discuss together why we exist and the path we have traveled in this process and what more we can do. We will be stronger if you join us.

Workshop: Pink Tezkere

Time: 18:30-20:30 Place: SALT Galata

Those who are deemed men are called by the authorities to do compulsory military service in Turkey when the time comes. Yet it is our right not to fulfil this service! There is a legal procedure for pink tezkere (military discharge paper)! Can I get a pink discharge paper? What procedure should I follow to acquire pink discharge paper? What aspects should I pay attention to in the process? How does a pink discharge paper affect my social and work life? Come join our workshop to collectively reflect on these questions!

Reader's Theater: OGRES

Time: 19:15 Place: Fransız Kültür Merkezi (French Cultural Center)

Author: **Yann Verburgh**, Translator: **Ayberk Erkay**

Director: **biriken** (Melis Tezkan, Okan Urun)

Actors: **Alican Yücesoy, Canan Atalay, Defne Halman, Halil Babür, Okan Urun**

As part of Pride Week, "biriken" Collective is performing Yann Verburgh's Ogres as a reader's theater at the French Cultural Center. The play traces

the story of Benjamin who is tortured in a forest in Normandy and left to die while simultaneously juxtaposing the perspectives of victims, attackers, families and witnesses of intolerable violence in 14 different countries. The only thing that cannot be buried and destroyed under the bodies of the wounded in the midst of violence, torture, incoherence are the love, hope and courage of these characters across the world. The performance will be followed by a conversation with the play's author Yann Verburgh.

* Pre-registration is required for events at the French Cultural Center.
To register: www.inscription-facile.com/form/qT4Z0Xdmrlolvz2zvrxwy

Workshop: The Role and Responsibility of Mental Health Care Workers in Social Interaction in the Aftermath of the Removal of Homosexuality from the Category of Disease

Time: 19:30-21:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderators: **Evren Evrim Önal, Özge Güdül**

Speakers: **Eser Sandıkçı, Pınar Önen, Seven Kaptan, Umut Şah**

Homosexuality was removed from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders in 1973 and from the disease criteria of the World Health Organization on May 17, 1990. The confusion persists, however, in the case of transsexuality. Despite the fact that the discourse of cure was gradually abandoned from late 1960s onwards, and homosexuality is officially no longer a disease since 1973, transsexuality continues to be associated with disease, sin and crime in social perception and life. Today the struggle continues against the intense discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes targeting LGBTI+ people. Most importantly, although without an official basis, some mental health workers are seeking to exploit the cure discourse for profit. Therefore during this Pride Week, we would like to explore how we can intervene as mental health care students and workers not only in society but also specifically in the field of mental health and our responsibilities.

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Workshop: Finding Hook-ups

Time: 21:00 - 22:00 Place: Will be announced via email

The activity which we first organized last year is back this year due to *koli* (hook-up, casual sexual partner in *Lubunca*) intensity. More daring, more closed and more with *koli*. We texted "SLM" ("Hey") through the app we use to find a partner we like. Okay, what next? How to prepare until they arrive? Where to go for coffee? How to invite them home? All and more will be found in this practical workshop.

* Participation is limited, please register at istanbulpride@gmail.com if you wish to participate. Location will be announced via email to participants.

Workshop: Physical Deepening: What Kind of Geography Is My Body?

Time: 15:00-17:00 Place: SALT Galata

Workshop Leader: **Gizem Aksu**

This workshop invites participants on a tour of their own body geography with the question "What kind of geography is my body?" If this geography is not expected to be free from prejudice and self-judgment, could it be possible to witness that which emerges from each layer that begin to appear with deep listening and sensing, and escape from meaning to reach the moment? It is a discovery extending from the daily repertoire of feelings to the traces of aging flesh...You are invited to dive into the abundance of body geography, in which all of life's states are handled, and the unique and authentic geography of every body.

Panel: Vegan Action- Justice for Animals

Time: 16:00-18:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Speakers: **Özlem Dede, Arvid Bager**

As Vegan Action, we want to explain speciesism during the 24th LGBTI+ Pride Week. Hegemonic relationships are not just among humans but also among species. How aware are we of the rights of animals in our human-centered lives? We defend the rights of LGBTI+, women, and people with disabilities. We defend air rights and water rights. Who should be defending the rights of other living beings? We want justice for all.

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Please register at maskandmarch@gmail.com**PANEL: Trans Transition Process**

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: SALT Galata

Moderator: **Asım Ada**Speakers: **Esmeray, Berk, Sinem Hun**

We listen to the steps of the trans transition process, the difficulties of the procedures in the transition, the legal aspects of the medical process, use of hormones, and surgeries from two different voices.

Panel: Sex Work

Time: 18:30-21:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderator: **Begüm Başdaş** (Amnesty International Turkey Branch)

Speakers: **Kemal Ördök** "The Struggle for Rights from Prostitution to Sex Work and the Current Situation" - **Dr. Gökhan Yıldırımka** "The Sexual and Reproductive Health Status of Sex Workers" - **Özge Gökpinar** "Representation of Sex Workers in the Media" - **Derya Karagöz** "Violence

Against Trans Women Sex Workers: Experiences” - **Niler Albayrak**
“Informal Sex Work and Experiences in Entering the Brothel” - **Sevgi** “Life
in a Brothel Through the Eyes of a Brothel Worker” - **Mehmet** “Brothels
and Needs Through the Eyes of a Brothel Boss” - **Alper Rheme** “Being
a male sex worker: questions and recommendations” - **Yağmur Arıcan**
“Discussions of Sex Work Politics”

Sex work is one of those topics about which very little is known in Turkey. Nevertheless everyone apart from sex workers make arguments about it. A collaboration between Istanbul LGBTI+ Pride Week and Red Umbrella Sexual Health and Human Rights Association opens to discussion the general rights situation, experiences, and needs of sex workers in Turkey. We invite everyone to solidarity with sex workers. Come, let's talk about our problems together.

* This event has been financially supported by LGBTI+ Pride Week Comitee and Kırmızı Şemsiye Association.

Film Screening: Veşartî/Secret*

Time: 19:00 Place: Pera Müzesi Oditoryumu (Pera Museum Auditorium)

Director: **Ali Kemal Çınar**, Turkey, 2015, 70'

One day a woman (Aram) tells Ali Kemal that Ali Kemal will turn into a woman at the age of 30 and walks away. Ali Kemal is about to turn 30 and will get married soon after. As Ali Kemal tries to adapt to the idea of transformation, the protagonist also tries to find ways to continue the relationship with Berfin.

* There will be a Q & A after the screening

Launch: Refugee LGBTI+ Book Launch and Cocktail

Time: 19:00-21:00 Place: Nazım Hikmet Kültür ve Sanat Evi
(Nazım Hikmet Culture and Arts House)

Hêvî LGBTI Association has prepared Refugee LGBTI+ as a result of their work and interviews with LGBTI+ refugees to show rights violations and put public pressure. The book includes interviews with refugees who define themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual or Transgender as well as recommendations by experts, legal background, and articles to expose problems. We will find the chance the get together at the launch of Refugee LGBTI+ and get to know and evaluate this new book.

Workshop: Food Not Bombs Istanbul: The Tyranny of Love II

Time: 19:00-21:00 Place: İnfial

Following a first forum during Pride Week 2015, this year's second workshop will focus on jealousy and possessiveness, which are among the forms of tyranny; as an alternative to monogamous, heteronormative relationship forms, communal living, polyamory, and open relationships will find a voice. The “Turkish family structure” is holding the state up, let's not shy away from shaking it up.

Peformance + Party: Play Night

Time: 21:00 Place: E-mail yolu ile bildirilecektir.

We are inviting those interested in queer BDSM to a night of interactive games and performances that will change our perception towards sexuality and the body, and open the doors to a world outside the norm. Don your fetishes and don't hold back from coming.

* Attendance is limited to 20 people; those who do not register will not be admitted. For registration email queerbdsmlaynight@gmail.com

Panel: Homophobia in Sports and Physical Education Classes

Time: 14:00-16:00 Place: SALT Galata

Ankara Liseli LGBTI+Moderator: **Emre Demir**Speakers: **Dr. İlknur Hacisoftaoğlu** (Gedik University),**Arjin Deniz** (Ankara High School LGBTI), **Baran Ucal** (Gedik University)

Have the LGBTI+ individuals who have come out in many branches of sports in recent times helped defeat homophobia, transphobia, and sexism in sports? What kind of sexual orientation-based discrimination is there in physical education classes? Where are the intersections of the discrimination we encounter in sports and at school? Starting with a discussion of the discrimination experienced in sports, in which we seek answers to all our questions and will exchange information about, we would like to talk about the discrimination faced by gay and trans students in physical education classes and discuss solutions together.

Film Screening: The Pink Report

Time: 16:00 Place: Pera Müzesi Oditoryumu (Pera Museum Auditorium)

Director: **Ulrike Böhnisch**, Germany, 2011, 75'

The Turkish Armed Forces defines homosexuality as a mental disorder that exempts young men from compulsory military service. It requires psychological and humiliating methods to medically diagnose. This film tells the very personal stories of several gay men who chose different paths regarding the military. The young men are forced to hide their faces because of the lack in freedom of expression as they reveal one of Turkey's biggest taboos due.

Workshop: "That Type" of Feminism

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Facilitators: **Gizem Aslan**, **Nazlı Cabadağ** (LezBiFem)

The LGBTI+ movements test with feminism; What does the feminist movement contribute to us, what do we contribute to feminism? Furthermore, what does our feminism look like? We invite you to our forum to discuss what this mutual relationship has achieved for us and its promised potential.

* Participation is closed to cisgendered men.

Event: Mass HIV Testing Day

Time: 18:30 Place: Osmanbey Metro Station

Sometimes because we're scared and sometimes because we don't care enough, we neglect getting tested. By saying that no one has to be alone in this process, we're inviting everyone to get a free, anonymous test done with us. Let's meet at 18:00 at the Pangaltı Dolapdere exit of the Osmanbey Metro Station across from Ramada Hotel.

Genetically Modified Tomato Award Ceremony

Time: 19:30-21:30 Place: Şişli Kent Kültür Merkezi

(Sisli Urban Cultural Center)

The Genetically Modified Tomato Awards, Istanbul Pride Week's indispensable event, takes place for the 12th time this year. Candidates who have competed with each other all year long in homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia are voted for throughout Pride Week; the winners are announced at the awards night! Everyone is invited to throw tomatoes.

Workshop: Tactics of Making Love without Fear: Safe Sexuality

Time: 14:00-16:00 Place: Feminist Mekan

Facilitator: **Turkey Family Health and Planning Foundation**

Are you sure you put a condom on the right way? Do you know how to share your toys? How do you have safe oral sex? And did you know that you can get exposed to infection while practicing personal hygiene? Many things you know to be right can be wrong!

We will talk about the ways to be sexual without harming our health, in order to make love men to men, women to women, without fear. We will ask our questions and discuss with experts from Turkey Family Health and Planning Foundation, without hesitation.

Panel & Forum: LGBTI+ Refugees: Process, Advent, Solidarity

Time: 15:00 - 17:00 Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderator: **Özlem Çolak** (Lambdaistanbul)

Panelists: **Hayriye Kara** (Kaos GL) "Legal framework in Turkey regarding the refugees" - **Mehmet Akın** (SPoD) "Is Turkey a 'safe country' for refugees?" - **Cihan Arıkan** (RFSL İsveç) "What do the refugees experience in the countries they were settled in?"

In the year 2016, Turkey has become the country with the most refugees in the world as it hosts over 3 million refugees from different countries, especially from Syria. As countries like Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan are left on their own with a number of refugees that surpass the size of the country, the European Union, United States and other developed countries are trying to fortify their boundaries, on the grounds of security. LGBTI+ refugees experience a double difficulty as refugees and as LGBTI+s, since their paths are blocked not only by forced displacement but also by increasing conservatism. In relation to the theme of this year's pride week, through experiences in Turkey and Sweden, we will talk about the legal, social and psychological dimensions of being LGBTI+ and being a refugee and discuss the possibilities for our struggle together.

Testimonies from Refugees: Hussam Slk and other refugee friends from the Arabic Tea & Talk group will talk about their experiences in their countries, in Turkey and about their work.

Book Presentation: **Can Kaya** and **Müzeyyen Arac** (Hevi LGBTI)

Hevi LGBTI will talk about the book composed of testimonies of LGBTI refugees living in Turkey and about how the book came to be.

8th ISTANBUL BEAR PRIDE WEEK**Conversation: Bear Movement in Turkey, Yesterday, Today and the Future**

Time: 15:30-17:30 Place: Hevi Lgbti Association

Panel: Being LGBTI+ Under Occupation

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderator: **Aslı Zengin**

Panelists: **Okan** (Keskesor) "Kurdistan Experience" - **Zerşin** (Keskesor) "Kurdistan Experience" - **Siyabend** (Kadıköy LGBTİ Meclisi) "Personal Experience in the Nusaybin Occupation" - **Joul Elias** (Al-Qaws) "Palestine Experience"

Being an LGBTI+ individual in geographies under siege and occupation does not only involve a fight of sexuality and desire against patriarchy and heteronormativity but also other fights based on race and ethnicity as

used by the state and colonizer. The panel will focus on the intersection of power and violence and seek to answer these questions: What does it mean to be LGBTI+ in Kurdistan and Palestine? What does the LGBTI+ struggle mean in these geographies where violence is experienced in all of its nakedness?

Forum: LGBTI+ Organizations of Turkey Meeting

Time: 17:00-19:00 Place: SALT Galata

What are the local dynamics of the LGBTI+ movement that keeps growing in scope and in activity in Turkey? What are the experiences of the organizations and how do they devise practices of struggle in different manners? What was the agenda for the LGBTI+ movement in Turkey in 2016? How is the opposition in the streets going? What are the elements that make the local "local"? We will look for answers to these and related questions as we intend to grow our struggle by developing a wider perspective on the scope of the LGBTI+ movement in Turkey, by creating a dynamic discussion with the representatives of local organizations. Come and join this process of making sense and discussing!

Panel: Forming a Psychosocial Solidarity Network for LGBTI+s

Time: 18:30-20:30 Place: SALT Galata

Facilitators: **Aylin Ülkümen, Baran Gürsel, Doğa Eroğlu, Özlem Çolak**

TODAP, a professional organization that also supports the social struggles given against the problems LGBTI+ individuals experience, seeks ways to multiply safe and accessible mechanisms of psychological support. In this session we will take off from the experiences of different psychosocial support networks and talk with the participants about whether there is a need for a psychological support network for LGBTI+s, and if there is, how that network could be formed, how the institutions in this field could collaborate, what the principles and methods of this network could be. We hope the resulting ideas will be the first steps for the formation of a network that will provide support for LGBTI+s.

Forum: We Unite!

Time: 19:00-21:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

24th LGBTI+ Pride Week's theme is "We Unite!", we will get together as all Istanbul-based LGBTI+ associations, LGBTI+ branches of unions and political parties, LGBTI+ student clubs and independent activists to talk about the situation of organizing together, alternative methods of organizing, what we currently do and what we can do in the face of the growing difficulties of even going out on the streets as we experience these days.

Film Screening: #direnayol*

Time: 20:00 Place: Pera Müzesi Oditoryumu (Pera Museum Auditorium)

Director: **Rüzgâr Buşki**, Germany - Turkey, 2016, 60'

#direnayol follows trans* activist Şevval Kılıç who is infected by the joy of the Gezi Resistance and the 21st Istanbul LGBTI Pride Week. #direnayol is a lawless visual and auditory journey to witness the wave of hope, humor, and solidarity that we now need to remember in the current day politics of Turkey.

* There will be a Q&A after the screening.

Dinner: Rainbow Feast

Time: 20:49 Place: In front of Galatasaray Lisesi

Come and bring your *iftar* meal with you, to prepare a feast where no one others another, where diversity is our wealth, where property is shared,

to show that we can build a life based on equality-justice and freedom, no matter what language you speak or which race you are, without saying heterosexual vs gay, believer vs nonbeliever, embracing all and building a vegan meal together that does not reproduce the hierarchy between species.

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Party: Bear Pride Week Opening Party

Time: 21:00 Place: Depo Taksim

Party: Safe Sex

Time: 22:00 Place: COOP

Pride Week, remembered for its pre-parties, is back with its famous Friday parties. Don't forget to ask for your condom!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Panel: Organizing for LGBTI Rights in Politics

Time: 12:00-14:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Speakers: **Robert Hannah** (Member of Parliament in Sweden), **Terry Reintke** (Member of the European Parliament), **Sedef Çakmak** (Member of the Besiktas Municipal Assembly)

This panel will explore how LGBTIs organize in politics, the language of politics and how politics transforms itself. The panel will be with Sedef Çakmak who was elected after SPoD's "LGBTI-Friendly Municipalities" campaign during the 2014 Local Elections, Robert Hannah who has made important gains as a young MP in Sweden, and Terry Reintke who is among the youngest members of the European Parliament.

Picnic+

Time: 15:00-20:00 Place: Maçka Parkı (Maçka Park)

Once again this year, we invite you all to join a boisterous picnic on the greenest of the green grass, under the trees. Sign language workshop will be open to all attendees during the picnic. Workshops, games and much more at Maçka Park, underneath the rainbow.

Workshop: Sign Language

Time: 15:00 Place: Maçka Parkı (Maçka Park)

Facilitators: **Kaan Göncü, Ahmet Turan Yılmaz**

This Sign Language workshop organized by SPoD's LGBTI with Disabilities working group is open to all who want to understand deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals in their own language, to discover sign language, and to give moral support to our work with new thoughts.

Workshop: Flirt Zone

Time: 15:00 Place: Maçka Parkı (Maçka Park)

Facilitators: **Derya Akişli, Pınar Karabağ**

Is flirting a fruit or a vegetable? How do you want your flirt? What we know and what we desire is not enough. Are the feelings of Insecurity, taboo, embarrassment, and fear that trick us really ours? Let's talk about flirting styles, spaces, and experiences.

* Participation is closed to cisgendered men.

Workshop: Armenian Folk Dance

Time: 15:00 Place: Maçka Parkı (Maçka Park)

Facilitator: **Kyle Khandakian**

Kyle Khandakian was kicked out of an Armenian Folk Dance class that he attended for 5 months in Armenia because he is gay. We will learn the Armenian Folk Dance shoulder to shoulder despite homophobia, fascism, sexism, and even closed borders.

Panel: Being LGBTI+ in Diaspora and Spaces for Organizing

Time: 16:00-18:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Room)

Moderator: **Sertan Kıyan**

Speakers: **Kyle Khadakian** "The Armenian Community in the US and Experiences of Homophobia and Organizing in Armenia" - **Robert Hannah** "Experiences of Organizing in the Swedish Assyrian Community"

Sweden leads the world charts as an example of human rights and gender equality. So how is being Assyrian and LGBTI+ viewed in Sweden? What kinds of problems does one face when organizing and asking for votes as a parliamentarian? What does one prepare for when voted into parliament as an openly gay man? We will talk about what to face, what the advantages and disadvantages are.

Short Films Screening

Time: 18:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Hall)

Kurneqîz / Trans Woman*

Directors: **Gökhan** and **Seza Köreken Yalçinkaya**

Kurdish short film about a 17 year old trans child who goes through an internal reckoning and ostracization in a rural village.

* There will be a Q&A with the film crew after the screening.

Nerdesin Aşkı? / Where Are You My Love?*

Director: **Merve Gezen**

The film that toured world festivals comes home with the "Human Rights Award" from Boston and "Best Film" from Canada. The first screening in Turkey will be at Istanbul LGBTI Pride.

* There will be a Q&A with the director Merve Gezen and actor Seyhan Arman after the screening.

Talk & Forum: Trans LAB

Time: 19:00-21:00 Place: Cezayir Toplantı Salonu (Cezayir Meeting Hall)

Speakers: **Demet Yanardağ** "From Sex Work to Advocacy: Trans Rights Movement and Sex Workers Rights in Turkey" - **Gani_Met** "Queer Performances in the Quandary of Body and Identity: Trans Experience Beyond Binary Gender Structure"

Tournament For The Goal Givers

Time: 19:00 - 21:00 Place: Taksim Spor Kulübü (Taksim Sports Club)

There is no swearing at women, sluts, fags. There is no being used by the industry and mafia club owners. No excuse for violence by rowdy hooligans. Despite the patriarchy and heterosexism of the soccer field, established and distinguished (!) queer teams of the queer football community (!!) Atletik Dildoa, Sportif Lezbon, Lezyonerler and Queer Park Rangers are getting together for a fun, communal tournament (!!!) People who want to experience the fun of scoring and getting scored, the intersection of dribbles, can email us at istanbulpride@gmail.com and become a player in the 4th team called Queer Training Boarding School. Come, let's meet offside.

Workshop: Drag King

Time: 20:00 - 22:00 Place: ıplak Ayaklar (ıplak Ayaklar Dance Studio)

Drag King is the performance of different roles of men and masculinity with clothes, attitude, make up, etc. Playboy, drifter, intellectual, tough guy, gentleman, man on a mission, revolutionary, closeted gay, big shot, family man, tender... Real or caricaturized; gender is a playground in this workshop. You can perform stereotypes of men or you can reveal the masculine in you! We'll first study the book of manhood and practice wearing beards and moustaches, walk, sit, etc. Then we'll go party and play. The workshop is open to women and trans individuals who want to experience masculinity.

* Registration required. Please email priderezervasyon@gmail.com

8th ISTANBUL BEAR PRIDE WEEK

Party: Main Bear Pride Week Party

Time: 21:00 Place: Depo Taksim

Party: Arabic

Time: 22:00 Place: Nayah

Oriental shows, curvy performances all night and we can't get enough of it!

* All proceeds will go to solidarity with LGBTI+ refugees.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Event: Bicycle Tour

Time: 15:00 Place: Beşiktaş İskele (Beşiktaş Ferry Stop)

Route: Beşiktaş - Kabatas- Karaköy- Tarlabası - Taksim - Istiklal Avenue

We meet at Besiktas Ferry Stop to pedal to Istiklal Avenue with our Rainbow flags for the 24th Istanbul LGBTI+ Pride Week.

PRIDE MARCH

Time: 17:00 Place: İstiklal Caddesi (Istiklal Avenue)

We are on Istiklal Avenue for the 14th time and with growing numbers! We're going to rock the streets with our slogans, fusing our joy and love with our resistance, bedazzling the avenues with our rainbow flags. We are way too few if you are not there!

8th ISTANBUL BEAR PRIDE WEEK

Party: Bear Pride Week Cocktail

Time: 22:00 Place: Depo Taksim

Entrance: Free (2 glasses of cocktail drinks sangria free of charge)

Party: Closing Party

Time: 22:00 Place: COOP

To celebrate our existence, our love, our desire, our pride, let's meet at the 24th Istanbul LGBTI+ Pride Week closing party after coloring Taksim in rainbows.