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**Dear Comrades, dear Friends,**

hereby we would like to invite you to the upcoming 11th Queer Easter „Exploring identities - I am what I am“. This non-formal educational seminar will take place from 29.3.-5.04.2010 in Werftpfuhl/ Germany.

The seminar is organized by the education centre Kurt Loewenstein of the Socialist Youth of Germany - Die Falken in cooperation with IFM-SEI, ECOSY and IUSY.

Thematical focus will be this year the topic of identity, how personal identities are explored and developed and what is the impact of capitalism on us and our identities.

At Queer Easter we strive every year to create a safe environment, where every participant can feel comfortable to talk about their own experiences, and feed into discussions held in an atmosphere of respect and understanding. In talking about such sensitive and personal issues and their relation to the area of politics and society, we are also asking every participant to challenge themselves, and reflect on their own lifestyle and attitudes. For this reason, we ask that every participant comes to the seminar with the willingness to examine themselves, to express their own opinion, and to respect those of others - to question some of those things that are embedded so completely in our societies, those things that perpetuate intolerance and inequality. To change the world, we must first examine, challenge and consciously change ourselves - and for this we ask that everyone remembers the importance of keeping an open mind in relation to this subject, and the process of the seminar.

### **PROGRAMME**

The topic of the seminar will be explored through a variety of workshops, discussion rounds and working groups. Besides this, Queer Easter will also offer the opportunity to learn more about LGBT situations in other countries, and there will be provided a space for exchanging experiences, projects and campaigns that our different organisations are running. And of course we have not forgotten about having fun together e.g. while spending one day in Berlin. A draft program you can find below. Some weeks before the seminar, we will send a description how to reach the educational centre and a last information email with details of what we would like you to bring, what to prepare beforehand and other useful information.

### **DATES**

This 11th Queer Easter Seminar will take place from 29.3.-5.4.2010.

### **VENUE**

The venue and accommodation will be at the Education Centre Kurt Loewenstein in Werftpfuhl in the northeast suburbs of Berlin. The closest airports are in Berlin, from where the venue can be reached with local transport. Exact travel details will be sent to you after registration.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Participants are expected to:

- To be active in an political youth organisation (either a youth organisation of IUSY or IFM-SEI) or active in an youth organisation dealing with LGBT issues, preferably an LGBT-youth organisation

- to have interest in working on the issue
- to be able to follow the seminar and communicate in English
- to be available for the whole duration of the seminar

We do not ask for sexual orientation identification of the participants but welcome everybody who is interested in the topic of the seminar.

### **FINANCES**

The participation fee depends on the country you are coming from (between 30 - 70 Euro). Please contact Tim Scholz [t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de](mailto:t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de) for exact details.

This fee includes participation in the programme and accommodation as well as four meals per day for the duration of the event and a day-trip to Berlin.

### **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

Due to the difficult financial situation we are unfortunately in general unable to reimburse your travel expenses, except in case of special agreements (please contact the education officer Tim Scholz ([t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de](mailto:t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de)) on exact details of this).

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Seminar is only possible online via a registration form, which you can find here: <http://queereaster.wufoo.com/forms/queereaster-2010-registration/>

**Online registration will be possible from the 18.02.2010 onwards. Please do not do it earlier. Thanks for understanding**

Registration Deadline is **10.03.2010**

We are asking every participant from your organisation to register separately in order to let them fill in the motivation questions by themselves.

If you are coming with a delegation from an organisation, we ask that you pay attention to the biological sex balance of your group, so that we have a balance at the seminar.

In case participants need **Visa** to enter Germany the deadline is the **1.03.2010**. Please register online as soon as possible since the original personal invitation letters are going to be sent out on the 5.03.10. The originals will be sent to the nearest German consulate. You will get scanned copies of this letters to apply for the visa.

### **FURTHER QUESTIONS**

In case of further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me [t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de](mailto:t.scholz@kurt-loewenstein.de)

Looking forward to welcome you at Queer Easter 2010 in Werftpfuhl!

## Draft Program for 11<sup>th</sup> Queer Easter „Exploring Identity: I am what I am“ 29.3.-5.4.2010

	29.03.10	30.03.10	31.03.10	01.04.10	02.04.10	03.04.10	04.04.10	05.04.10
8:00-9:00	Arrivals	Breakfast					Brunch	Breakfast
9:15h		Energizer						
9:30h		Country reports	Creative working groups (CWG)	Various workshops organised by external guests	Workshops and afterwards plenary on <b>History and Theory of LGBT</b>	CWG	Evaluation and Good bye	
12:30h		Lunch						Lunch
13:15h		Queer Cinema in Salon						CWG
13:30h			ECOSY Network	IFM-SEI Network	IUSY Network	14:00h Leaving for Berlin		
15:00h	17:00h Station Game	Workshop on <b>Identity</b>	CWG	CWG	Workshop on <b>Queer and Capitalism</b>	14:30 Guided tours in Berlin	Presentation and farewell party	
18:30h	Dinner					Dinner		
19:15h	20:00h Opening and Ice breaking	Evaluation Groups						20:00 Possibility to meet in a cafe
20:00h		Team meeting and Internet						23:00 Party at SchwuZ
21:00h		Snack Evening	Women's Evening	Forums and Workshops by participants	Preparation Meetings for Tours in Berlin	3:30 Bus from SchwuZ		
		Presentation of Orgs	Queer Cinema in Salon					

