

Greek Transgender Support Association

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Announcement – Press Release

Subject : INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE DAY 2011

SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 17:00

CULTURAL CENTER OF THE ATHENS MUNICIPALITY

ANTONIS TRITSIS AMPHITHEATER, 50 AKADIMIAS ST, ATHENS

The Greek Transgender Support Association, is inviting you, on Saturday November 19th and Sunday November 20th 2011, from 17:00 to 21:00, at the Cultural Center of the Athens Municipality, in the Antonis Tritsis Amphitheater, 50 Acadimias St, Athens, to the 2 day event dedicated to the International Transgender Remembrance Day.

The Transgender Remembrance Day is taking place for the second time in Greece, and it is a day in memory of all the transgender, transsexual, cross dressing, intersex people who have been victims of transphobic hatred, crimes and violence, but also a day of awakening about the problems transgender people face in their everyday lives.

The programme of the two day events, is the following :

- Saturday November 19 2011 -
– Introduction : Marina Galanou (Chair of the G.T.S.A.)
– Speech : Cristy Tapatzi (member of Greek Transgender Support Association)
– Speech : Nickos Mylonas, representative of the gay lesbian community (O.L.K.E)
– Speech : Andrea Gilbert, representative of Athens Pride
– Speech : Violeta Kafritsa, representative of the Athens Lesbian Group (L.O.A)
– Speech : Helena Diamantopoulou, representative of Colour Youth
– Speech : Petros Sapoutzakis, representative of the Initiative Against Homophobia in Education
– Speech : Marianella Kloka, editor of City Uncovered, member of Positive Voice
– Speech : Tzanetos Antipas, representative of PRAKSIS
– Speech : Zoe Kokalou, representative of Human Library
– Speech : Zak Kostopoulos (member-volunteer of the Transgender Support Association)

- Open discussion with the representatives of the NGO's and Initiatives
- Movie screening, of a 52 minute film

- Sunday November 20 2011 -

- Greeting from Athens Municipality representative
- Main speech from the chair of the Transgender Support Association, Marina Galanou
- Speech of writer and official member of the Greek Transgender Support Association, Betty Vakalidou
- Reading of greeting from Alekos Modinos, activist and historical founder of the Cyprus Gay Liberation Initiative (A.K.O.K)
- Speech of Odysseas Theofanis, representative of the Greek Part of Amnesty International
- Speech of Kostas Kanakis, assistant professor of Social Anthropology and history at the Aegean University
- Speech of Kostas Giannakopoulos, substitute professor of Social Anthropology and History at the Aegean University, with cognitive subject in Anthropology of Sexes.
- Speech of Vaggelis Mallinos, lawyer, constitutional law professor, representative of the Greek Union for Human Rights (E.E.D.A)
- Speech of Julia Ehrt, Executive Director of Transgender Europe
- Speech of Iro Dioti, MP of the Sy.Ri.Za Party
- Resolution for the International Transgender Remembrance Day (the resolution will be subjected to the President of the Greek parliament and to political parties, on Monday November 21st)
- March to the Greek parliament *

The coordinator will be Mania Lembesi, member of the Greek Transgender Support Association.

*The march to the Greek Parliament will be held without slogans and banners but with candles, in memory of the transgender people who have been victims of transphobic hatred all over the world.

During the two days of the event, there will be an art exhibition of Gabrielle le Roux entitled : Proudly African & Transgendered, with the support of Amnesty International.

We thank her for her offer, as well as all the spokespersons who will be participating in the two day event for the International Transgender Remembrance Day.

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