

# OUTCOME

## Youth Exchange 2006



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## Why Outcome 2006

We, Outside, the local LesBiGay youth and student organisation in Delft, have attended two, in some way similar, youth encounters in Iceland and Switzerland in the last years. Each were a valuable and interesting learning experience. We were inspired to try to do more with the outcome of such a conference.

With Outcome we do not only hope to get to know more people and cultures but also help each other, and hopefully others, in emancipating ourselves within our communities. We specifically think we can make a difference in helping youth with their coming out, and their position in society by informing peers. The materials (publications on paper as well as on line) we intend to publish will not only be meant for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, but also for the general public informing them about issues for GLB youth.

If we look at recent developments in for example Poland but even at home here in the Netherlands, Gay Lesbian and Bisexual people are far from accepted in society. GLB people and youth in particular face a further challenge in their emancipation and they still fight for acceptance, having an easy coming out is far from reality for most of us. Organising a meeting for GLB youth can help simply by meeting each other and sharing experiences but we also hope to create materials and tools that will be valuable in each of our countries.

During the meeting, 74 young gay, lesbian and bisexual (GLB) individuals from 14 countries (that are connected with local or national organisations in their country) will create materials that will help young GLB individuals and their community with issues such as coming out, personal identity and so on. During the exchange there will be lectures from specialists, workshops on several themes, discussions on various issues etc. Our conference is supported by local politicians, but also members of the European Parliament, the Council of Europe etc etc.

The meeting will take place in Delft in the Netherlands from July 27<sup>th</sup> 2006 until August 6<sup>th</sup> 2006. Some parts of the programme (like the party in Gay Palace in Rotterdam on August 4<sup>th</sup> and the beach BBQ's) are open to the public.

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## **Objectives of the meeting:**

### **- Making a website**

By making a website in all 14 languages we hope to provide an international platform for information about GLB youth issues. There will be information available for parents and youngsters in general and specific information for youngsters searching for their identity. With the website we hope to fight heterosexism (automatically assuming heterosexuality) but also to simply inform people being gay or bisexual is not the end of the world and GLB people come in all types, colours and personalities.

### **- Making educational material**

We will make educational packages for teachers and youth workers that want to address the issue in their classes. Special kits for teachers with a didactical guide and materials to use in class. Exercises and other interesting materials, all free to download from our website.

### **- Empowering GLB youngsters**

We will train and inform our participants how to deal with GLB issues, and make them more self confident in the matter. Maybe they will want to be a guest lecturer in a school (something very common in the Netherlands), or maybe they want to inform the public somewhere else. How can you get your point across to 30 kids in a classroom? How can you explain a 50 year old parent what it is to be gay, lesbian or bisexual?

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## **The participating countries are:**

1. the Netherlands
2. Iceland
3. Estonia / Baltic states
4. Spain
5. Ireland
6. Denmark
7. United Kingdom
8. Germany
9. Italy
10. Slovakia
11. Sweden
12. Poland
13. Czech Republic
14. Bulgaria