



**Making Liveable Lives:  
Is Sexual and Gender Legislative Equality Enough?**  
October 7th-8th 2016, University of Brighton, UK.

**Program Schedule**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

- 10.00-10.30: Registration, teas and coffees
- 10.30-10.45: Welcome and introductions
- 10.45-11.45: *Evidence Not Anecdote*, Aengus Carroll from the International Lesbian Gay Bi, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) Worldwide (a federation of over 1100 member organisations across 6 different regions that seeks to achieve equal rights for LGBTI people).
- 11.45-12.15: Report Launch: *Implementing LGBT Equalities in England: An Analysis of Local Councils*. (Dr. Nick McGlynn and Prof. Kath Browne)
- 12.15-13.15: Lunch and networking
- 13.15-14.00: *of living, loving and labouring: a journey from personal to political*, Sumita and Ranjita Biswas, from Sappho for Equality (An activist forum for Lesbian, Bisexual Woman and Transman rights in Eastern India and a project partner for the Liveable Lives conference)
- 14.00-14.45: *What is Liveability?: Key Findings*, Liveable Lives Research Team (Professor Kath Browne and Dr. Niharika Banerjea)
- 14.45-15.30: Discussion of future possibilities and funding opportunities
- 15.30-16.00: Break
- 16.00-17.30: *...and the unclaimed (. . . ebong bewarish)*, directed by Debalina, produced by Sappho for Equality Film screening, followed by discussion
- 19.00-Late: Meal at Regency Fish restaurant in Brighton (Please let Suzanne Armsden [S.M.Armsden@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:S.M.Armsden@brighton.ac.uk) know if you would like to attend. Those who attend will be responsible for covering the cost of their own meal.)



**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Street Theatre Workshop and Performance**

The theatre workshop will begin at 10am in central Brighton and will culminate in a street performance in the evening. Those who attend are invited to participate in the street theatre performance as a culmination of the event. This is not compulsory.

The workshop and performance will be over by approximately 6.30pm.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Limited Capacity- Please book early

## **ILGA: Aengus Carol *Evidence not anecdote***

### *Abstract*

Increasingly, in nearly all countries across the globe in order to make our lives more liveable, SOGIESC-related realities are mapped against a rights framework that provides the basis for many of our claims at national and international levels. At the United Nations, Latin America's leadership regarding SOGI challenges the idea that such liberations are still Western constructions being imposed on Global South or East States. A central question across nations is what commitment and capacity exists in our communities to ensure actual representation of all the sub-groups be they under the LGBTIQ acronym or with indigenous identity markers.

Documentation and evidence are essential to those representations, and therefore data matters. In this light, this short talk will first discuss some of the purposes and limits in ILGA mapping comparative data and how that relates to real life situations in countries. It will then discuss a new initiative, a global LGBTI Inclusion Index, driven by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) that seeks to produce "progress" in terms of demonstrable impacts on the lives of LGBTI people across the globe in the period 2015-2030.

### *Biography*

Since returning to Ireland in 1994 after a first formative decade in queer life under Thatcher (and friends) in the UK, I have been active in grassroots advocacy and community organizing. As a volunteer, then a freelancer, I edited, produced and wrote materials for LGBT, HIV and other human rights groups and organisations. Since 2006, my work has been pretty exclusively on regional and international sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) human rights-related documents and projects. Currently, I am author of *State Sponsored Homophobia* (which is an annual world survey of sexual orientation-related law), published by the Geneva-based International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Association (ILGA), for whom I am a consultant. I am also ILGA's representative on a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) initiative aimed at developing an index to measure LGBTI inclusion in various categories across the world. My specific area of academic interest is around the UN Human Rights Council's mechanism, the UPR or Universal Periodic Review, that provides unique dialogic space for local SOGIE advocates to articulate the fusion of their specific culture and the universal principles encoded in the human rights framework.

**Sappho for Equality: Sumita and Ranjita Biswas *of living, loving and labouring: a journey from personal to political***

Sappho for Equality, established in October 2003, is the only registered organization in Eastern India that works for the rights and social justice of sexually marginalized women and transmen (female to male transpersons). It uniquely works to create bridges between the so-called normative and non-normative populations in our society and positions gender-sexuality within existing development discourses. SFE's vision is for a society free of sexuality-based discriminations, where rights of the sexual minorities will be ensured. Sappho for Equality works with a three pronged approach -

- i) inbound or community empowerment
- ii) outbound or addressing general civil society and networking with other groups/organisations
- iii) state-bound or advocacy/lobby with the State