

Global Convening – Funding on Trans and Gender Diverse Issues Call for Presentations

In December 2013 in Berlin, a global convening will bring funders working on trans and gender diversity issues, and those who may be interested in beginning such funding, together with representatives from trans and gender diverse groups, initiatives and programs from across the world, to learn about key priorities for the trans and gender diversity movement and share strategies for developing effective funding portfolios on trans issues.

The convening will be organized by Open Society Foundations (OSF) and Wellspring Advisors, in partnership with Global Action for Trans* Equality (GATE). A central principle of this meeting is to highlight the work being done in-country and internationally on trans and gender diversity issues. In order to enable this, we are holding open nominations of trans and gender diverse activists to present the work of themselves and their organizations. The nominations will be reviewed and decisions about final participation in the December 2013 convening, will be done by a working group consisting of the following members:

- Dave Scamell, OSF
- Rebecca Fox, Wellspring Advisors
- Maxim Anmeghichean, OSF
- Justus Eisfeld, GATE
- Barbra Muruga, Transitioning Africa
- Masen Davis, Transgender Law Center
- Abina Aher, India HIV/AIDS Alliance
- Carla LaGata, Transgender Europe
- Viviane V, Trans* academic - Federal University of Bahia (UFBA)

The work should be concentrated in one of the following areas:

- Safety and violence
- Healthcare – access in general, access to transition, and de-pathologization
- Legal gender recognition /gender marker change
- Culture and media as drivers for change
- Economic opportunities
- Educational support
- Alliance building/working with general human rights organizations – problems and opportunities
- HIV/AIDS
- Infrastructure: organizational capacity building and movement building
- Direct services and creating safe spaces
- Creating funding opportunities
- New and developing initiatives.

Presenters would be asked to be able to clearly describe their work, its impact on trans and gender diverse people, and how it is part of a larger eco-system of the trans and gender diverse movement. The format of presentations at the convening has not yet been decided. Translation services will be provided during the meeting, however presentations will be in English. In addition to the type and quality of work, decisions will also be based on regional and demographic representation.

Participants will have all travel costs covered. In addition, a per diem will be provided.

If you are interested in presenting at the meeting, please fill out the application below and send to GATE (fundingwg@transactivists.org) by Friday, September 27. 2013.

Presenter Application

1. Name of organization:
2. Name, telephone, and e-mail address of person presenting:
3. One paragraph bio of person:
4. Organization's mission statement:
5. Has your organization ever received private or governmental funding?
6. Would you describe your organization as LGBTI organization, as being solely trans focused, or other? Please explain. If your organization is an LGBTI organization, does it have a trans-specific initiative or program?
7. What is the annual budget of your organization?
8. What percentage of that budget is focused specifically on trans work?
9. Do you work on the country, regional, or international level? Please explain.
10. In no more than two paragraphs, please describe your work in the trans community. Which of the twelve areas would you like to present on?