



LGBT+ FORUM 2023

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Interpretation in English, French, Spanish, German, Swedish, Japanese, Portuguese, and Korean.

Friday 13 October

<p>Building inclusive unions 8.30 am Palexpo Room K</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome.</i></p>	<p>How do we build trade unions that are welcoming and inclusive? We will explore real-life success stories of unions in Australia, Korea, South Africa, the Philippines, Spain and Costa Rica in creating LGBT+ responsive policies, practices, structures and collective bargaining demands.</p>
<p>Workers united against the backlash 10.30 am Palexpo Room K</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome.</i></p>	<p>The anti-LGBT+ backlash is a measure of our success in the fight for equality, but it continues to be a very real menace that has even crept into our workplaces, threatening working-class solidarity. This panel discussion will explore how workers and unions are fighting the anti-LGBT+ backlash and its allied movements with stories from Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Brazil and the United States.</p>
<p>Queering public services: Transforming the education and cultural sectors 1.30 pm Palexpo Room K</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome.</i></p>	<p>LGBT+ public sector workers are at the forefront of the movement to design and deliver inclusive and responsive public services. This panel will highlight developments in the education and cultural sectors in the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and Australia.</p>
<p>The public sector vs. the anti-LGBT+ rights movement 3.30 pm Palexpo Room K</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome.</i></p>	<p>The anti-rights movement was super-charged during the pandemic as conspiracy theorists, and far-right anti-government and anti-democratic forces coalesced, fuelled by dark money and disinformation. Authoritarian governments and political actors use fear and uncertainty to sow resentment, divide the working class and distract us from their failures and profiteering. Is the public sector the last line of defence against a bleak future for democracy and equality? This panel will examine what we're up against and what's at stake with presenters from Canada/Italy, Turkey, and Switzerland.</p>
<p>LGBT+ caucus meetings Thursday 12 October 5.30 pm Palexpo Room K</p> <p>Saturday 14 October 2.30 pm Palexpo Room TBD</p>	<p>We will discuss Congress resolutions, the programme of action, PSI's LGBT+ work, the Global Unions LGBTI Workers project, and other relevant matters. Delegates and observers who identify as LGBT+ are welcome.</p>

We are also collaborating with PSI young workers to organise a social event. Stay tuned for details!