

QUEER CYPRUS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

April, 2021

QUEER CYPRUS ASSOCIATION:

Queer Cyprus is a civil society movement that started out with the name of "Initiative Against Homophobia" in 2007 to change the discriminatory local legal legislation in the northern part of Cyprus and to create public opinion for the rights and freedoms of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex people. Queer Cyprus embraces diversity and fights a feminist, anti-militarist, ecologist and veganist struggle against any oppressive mechanism.

PROJECTS:

• DIVERSITY OF COLOURS PROJECT:

Funded by the European Union and implemented by the Queer Cyprus Association, The Diversity of Colours Project is fighting for a Cyprus where all colors can exist together, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and more (LGBTI+). The project, which was implemented successfully in its first two years, will be completed in December 2021.

• LIFE PROJECT:

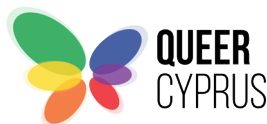
LGBTI+ In Freedom from Exploitation Life Project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the Queer Cyprus Association in cooperation with KAOS-GL. It started in May 2019 and will last for two and a half years. Life project aims to contribute to the efforts of LGBTI+'s who are victims of trafficking in human beings in the northern part of Cyprus.

• STRONGER TOGETHER PROJECT:

The Stronger Together Project, funded by ILGA-EU and implemented by the Queer Cyprus Association, aims to strengthen the socio-economically vulnerable LGBTI+ community in the northern part of Cyprus.



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**“EMPOWER THE COLOURS”
CAMPAIGN STARTED!**

**It is now very easy to be a regular individual supporter
of the Queer Cyprus Association!**

Queer Cyprus has been providing psychological and legal support for the last two years, and social service support for the last year, together with the advocacy struggle that has been given since 2007. Although these services started a short time ago, nearly 50 people have been regularly supported, and hundreds of people have been provided one-time support. Thus, LGBTI+s and their relatives who were impoverished economically due to prejudice and discrimination against LGBTI+s in the society had the opportunity to benefit from these services.

Queer Cyprus invites you to become a regular donor in order to ensure that both the advocacy struggle and the services provided are sustainable.

It is now in your hands to support the LGBTI+ struggle and make it stronger in the northern part of Cyprus!

**Let's empower our colours even stronger together!
#empowerthecolours**

SECOND 'SOCIAL WORK' TRAINING AND WORKSHOP WAS CARRIED OUT



Figure 1: A frame from the 2nd Social Work Training

Within the scope of the LGBTI+ In Freedom from Exploitation Life Project funded by the European Union and implemented by the Queer Cyprus Association in cooperation with KAOS GL, the Second Social Work Training and Workshop was organized for the Queer Cyprus Association members and solidarity line volunteers. The training took place

on Saturday, February 20, 2021, and the Workshop on Monday, March 22, 2021, online. Both training and workshop were given by Social Worker Güney Tosun. In the training held on February 20, together with the general situation analysis of social services in the northern part of Cyprus and the SWOT analysis study, information transfer and group work on case management were carried out on target audience formation, communication solutions and strategic solutions in order to determine the perspective of the Queer Cyprus Association on social services. Then, in the workshop held on March 22 focus was on the action plan. The workshop was an important step for the Queer Cyprus Association in strengthening the social service branch and determining a road map.

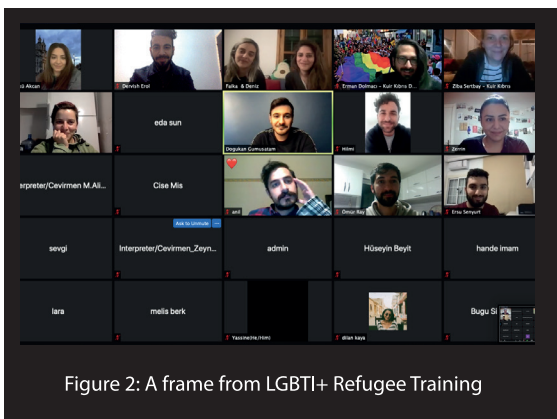


Figure 2: A frame from LGBTI+ Refugee Training

TRAINING ON LGBTI+ REFUGEES WAS HELD

Within the scope of the Life Project, the training on LGBTI+ Refugees for Queer Cyprus members and supporters was held on February 25. The training on LGBTI + Refugees was given by Lawyers Faika Deniz Paşa and Deniz Altıok. While discussing the reasons for

LGBTI+'s departure from their countries, international, regional and local legal regulations, rules and practices in the northern part of Cyprus, the importance of asylum policies was emphasized.

A SURVEY WORK HAS STARTED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF "LGBTI+'S 'ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES RESEARCH"

Within the scope of the Life Project, determining the level of access of LGBTI+s to social services in areas such as Housing, Social Aid, Psycho-Social Support and Post-Violence Support Mechanisms and revealing the potential discrimination and marginalization experienced in these services based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression through the research on "Mapping existing social services and access to these services" in the northern part of Cyprus.



The research is of great importance in determining the policies to be developed for raising gender awareness and strengthening the access of LGBTI+s to social services. Participation in research is completely voluntary and the research proceeds within the framework of ethical rules. You can access the research questionnaire, which will take an average of 6-9 minutes, through the social media accounts and website of the Queer Cyprus Association.

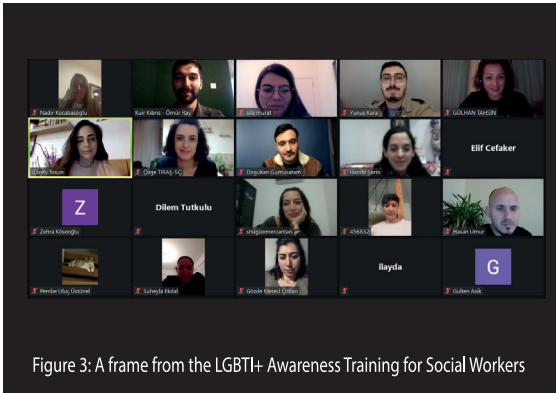


Figure 3: A frame from the LGBTI+ Awareness Training for Social Workers

LGBTI+ AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS WAS HELD

LGBTI+ Awareness Training for Social Workers was held within the scope of the "Stronger Together" project, funded by ILGA-Europe and implemented by the Queer Cyprus Association to strengthen the

access of LGBTI+s to employment and to reveal the existing difficulties in socio-economic areas. The training, consisting of three sessions, was held with the active participation of "social services department"

employees and social workers from non-governmental organizations. The training took place under the titles of LGBTI+ Basic Concepts, LGBTI+ Inclusive Social Work Practices and LGBTI+ Focused Social Service Field Experiences in Cyprus. What can be done practically for inclusion based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity in educational social work studies was discussed with the questions and answers.



ALLIANCE VISITS MADE

Within the scope of the Stronger Together Project, meetings were held with the Olive Tree Education and Solidarity Association and the Cyprus Turkish Secondary Education Union in order to enable LGBTI+s, whose socio-economic status is vulnerable, to acquire a profession, improve their qualifications and strengthen them through various vocational courses and studies. In addition, Memorandum of Understanding were signed with Kyrenia Youth and Resource Center and Human Resources Management Association.



SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECTS:

Within the scope of the projects, 3 different services are offered; **Psychological, Legal and Social Services.**

You can reach us on the Solidarity Line at **0542 858 58 47** in order to benefit from the services.

QUEER CYPRUS ASSOCIATION SUPPORT AND DONATION CAMPAIGNS!

TO KEEP QUEER ALIVE!

Our Signboard Supporters regularly contribute to us with a portion of their income every month so that Queer Cyprus can meet the office expenses, be more visible in the society and make its voice heard, that is, Queer Cyprus can live! You can see the institutions that support us below:



42 Bar, Amcacık Tic. LTD., Bahar Nurluöz Pharmacy, Café 5, Cafe No.3, Canteen Sandwich Bar, Copy Point, Çisil Hikmet Tattoo Studio, Ghetto Café, Hoi Polloi, Imagine Bar, Kemal Tunalı Veteriner Kliniği, Kaldi Cafe & Patisserie, Koraki Meyhanesi, Lorenza Cafe, Mayıs Danışmanlık, Maksıl Cafe & Bar, Çobi's Leather Workshop, Okkırın Çiçekçilik, Piedra Cafe, Rüstem Kitabevi, Sabor Restaurant, Şenay Yönlüer Beauty and Makeup.

SOLIDARITY BOX!

While the interest and demands made to the solidarity line, which has been active since 2017, has increased day by day, its expenses have also started to increase. For this reason, it is now our turn to support the solidarity line together, shoulder to shoulder. If you put the amount that is given as change, that is in the torpedo of the car, maybe forgotten in the pocket of a jacket or just the amount you desire to the Solidarity Box, we will be able to help LGBTI+s and their relatives who are in financial and/or moral difficulties when we receive an urgent phone call. Maybe a life will be saved thanks to you. **The businesses that you can find our Solidarity Box and cooperate with us are as follows**

All For Paws Veteriner Kliniği, Atölye Sanat Sepet, Be Well Sağlıklı Yaşam Merkezi, Copy Point, Çisil Hikmet Tattoo Studio, Ghetto Café, Hillkat Park, Kemal Tunalı Veteriner Kliniği, Koraki Meyhanesi, Lorenza Café, Maksıl Café and Bar, Mint Muse Boutique, Nurluöz Eczanesi, Piedra Café & Restaurant, Okkırın Çiçekçilik, Öznel Psikoterapi, Rüstem Kitabevi, Şenay Yönlüer Beauty & Make up, Yol Üstü Coffee & Brunch ve Atelier Kabuk.

If you want our solidarity box to be part of your business, or if you say Keep Queer Alive on behalf of your business and want to support our signboard campaign, you can contact us at **queercyprus@gmail.com** or our social media accounts.

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