



Proposal of recommendation
Increased Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Participants in the WSCF General Assembly
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On behalf of the SCM of: Britain

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Context :

For the purpose of maintaining the safety of LGBTQIA+ members and members at risk of persecution in their local areas, this statement is an internal recommendation of the WSCF GA. This means that the actions are specifically for the process of the WSCF GA, and does not make external changes to the regions.

The issue is the exclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in the WSCF General Assembly through the use of language and procedures.

Upon registration for the GA, participants are asked for their pronouns, however, this information isn't used in a practical and tangible way that helps gender-diverse participants feel a sense of belonging.

For example, room assignments are based on gender assigned at birth, or legal documents, and do not validate and reflect the gender diversity of members to make them feel welcome and safe.



Impact on youth and students:

Youth and students part of the LGBTQIA+ community who attend the WSCF GA are directly impacted by the lack of care for gender-diverse people. Improper gender care contributes to the risk of mental illness experienced by the LGBTQIA+ youth and student community on a global scale.

Proposed Resolution:

1. We propose that education on pronouns be attended to within the procedures of the GA. This will include acknowledgment of alternative pronouns, such as "they/them," in WSCF official languages.
2. We propose room assignments based on gender inclusivity.
We suggest 3 room compositions: all-female rooms, all-male rooms, and all-gender rooms, which would be chosen by persons upon registration.
3. We propose a pre-assembly be organized for people who identify with the LGBTQIA+ community. This assembly ought to be organized by, and for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, alongside allies.