

**15-20 November 2021**

*“Ensuring access to justice for all children: towards non-discriminatory and inclusive child justice systems”*

### Workshop Programme

#### Access to Justice for LGBTQ+ Children and Youth

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday, 17th November 2021</b>	
<b>Timing</b>	16:00 - 17:30 CET	15:00 - 16:30 London
<b>Organiser(s)</b>	Mariama Diallo, Terre des hommes	
<b>Institution</b>	Terre des hommes	
<b>Type of Workshop</b>	Working Group	
<b>Topics</b>	Discrimination due to gender, sexual and gender identity, a gender justice focus.	
<b>Region</b>	Europe	
<b>Language</b>	English	

#### **Abstract**

This workshop seeks to gather child justice and LGBTQI+ expert organisations and practitioners to examine challenges that LGBTQ+ children and youth in Europe face in accessing equal justice and propose concrete action points to address these challenges. In 2019, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights presented the results of the EU LGBTI Survey II that showed that LGBTQ+ people across the EU experience greater levels of discrimination, harassment, hate speech and violence, to the detriment of the full enjoyment of their fundamental rights. Among those who consider themselves open about being LGBTQ+, 40% say they have experienced harassment. Physical or sexual attacks also remain a concern: one in ten survey participants say they were targets of such violence in the five years before the survey. It is also clear that underreporting of these crimes is rampant. There is a significant disconnect between the protections envisioned by national laws and the failure of these protections to ultimately translate into better experiences for LGBTQ+ youth throughout the justice system.

All persons who will register to the panel are invited to take an active part in the discussion and contribute to the ideas shared. In a concrete manner, the participants will engage in a dialogue through the live chat function and through direct interventions to give a number of key takeaways for all professionals working with children.

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### Three key take-aways of the session

- Address matters of prevention, fair treatment, and enforcement of criminal and administrative justice procedures for LGBTQ+ youth.
- Make suggestions for actionable recommendations to be included in a policy brief, on increasing access to justice for LGBTQ+ children and youth
- Discuss examples of promising practices by governments and NGOs

### Objectives

- Develop in a collaborative manner a number of actionable recommendations for NGOs, governments, practitioners and schools, which will be included in a policy brief to be published after the World Congress, drawing upon the collective experience and expertise of speakers specialised in supporting LGBTQ+ youth.
- Engage participants in an active discussion and contribute to the ideas shared
- Networking

### Expected Outcomes:

- Identify topics to be included in the policy brief, in response to challenges which LGBTQ+ children and young people in conflict with the law face
- Reflect on the failure of current legislative models to adequately address this issue
- Identify key principles and values necessary to improve experiences LGBTQ+ youth
- Take away key recommendations for adaptation in their own work

### Speakers

Working group therefore no speakers. **Mariama Diallo** from **Tdh** and **Angela Vigil** from **Baker McKenzie** will lead the collaborative discussion.