



RainbowYOUTH



Hosts Report



Introduction

In December 2016, three New Zealand community organisations were successful in their bid to host the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex (ILGA) World Conference in Wellington, New Zealand. They were Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand, Rainbow Youth and Tiwhanawhana Trust (the Host Rōpū).

In bringing ILGA World to Wellington the Host Rōpū provided the opportunity for;

- *Increased participation by New Zealand, Australian and Pacific LGBTIQ+ groups, in particular, indigenous and youth, at this international forum.*
- *ILGA World to experience, witness and learn from New Zealand and Pacific experiences.*

The conference also celebrated important milestones;

- *the 1st World Conference held in Oceania*
- *the 40th anniversary of ILGA World*
- *the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising (and along with it, the birth of the modern gay rights movement in the west).*

This report reflects what was achieved by the Host Rōpū, how it was done and why. Though brief, it provides a combined historical, pictorial and financial overview. Included is a special section on the work achieved by the Host Rōpū to participants from the Pacific. It is hoped this report provides a useful overview for ILGA members.

The 2019 ILGA World Conference was a resounding success notwithstanding the tragedies in Christchurch. It was achieved because of the generous support in kind, in sponsorship, in funding and advice from many sectors of New Zealand society. All this from a journey that began in 2016.

Wellington City, the Mayor of Wellington Justin Lester, the Cross Party NZ Parliamentary Rainbow Network through MP's Jan Logie, Louisa Wall and Chris Bishop, and the New Zealand Rainbow community can justifiably be proud of the role they played in the success of this event. To everyone that participated in this event, whether attending the conference or providing support or a service, thank you, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.



Timeline

2016

- March, ILGA Oceania Wellington NZ
- June, ITANZ, Tiwhanawhana Trust, Rainbow Youth form Host Ropu to bid for ILGA World Conference,
- Tourism NZ (TNZ), Mayor of Wellington and Wellington Regional Economic Agency support bid
- July, TNZ and Chrissy Witoko Trust finance Host Ropu travel costs to bid for conference in Bangkok
- December, Host Ropu successful with bid to host next ILGA World Conference, October 2018
- December, Wellington2019 website opens

2017

- March, negotiations begin ILGA and Host Ropu
- May, World Conference date changes from Oct 2018 to Mar 2019
- June-September, Host Ropu conduct professional conference organiser tender
- September, Host Ropu confirm Avenues Event Management (AEM) as Social Programme Conference Organiser (PCO)
- October, ILGA Host Ropu Service Level Agreement completed
- October, Michael Fowler Centre venue officially confirmed
- November, TNZ support Host Ropu to attend ILGA Europe conference, Warsaw

2018

- March, AEM confirmed as ILGA PCO
- May, conference logo confirmed
- June, conference website & registrations open
- August, ILGA site visit to Wellington
- Host Ropu/ILGA Conference launch,
- ILGA Oceania, Apia, Samoa
- December, Human Rights Day Launch, Kingdom of the Netherlands / Host Ropu collaboration

2019

- March, ILGA World comes to Wellington



The Journey 2016-2019

Three years from inception to reality was the planning period for the Host Ropu to stage the ILGA World Conference. Success was built upon a framework of strong values, committed organisations and people. Crucial was the early support of Tourism New Zealand and the Sustainable Conference Programme.



Bangkok 2016, NZ confirmed next host



ILGA World Conference 2016



Host Ropu, NZ Tourism Awards 2018



Vigil for Christchurch, Basin Reserve



Across the Pacific, the next...
ILGA World Conference, 2021, LA, USA

Host Ropu tasks:

Provide travel information

Local transport and accommodation

Financial information & liaison

Costs, service providers, civil authorities, funders, embassies

Venue and services information

Logistics plan, health & safety,

For Conference

Design logo, contribute to website

Provide Social Programme

Dinner 5 nights, expect 500 people, community events, special events



ILGA is a worldwide federation of over 1400 civil organisations whose common goal is the pursuit

of human rights based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics. In particular communities and individuals who face discrimination and stigma.

The ILGA World Conference is the premier gathering place for its members.

Conference logo

Ara Waka



Whakapapa



Journeying across oceans

Celebrating our histories

- People and communities gathering here and moving forward together
- Celebrates migration and movement

- ILGA - 40th anniversary
- Cultural and community histories

Ngā kete



Whakatupu



Sharing diverse knowledge

Growth and Prosperity

- opportunities to share information, debate & discuss
- Baskets of knowledge

- Where we go from here

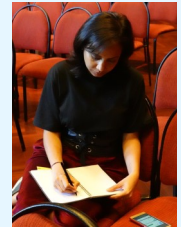
How it worked

The 2019 ILGA World Conference was a collaboration between ILGA and the Host Rōpū.. 500 people registered for 5 days of activities. The Host Rōpū, started each day with a call for unity and respect, then notices before handover to ILGA who managed general plenaries before breakout

sessions. At the conclusion of daytime activities, the Host Rōpū provided dinner for all participants and a social programme. The cancellation of Wednesday nights programme on the Waterfront was a casualty due to the Christchurch event. All other events for the Social Programme were completed. A calendar of events is listed below.

The mentorship provided by Tourism NZ and Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA) to the Host Rōpū was of inestimable value. They stimulated solutions for Host Rōpū concerns about hosting a successful world conference organised from a distance and locally.

Thank you to Jean Hendry/Sherylee Eyles (Tourism NZ) and Claire Martin (WREDA).



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	Monday 18 March		Tuesday 19 March		Wednesday 20 March		Thursday 21 March		Friday 22 March	
Satellite meetings/events	Preconference and caucus meetings Michael Fowler Centre		Preconference and caucus meetings Michael Fowler Centre		Main conference Michael Fowler Centre		Main conference Michael Fowler Centre		Main conference Michael Fowler Centre	
16-17 March	Plenary 0845-0945	Pōwhiri – Welcome to ILGA delegates and special guests by Te Ngaruru Wineera, Mayor of Wellington Justin Lester, supported by Tiwhanawhana	Plenary 0845-0900	Whakatau to begin the day	Plenary 0845-0900 0900-0915 0915-0940 0940-1100 1100-1120	Whakatau to begin the day Co-Secretaries General Video & Keynote Georgina Beyer Panel discussion, Q&A Hon. Grant Robertson	Plenary 0845-1030	Whakatau to begin the day Keynote UN Independent Expert Victor Madrigal-Borloz	Plenary 0830-0900	Whakatau to begin the day Election results
17 March	Topics covered or groups meeting Sex work Lesbian Indigenous Corporate business and ILGA UN advocacy and ILGA research Women Intersex Youth		Topics covered or groups meeting Refugees and asylum Corporate business and ILGA Trans Bi ILGA Latin America ILGA Oceania ILGA Pan Africa ILGA North America ILGA Europe ILGA Asia World newbie session English/Spanish		Topics covered or groups meeting Conference rules, chairing pool, agenda, week overview, reports * Caribbean activism * court protection * grant-makers * data LGBTI inclusion index * seniors & human rights * intersex youth * equality in work * funding Trans advocacy * resources for activism * situation Latin America (Spanish) * workshop constitution & standing orders * keeping history * safe and rainbow inclusive workspace * AI leading cultural change * Afro-descendant sexual diversity in Puente del Mundo (Spanish) * Trans & gender diverse survivors of rape and sexual assault * Working with Intersex * Film screening of sex workers in China		Topics covered or groups meeting Pakistani siblings * power of connection * Reach out * Body & psyche * mobilising queer youth * why trans health matters * trans depatholization * Burnout * Meeting candidates for ILGA positions * state sponsored homophobia report * self-care for women * court protection * AI steps towards decriminalisation * Intersex in Asia * ILGA strategic plan & annual reports * trans depatholization * Trans mental health * gender, sexual and body diversities and same sex acts * lesbian calling * decolonising SOGIESC in South- East Asia * protection under new crimes against humanity * challenging bi-phobia, decriminalising same sex relations, court battles around the world * trans rights and global research * intersectional justice for rainbow families * trans histories * networking with youth Elections		Topics covered or groups meeting Rainbow faith * hearts of hate * global state of LGBTI organising * political incidence on LGBTI sexual and reproductive rights (Spanish) * being a trans racialised and feminist sex work (Spanish) * trans rights in Fiji, Samoa and Papua New Guinea * protection under new crimes against humanity * trans masculine and non-binary sex workers * ILGA finances * understanding sexuality via asexuality * digital security * decriminalising sex * LGBT adult population (Spanish) * supporting LGBTQ in a repressive state * leaving no one behind * countering the religious right * decolonisation, higher education and Indigenous SOGIESC * mainstreaming decolonisation within LGBT+ activism * monitoring violence against trans and gender diverse * trans masculinities and invisible violence (Spanish) * Intersex advocacy update * mapping LGBTI global rights * renewal of mandate for Independent Expert * Women advocacy at the UN * YogyakartaPlus in action * Gender transgressor guide*	
19 March	Topics covered or groups meeting Pacific States Consultation with UN Independent Expert - Victor Madrigal Borloz, Human Rights Commission Global Philanthropy Project (GPP)									
The ILGA World Conference Programme										
1715-1815	Corporate Funders at NZ Rugby Headquarters				1730-1830	NZ & Pacific Funders Cocktail event at Michael Fowler Centre			Closing Plenary	Constitution & standing orders, budget, account, reports
1830-2100	Dinner – Parliament	1830-1930	Dinner MFC	1830-1930	Dinner MFC	1830-2100	Dinner TSB Arena	1830-1930	Dinner MFC	
Private and Public events	Welcome to Parliament Hon. Grant Robertson (Host MP) & the Cross- Party Rainbow Network Jan Logie, Louisa Wall, Chris Bishop (Co-Chairs)	1800-2100	Community gatherings • Disability workshop • Ancestars* @ Te Auaha • Trade unions • Sex Workers • Transgender • Intersex	1800-2100	City wander • Delegate vouchers to spend in city	1830-2100	Celebrating ILGA 40 Years cover band, White Chapel Jak, MC's Maryanne Cathro and Leo Goldie-Anderson	1930-2200	Public event, ILGA thanks Wellington, Poroporoaki Farewell concert: Topp Twins, Glamaphones, Diamond Divas, Drag Kings, MC's Malcolm Vaughan and Scott Kennedy	



How it worked (cont)

Securing a local Conference Organiser was the solution for the Host Rōpū's dilemma.

Following a tender process issued by the Host Rōpū, Avenues Event Management (AEM) was selected to assist put together the logistical information required by ILGA, organise the Social Programme, and seek sponsors. Later AEM was commissioned by ILGA to organise the material requirements of the conference programme, and organise accommodation and immigration needs once participants had registered. Both tasks were incredibly difficult and AEM responded

magnificently. Special thanks to Melanie Walker, Chris Evans, Charlotte Carr and others from the AEM team.

The task of fundraising and sponsorship then became the biggest challenge. In 2016, the budget estimated was approx. \$185,000. In 2019, over \$208,000 had been committed by conference end.

The Host Rōpū owes a special thanks of gratitude to key people that lobbied for funding on its behalf to the corporate and government sectors; Dame Fran Wilde, David Robinson and the Hon. Grant Robertson. Melanie and the AEM team

again deserve a special mention for their role in sponsorship management, accounts receivable/ payable and financial records.

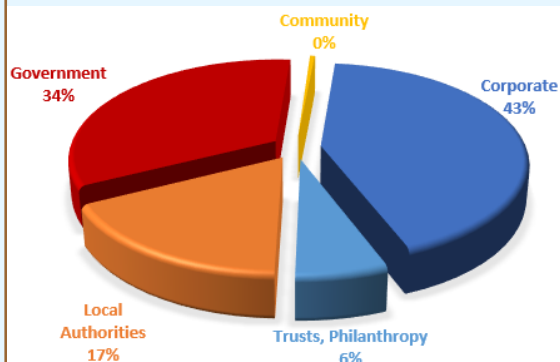
Over three years the Host Rōpū worked hard at building strong relationships with all the organisations and people on which success for the conference would be based. Hard work which resulted in a hugely successful and satisfying world conference.

Listed below are the organisations that met the cost of the Social Programme and the Host Rōpū operations.

Below is a high level analysis of the funds received and how they were applied.

Social Programme and Host Rōpū funders and sponsors

Funds In



Funds were received through Tiwhanawhana Trust, ITANZ or Avenues Event Management.

Funds Out



All disbursements were accounted for through Avenues Event Management.



Pacific participation at the World Conference - a special mission

The ILGA World Conference in Wellington was a significant opportunity for many countries across Oceania to be represented at this event. Thus it became a goal of the Host Rōpū to develop a proposal to provide scholarships for people, especially those from the Pacific, to attend the ILGA World Conference.

Diplomatic missions were targeted to fund this proposal. Following consultation, a special human rights forum for Pacific and Indigenous Rainbow people from Oceania was included. The budget proposed a target of \$43,000 for 14 people.

The proposal was enthusiastically picked up by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the

Netherlands and they became its champion.

Their support provided a generous base to which funds were added from Germany, the United States of America, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Over \$50,000 in funding was granted. This enabled:

- Registrations, travel and accommodation for 16 participants to the ILGA World Conference from the Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Kiribati, Tahiti, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Australia.
- A Pacific LGBTI Human Rights Forum attended by 70 people. The Host Rōpū scholars were joined by others from the

region who were sponsored by ILGA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand; among them representatives from Palau and Niue. Takatāpui and Pacific diaspora from New Zealand completed the attendance.

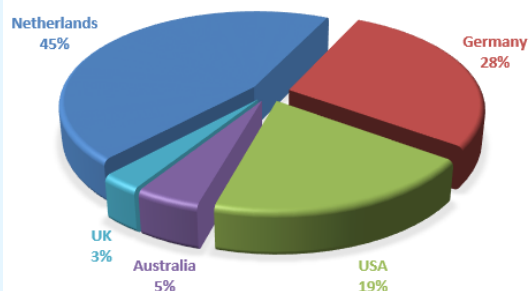
- Special guests of the Forum were diplomats and staff from the Netherlands, USA, UK and Germany, COC Nederland and United Nations Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Victor Madrigal-Borloz.
- Human Rights Statements were developed by the forum (see next page)



Pacific and Indigenous of Oceania Human Rights Forum, May 17, 2019

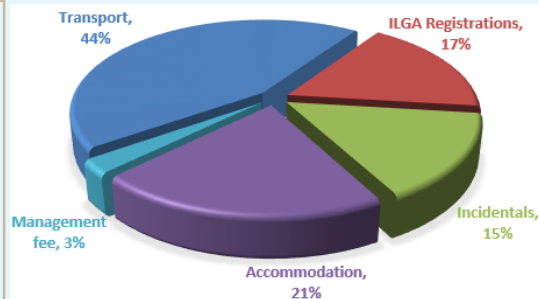
Scholarships

Funds In



Funding for this initiative was received through ILGA, Avenues Event Management and Tiwhanawhana Trust (UK dealt directly with provider). An analysis of the funds received and how they were used are shown here.

Funds Out



Kingdom of the Netherlands



The Federal Government



EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA



British
High Commission
Wellington



Australian High Commission
New Zealand



Pacific & Indigenous of Oceania

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Rainbow Forum
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Country statements

Aotearoa New Zealand

Barriers

Own stories, own future, own history
Tōku reo, tōku oho-oho – Our voice, our future

Contribution

Future

Equality, Equity

Tōku reo Tōku oho-oho My voice
My future Our voice Our future

American Samoa

Capacity building – providing people with the skills necessary to do the work

Funding – providing people with the resources necessary to do the work

Data – capturing our lived experiences so we can organise

Link to USA (application of laws) – name/ gender change, marriage equality

Cook Islands

Seek support from ILGA as we seek/fight for the decriminalisation of the LGBTQI Crimes Bill Act (Act 1969 Sec 154 & 155 – establish “indecent act between men punishable 5 years”, “consensual sodomy – 7 years”)

Fiji

Implementation of constitutional protection of Fijians with sexual and diverse needs

E.g. 2015 – Case of Application for Legal Gender Recognition

E.g. – generalisation of classification of national data – crimes, census, health services

Marry, adopt, inherit

Personal and economic security

Do not harm

Acceptance of LGBTQI identity

Statement: To review and reform national policies and legislation to be consistent with the Constitutional non-discriminatory provisions on protection on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression

French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna, Vanuatu

Recognise the need to access to special financial resources to promote LGBTQI programmes for small Pacific island countries and territories

Improving Pacific islands cultural identities’ visibility in international human rights forums

Facilitate inclusion of SOGIESC issues in Pacific countries and territories’ public policies development

Papua New Guinea

Barriers:

Legislation

Religion

Donor funders with expectation

Pasifika Diaspora Aotearoa, USA, Nuie & Indigenous Australia

Develop a new narrative that explains how we would like to be identified in new technology, using our old technology (culture, ancestors, language, relationships, connection) to create the new technology – way forward

It connects to the hearts and voices of the communities, and holds the systems and its representatives accountable for two-way communication and action

Communication whereby First People sexuality and gender diverse people are not acknowledged for their knowledge, relationship with other Indigenous peoples

Colonial white-washing is hindering our voices and choices

Intersectionality is causing discrimination across different identities

Invisible narrative has silenced us in our communities

Racism and multiple discrimination

Language preservation is being recorded through the eyes of the colonisers and the colonist system (white saviour)

Cultural disrespect of Indigenous understanding of sexuality and gender diverse or rainbow people

Indigenous peoples’ “connections” (land, family, culture) are ignored based on colonial labelling as LGBTQI

Solutions: from deficit to strength-based

We need to use technology to shape our

narrative for the future

Empowering languages

No more tokenism

We need one sexuality and diverse united language

Samoa

Sodomy

Gender recognition of diverse sexualities and identities

Language – acknowledgement

Access - \$\$\$/networks/people

Approach – intersectional/interlinkage

Language – acknowledgement of cultural identities

Access – money/networks/technical assistance

Approach – intersectional/interlinkage eg climate disaster and justice

Colonial reparations

Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu

We, the representatives of Tonga, Tuvalu and Kiribati SOGIESC communities recommend inclusiveness SOGIESC communities in climate justice and decision-making, and we call upon Government to do a stock take of their ‘Leiti, Binabinaine and Pina’ peoples, this includes our issues, challenges, barriers and policies and legislations that do not count us, or recognise us!

Tuvalu

Climate change – inclusive of Pina (SOGIE) in climate justice eg they may be included in the community but their visibility as SOGISC is not recognised

Kiribati and Tuvalu are living example islands

Priority or recognising SOGISC communities on climate justice movement

Kiribati & Tonga

Law and decriminalisation

Religion and belief (to acceptance!)

Access to policies changing

CSO to be involved in the making of decisions

Access to health rights

Inclusive of SOGISC in humanitarian response

Independent Experts to be continued in position

Lack of \$\$\$

Kua tutuki te kaupapa. The task has been achieved. Ngā mihi nui. A big thank you!

This conference was the success for the Host Rōpū because of the support and efforts of many people and organisations. We take this last opportunity to once again thank and honour some of the many involved.



Pacific and Indigenous of Aotearoa Human Rights Forum

Thanks to all diplomatic missions for the support of this initiative, including Chile and Argentina who were present at the conference. A big thank you to Ambassador Mira Woldberg and Embassy staff from the Netherlands. Likewise Dr. Timo Bauer-Savage, LL.M., Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy; Deputy Chief of Mission, Sue Niblock and Caroline Toplis, former Cultural Affairs Specialist, United States Embassy; Ashleigh Muir, Public Affairs Manager, Australian High Commission and Helen Smith, Deputy High Commissioner, British High Commission.

Thanks to the Human Rights Commission for co-facilitating the Forum through the guidance and leadership of Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner, Saunoamaali'i Dr Karanina Sumeo, Taine Polkington and Tuiloma Lina Samu. Tiwhanawhana Trust also co-facilitated the Forum notably through Dr Elizabeth Kerekere, Tengāruru Wineera, Richard Tankersley and the Kapa Haka whānau.

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Best wishes to incoming ILGA World Board co-Secretary Generals, Tuisina Ymania Brown and Luz Elena Aranda and other Board members.

Thanks also to the many service providers and volunteers that made the Conference hum and shine in particular:

Food & Drink

Michael Fowler Centre, Sarah Searancke Catering and Coca Cola

Parliament event, ICON Catering

ILGA Birthday Celebration @ TSB Arena,

Ruth Pretty Catering

Entertainment manager, Frank Stevens AEM

All the volunteers especially the main organiser Drew Hadwen, and Social media guru Jac Lynch. Mentioned also are the people who helped connect us and ensure our key people were given the right information on time; Jessica Beyeller, Sophia Shanks, Angela Bray, Waveney Parkinson, Raewyn Tate, Whetu -Kura Bennett.

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A final tribute to the Host Rōpū members and also to each of their boards and trustees respectively:

Rainbow Youth

Frances Arns, Executive Director

Toni Duder, 2IC

Duncan Mathews (former ED)

Intersex Trust Aotearoa New Zealand

Mani Bruce Mitchell, Executive Director

Tom Hamilton, Treasurer

Georgia Andrews, Chairperson

Tiwhanawhana Trust

Elizabeth Kerekere, Chair

Kevin Haunui, Deputy Chair

Where to from here?

- The next ILGA World Conference will take place in 2021 in Los Angeles, CA, United States, hosted by the It Gets Better project. Tune in to ILGA.ORG for updates. Best wishes from the Host Rōpū.
- The shape, size and needs of future ILGA World Conferences is up to its members. It is a sizable task for hosting organisations and it is hoped this report provides food for thought. We have offered recommendations separately to ILGA.
- In Oceania, continuing to strengthen cohesiveness and connections through regional meetings of ILGA, is a priority.

