



Rechte intergeschlechtlicher Menschen in Europa

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Hermaphrodites with *Attitude*

Focus on local activism

Volunteers are working at the local level to make the world a safer place for intersexed people and their families. You can help! To start a local group, contact toiaMII@hotmail.com.

In San Francisco, **Sam Ferguson**, **Kristi Bruce** and **Howard Devore** started a speaker's bureau. They have presented to medical students at Stanford, University of California at San Francisco, and twice at Berkeley, and will soon present to the

local Metropolitan Community Church. Contact toiaMII@hotmail.com.

Marge Willy, a professional psychologist and instructor at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, sponsored and organized an ISNA workshop in Chicago. Therapists, activists, a Chicago Tribune reporter and others attended the showing of ISNA's video *Hermaphrodites Speak!* and discussion with **David Vandorlin** and **Angela Marston**. This laid the groundwork for the formation of



Photo: Marge Willy, Chicago

Howard Devore Ph.D., Cheryl Chase, Kristi Bruce, and Sam Ferguson speak to UC Berkeley medical students about their local experiences of intersexuality.



Environmental Protection Agency attorney Hale Hanbuecker, headed by employer as Illinois chapter of ISNA. Contact toiaMII@hotmail.com.

When **Hale Hanbuecker**, an attorney with the Environmental Protection Agency, was preparing his talk on the applicability of the Federal Female Genital Mutilation Act to intersex surgeries for the 5th Annual *Sexual Orientation and the Law Conference* at Vermont Law School, he worried about how coming out as intersexed would affect his colleagues' opinions of him. The answer came last May, when the EPA awarded him an Employee Recognition Award for outstanding community service in recognition of his work with ISNA.



Das verordnete Geschlecht

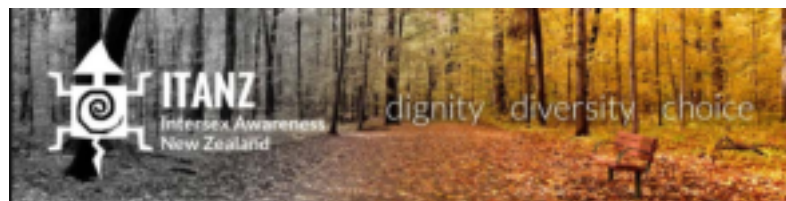
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1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th International Intersex Forum



**1st, 2nd and 3rd OII Europe
Community Event and Conference**







European Parliament adopts landmark resolution on the rights of intersex people!

Human Rights of Intersex Persons



18 September 2015, 30th Session of the Human Rights Council

No protection on EU level against discrimination on the grounds of sex characteristics (nor explicitly under the ground of sex)

2000: Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation

2004: Council Directive 2004/113/EC implementing the principle of equal treatment between men and women in the access to and supply of goods and services

2006: Council Directive Directive 2006/54/EC on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation

European Union

	Race & Ethnic Origin	Gender	Disability	Age	Religion or Belief	Sexual Orientation	Gender reassignment
Employment	Directive 2000/43/EC	Directive 2006/54/EC	Directive 2000/78/EC				Partially, under gender equality legislation
Goods and services		Directive 2004/113/EC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Partially, under gender equality legislation
Other spheres of life		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equality body	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bias violence	Decision 2008/913/JHA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Basic Information on
intersex**

i Who are intersex people?

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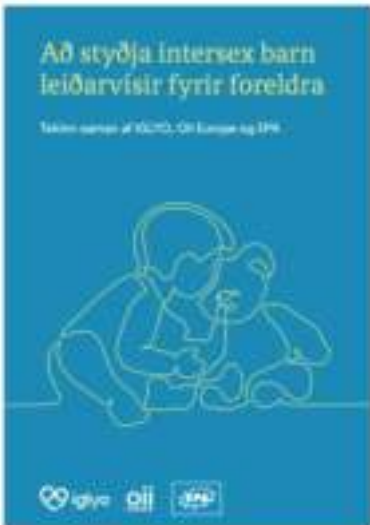
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👤 What issues do intersex people face?

○ What is OII Europe?





Human Rights and intersex people

PROGRESS

- Recognising intersex people's human rights as integral to human rights and gender discrimination
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CONCLUSIONS

- Intersex people's rights to physical integrity and bodily autonomy should be recognised
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- States should ensure that intersex people's rights are protected
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Recommendations of the CHRCoE

Available in currently 26 languages

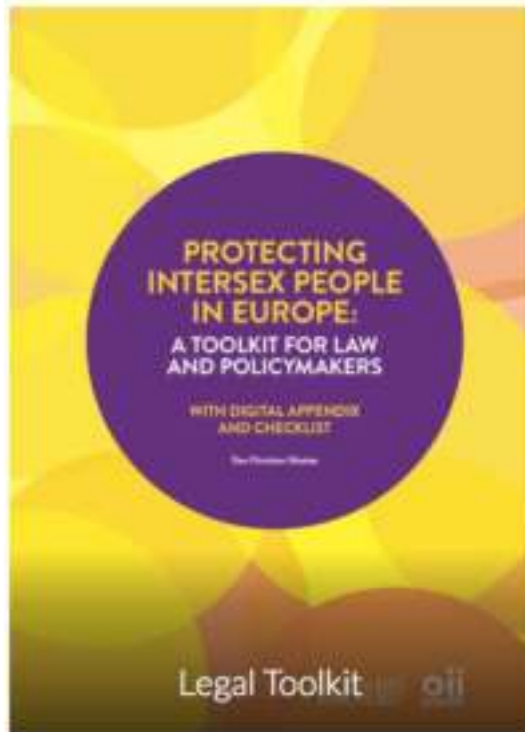
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Legal Toolkit



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1. Protecting Intersex People's BODILY INTEGRITY

In order to ensure intersex people's right to health, self-determination and bodily integrity, states should create laws that explicitly

- prohibit any irreversible, non-emergency surgical or other interventions unless the intersex person has provided personal, free and fully informed consent
- establish adequate legal sanctions for medical professionals who conduct of any irreversible, non-emergency surgical and/or other interventions which can be deferred but are not
- establish an independent working group composed in equal measure of human rights experts, intersex peer experts, psychosocial professionals and medical experts, to review and revise treatment protocols
- establish the right to expert-sensitive¹ counselling with providers trained to work with intersex people
- extend the retention period for medical records to at least 40 years
- extend the statutes of limitations for surgical and/or other interventions to at least 20 years, and suspend them until the minimum age of 21 of the person concerned
- allow for surgical and/or other reversible and irreversible interventions on a mature minor, if the mature minor gives personal and fully informed consent
 - establish the presence of an independent third party to take part in the process, in order to guarantee consent principles
- establish the legal obligations for medical professionals to:
 - to inform the individual comprehensively about the treatment, including other possible medical options and details about risks and possible long-term consequences and effects, based on up-to-date medical information
 - provide detailed minutes of the consultation to the patient and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- end the coverage of Intersex Genital Mutilation by the public and private health system.
- ensure that regulations and practices in public and private sectors do not bypass national protection and anti-discrimination legislation and provisions

8. ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND REDRESS

The *2013 Malta Declaration*, which contains the joint demands of the international intersex community, calls on states to:

- recognise that medicalisation and stigmatisation of intersex people result in significant trauma and mental health concerns
- provide adequate acknowledgement of the suffering and injustice caused to intersex people in the past
- provide adequate redress, reparation, access to justice and the right to truth.

9. DATA COLLECTION: addressing research gaps

There are some parameters, which, when taken into account, have proven to increase the usefulness of research findings on intersex people and help the development of targeted research approaches:

- Research on intersex must ask about experiences, not about identity
- Intersex people should not be researched only as a subgroup of LGBTI but as an independent part of the population; data segregation is key
- Work together with intersex-led organisations and intersex-led peer support groups
- Consult with intersex activists and organisations when creating questionnaires AND when analysing and contextualising the data

10. FUNDING - Creating sustainability

Oii Europe and ILGA-Europe, in conjunction with the key recommendations from the above mentioned funding reports, call on States to:

- fund work led by intersex people
- provide flexible and stable funding to intersex organisations and groups
- provide sufficient funding for paid staff
- invest in anti-trauma work and burnout prevention
- invest in the organisational strengthening of intersex organisations and groups
- support intersex activists to build community and national-level work
- educate funding institutions and peers about intersex issues
- decrease the barriers for intersex groups in finding and applying for funding
- invest in intersex-led projects offering trainings for medical and other professionals
- invest in peer support groups, preferably those who work from a de-pathologising and human rights perspective



#MyIntersexStory

Personal accounts by intersex people
living in Europe

With a text by intersex scholar Janik Bastien Charlebois "On our own terms and in our own words": The value of first person accounts of intersex experience



Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit

Merci de votre attention