



INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER FESTIVAL

5 day long Transgender Festival gathering some of the world's most active, empowering transgender artists, leaders, activists, civil societies and government representatives to celebrate diversity and unite for equal rights of the community worldwide

6th - 10th December, 2017

Bengaluru, India



Setting the Stage

Accelerating Transgender Movement across the world

Transgender movement across the world has reached an accelerated phase where the community is making significant progress in their advocacy for basic rights, identity and acceptance. Despite the increasing acceptance and mainstream media discussion, transgender individuals still face socio-economical and systemic barriers across the world.

In March, 2016 European Commission President **Jean Claude Juncker**, Council of Europe President **Donald Tusk** and Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** reconfirmed their commitment to jointly strengthen the Strategic Partnership between EU and India.

The partnership was established to strengthen the collaboration between EU and India in wide range of areas for cooperation e.g. foreign and security policy, trade and investment, economy, global issues as well as **people to people contacts and human rights**. [Click here to read more!](#)

To reaffirm commitment to the EU-India Human Rights Dialogue as a key tool to promote shared human rights values and begin the much needed dialogue involving civil societies and nurture an impact-oriented dialogue leading to improve the lives of the transgender community, Indian-European Social Change Ecosystem, Make Room, is launching "Trans Diamond".

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“TRANS DIAMOND” is a 5 day long Transgender Festival gathering some of the world’s most active, empowering transgender artists, activists, government representatives and friends to celebrate diversity and unite for the rights of the transgender community worldwide.

Transgender movement across the world has reached an accelerated phase where the community is fighting for basic rights, identity and acceptance. Despite the increasing acceptance and mainstream media discussion, transgender individuals still face socio-economical and systemic barriers across the world. These challenges make it important for an international cooperation to foster the empowerment of transgender individuals.

Using Arts as tool for social change, the Festival draws attention to a wide range of issues faced by the transgender community. Leveraging the power of creative and performing arts, the Festival aims to catalyse the struggle for equal rights, acceptance and sensitize society. The Festival will also identify leaders from within the community, build capacities to engage in a dialogue with policy-makers and society at large to highlight pertinent issues. Right from capacity building workshops, open forum to film festival, social beauty pageant and a musical performance, the Festival is a confluence of arts, intellect, humanity and hope!

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The Festival is a set of a wide range of events presenting some of the most innovative artistic works of the community:

TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL 3
Bringing together some of the loudest audiovisual voices of the transgender community to showcase latest documentaries and social campaign short movies	
TRANSGENDER MUSICAL 4
Trans-artists from across the world - singers, actors, composers and theatre directors join hands to create a life-changing performance showcasing the existing struggles of the transgender individuals across the world	
TRANSGENDER TALENT SHOW 5
Trans individuals from across the world compete for the title of the TRANS DIAMOND TALENT 2017.	
TRANS DIAMOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 6
Transgender activists, community representatives and policy-makers engage in a dialogue to exchange best practices and share personal stories	
CAPACITY BUILDING 7
Various non-formal learning methodologies and top-notch curriculum to build leadership and entrepreneurial capacities of the transgender community to build solutions for the most pressing problems of the community; identify career goals, be better leaders and role models.	
COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS 8
Various events to build strong partnerships between individuals and organisations, presenting various funding opportunities to accelerate arts movement across the community and launch possible co-productions and collaborations.	
SOCIAL BEAUTY PAGEANT 9
Transwomen from across the world enrich each other and compete for the title of the Trans Social Beauty Pageant Queen - building a strong ambassador base to advocate for the transgender community rights across the world.	

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TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL

The 1st International Transgender Film Festival is organized in order to strengthen, nurture and build new cultural and arts collaborations for and between transgender audiovisual artists. The Festival brings together some of the most celebrated industry professionals from across the world, showcases the latest, most-awarded audiovisual projects and begins the dialogue of collaborative co-production creation.

<p>Competition “Story of Change - Trans Feature Film” “Story of Change - Trans Short Film”</p>	<p>Films 20 + audiovisual projects (Feature & Short Films)</p>	<p>Inspirational Discussions Enriching Discussions with some of the leading audiovisual artists of the community</p>
<p>Workshops/Masterclasses 3 Capacity Building Workshops for emerging audiovisual artists</p>	<p>Collaboration Networking and Collaboration/Co-production-oriented sessions</p>	<p>Funding Sessions related to funding available for transgender arts projects</p>

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TRANSGENDER MUSICAL

It is no surprise that transgender community has some of the world's most talented actors and singers. **The Musical calls out for transgender individuals who are passionate about theatre, singing and acting to work together with theatre professionals to showcase the mind-blowing diversity and beauty of the transgender community.**

Rehearsals

4 Rehearsals with theatre professionals. Gain experience of a lifetime.

Musical

Be a part of a mind-blowing musical and perform in front of hundreds

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TRANSGENDER TALENT SHOW

Transgender community has some of the world's most talented individuals, but not many are celebrated and well-known! **The Festival brings to you the 1st International Transgender Talent Show presenting some of the most talented transgender individuals and communities from around the world.**

Competition

“TRANS DIAMOND
TALENT 2017”

Performance

Perform in front of hundreds
and receive expert feedback

Recognition

Get noticed, receive
recognition you deserve and
impress the community

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INTERNATIONAL OPEN FORUM

The past decade is a witness to some of the decisive moments promoting and reinforcing equal rights and opportunities to the transgender community. However, the transgender community is still facing widespread hatred, discrimination and are victims of hate crime. **Take part at a wide range of discussions and panel sessions exploring some of the most pressing issues of the community, exchange best practices to raise awareness and build solutions to make a difference.**

Inspirational Talks

8 Inspirational Talks with some of the leading global voices of the transgender movement

Panel Sessions

8 Enriching and informative panel sessions discussing some of the most pressing issues of the community

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TRANSGENDER CAPACITY BUILDING

Due to existing stigma associated to the transgender community, transgender individuals often face discrimination and struggle to find employment thus rely on community and/or government support. **Be a part of a series of capacity building workshops and build your capacity to become self-reliant, independent ... entrepreneur?**

Workshops

Build entrepreneurship & innovation capacity

Funding

Identify existing platforms to launch your intervention/business

Collaborate

Find like-minded individuals and explore possible areas of collaboration

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PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSformation

Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much! **Find like-minded individuals, explore possible areas of cooperation, identify existing platforms to positively impact your work and be aware of all opportunities tailored for you!**

Education

Get to know educational institutions friendly to transgender students, learn more about educational courses and opportunities

International experience

Register for free international forums, training courses to build your capacities on various topics

Partnerships

Create long-lasting friendships, explore possible areas of collaboration

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TRANSGENDER SOCIAL BEAUTY PAGEANT

With a series of community interaction, field visits, training to enhance personal effectiveness and leadership, **the pageant will encourage the contestants to be their personal best, embrace themselves and continue to set an example for others to break the barriers.**

Talent Show

Embrace your talents and perform in front of a global audience

Musical

Perform as part of a musical and work with some of the leading theatre professionals

Personal Profile Interview

Share your personal story of overcoming barriers

Ambassador

Become an ambassador and be a loud voice of the global transgender movement

Community Interaction

Interact with the local community and share your story

Competition

Compete for the title “Trans Diamond Queen 2017”

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