3rd European Transgender Council Malmo:  
Embracing Diversity. Stretching Boundaries. Demanding Rights

Thursday 6pm, 30th September 2010 – Sunday 2pm, 3rd October 2010

Dear Trans*activists, friends and allies!

Since our last Council 2008 in Berlin, significant developments have evolved all over Europe: The Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe published his visionary Issue Paper “Human Rights and Gender Identity”; France announced that it would be the first European country to take steps to de-pathologize Gender Identity Disorder - GID; in the mean time Turkish trans people keep on being exposed to a brutal series of hate crimes, with at least 8 murdered in the last few months.

The European transgender movement has seen incredible growth and is strongly connected with its international counterparts. It is time, to take stock of recent developments and think together about how to maximize human rights for ALL trans people in Europe. We must make our cause inclusive, to ensure that rights and respect are not given to the few. We must not accidentally or greedily exclude the more invisible members of our community.

So, we are delighted to invite you to the

Third European Transgender Council 2010.

This year’s council will be held in Malmo in Sweden from Thursday evening, September 30th till Sunday afternoon, October 3rd. So save the date and join us in Sweden for the biggest European forum for transgender rights and activism!

This year’s Transgender Council ‘s motto will be

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As previously the third Council will be open to all trans people, including cross dressers, transgender people, transvestite and travestie, transsexual people and LGBTI human rights activists, friends, allies and spouses.

Traditionally the General Assembly of Transgender Europe is held on Saturday afternoon including the election of board and steering committee of TGEU for 2010 – 2012.

More information on the program, the conference location, accommodation and scholarships and the like will soon be published on our website www.tgeu.org/council2010 . We will also keep you up to date by e-mail.

In the mean time we invite you to get nostalgic about what was best in the councils you have attended, or to give us a new idea about what the European Transgender Council should be about: At www.tgeu.org/council2008 you find impressions from the Council held in Berlin.

We are looking forward to see you all in Malmo! (just a 35 minute train journey from Copenhagen Airport)

For TGEU and the Swedish organizing team

Stephen, Julia, Ulrika and Maria