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Berlin, 30 November 2017 -
Presentation of the Tolerantia
Awards 2017 to Heiko Maas,
then Federal Minister of
Justice. Image: Heiko Maas
speaking.



Berlin, 12 October 2015 - Presentation of the Tolerantia Awards 2015 in TIPI am Kanzleramt - view of the audience.





TOLERANTIA AWARDS

The *Tolerantia Awards* are an annual distinction, first presented in 2006, intended to recognise the activities of individuals and organisations in combatting homophobia, biphobia, interphobia and transphobia and anti-LGBTIQ+ hatred and violence. The initiative behind the *Tolerantia Awards* is a coalition of community projects active in combatting anti-LGBTIQ+ violence in different European countries, the European Alliance against Homophobia and Transphobia (Berlin Alliance).



Logos of the member organisations: from left, MANEO, Germany; SOS homophobie, France; Lambda Warszawa, Poland; The Rainbow Project, Northern Ireland.

The organisations currently involved are MANEO – the gay anti-violence project in Berlin (Germany), SOS homophobie (France), Lambda Warszawa (Poland) and The Rainbow Project (Northern Ireland). For a number of years, the Spanish organisation COGAM and the Swiss organisation Pink Cross were also members of the alliance. As participation is dependent on voluntary efforts by the partner organisations and these networking activities do not receive public funding, organisations regularly have to adjust their focus due to financial constraints. As a result, organisations sometimes have to discontinue their involvement in the alliance.

What unites the participating projects and organisations are their common activities. Each of them provides advice and support to victims of anti-LGBTIQ+ assaults, documents incidents of violence motivated by prejudice and educates the public on the violence taking place; in addition, they campaign actively in their own country against anti-LGBTIQ+ hatred and against all forms of violence resulting from prejudice. Every year on 17 May, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), they publish their annual reports, detailing the extent of the violence recorded and the activities of the organisations.



Berlin, 18 September 2015 – Acclaim for the award winner Maren Kroymann, actress, cabaret artist and singer, in the Bar jeder Vernunft. Image (from front left): Bastian Finke, director of MANEO, Dr Berndt Schmidt, artistic director of the Friedrichstadt Palast Berlin, Holger Klotzbach, cabaret artist, arts manager and owner of the Bar jeder Vernunft, Pieke Biermann, member of the MANEO

jury, Maren Kroymann, actress and cabaret artist, Maria Tischbier, LGBTI liaison officer of the Berlin police force, Christa Arnet, member of the MANEO jury, and Dr André Schmidt, former State Secretary for Culture, Berlin.

Diversity as an asset in Europe

The fundamental idea of the European Alliance against Homophobia and Transphobia is the following: “We consider diversity as an asset, from which ideas and potential for our society grow, with which we can shape and develop a common future and a free, peaceful, fair and democratic society. In the light of Europe’s history and the responsibility that goes with it, we stand up for human rights and tolerance in our democratic society. Through our constant championing of these values, we work towards a common future in Europe and the world.”

The aim of the members is to join forces in shaping and developing a tolerant and diverse society, in which people in all their dissimilarities can live, work and flourish – in the spirit of the European Convention on Human Rights and with mutual recognition and respect among people of all ages, different cultures, ethnic origins, homelands, beliefs, religious or po-

litical convictions, physical impairments, sexual orientations and gender identities.

Similar challenges are faced in every country. For example, the continued serious underreporting of crimes against LGBTIQ+ individuals. In many regions prevention projects scarcely exist as a contact point through which LGBTIQ+ persons who have suffered hate crimes can access qualified victim support services. The lack of knowledge and inadequate training often found among members of the criminal justice professions, such as police officers and public prosecutors, results in anti-LGBTIQ+ hate crimes going unrecognised and not being adequately pursued. Similarly, a separate recording of these offences, if they are recorded at all, does not occur. And, finally, there is in many places a lack of dialogue between violence prevention projects, criminal justice authorities and politicians in order to address and resolve the problems jointly.



Warsaw, 11 June 2005: The 2005 Warsaw Pride demonstration, declared illegal by Mayor of Warsaw Lech Kaczynski, is supported by Polish and European politicians. Image: at the front, Izabela Jaruga-Nowacka, Deputy Prime Minister of Poland (who died on 10 April 2010, aged 59, in the fatal aircraft disaster in Smolensk), Kasimir Kutz, Polish film director and member of the Polish Senate, Claudia Roth, The Greens, Member of the Bundestag, Bastian Finke, director of MANEO, and Volker Beck, The Greens, Member of the Bundestag.



Berlin, 26 June 2004 - Special award from Berlin Pride 2004 to the organisers of Warsaw Pride (Parada Równości) Robert Biedroń and Tomasz Bączkowski (KPH - Kampania Przeciw Homofobii / Campaign against Homophobia). Image: from left, Klaus Wowereit, Governing Mayor of Berlin, Robert Biedroń, Campaign against Homophobia, Bastian Finke, MANEO, and Tomasz Bączkowski, Campaign against Homophobia.

Support for Polish communities

The members of the alliance share the strong conviction that the struggle against anti-LGBTIQ+ hatred and violence is not simply a matter for action in each country alone but, in an ever closer Europe, must be seen as a common European challenge. This implies a willingness to assist and stand by each other.

For over 25 years, MANEO has supported Polish LGBTIQ+ organisations and activists. When MANEO was coordinator of the Lesbian and Gay Street Fair in the gay district of Schöneberg (1993-1998), it initiated the tradition of inviting members of the Polish parliament to visit the street fair and engage in discussions. This continued until 1998. Later, at a conference held at Radziejowice Palace south-west of Warsaw in 1999, MANEO, together with several Polish organisations, signed a commitment to work together for human rights. When the Polish government attempted to prohibit the Pride demonstrations in Warsaw in 2004, 2005 and 2006, MANEO mobilised in Germany and Europe, organised demonstrations outside the Polish embassy in Berlin and took part in conferences and events held by Polish partner organisations in Warsaw. From 2006, this cooperation has continued in the European Alliance against Homophobia and Transphobia.

The TOLERANCJA Declaration

In this spirit of solidarity, the TOLERANCJA Declaration of 2005 was born, intentionally given a Polish name, and which has been signed by all the members of the Berlin Alliance.

The first signatories in Berlin in 2006 were MANEO (Germany), SOS homophobie (France) and Kampania Przeciw Homofobii (KPH, Campaign against Homophobia, Poland). The declaration was later signed by Lambda Warszawa (a cooperation partner of KPH) in 2006 and by The Rainbow Project from Northern Ireland in 2015.

The first TOLERANCJA DECLARATION was signed in 2006 by Bastian Finke, director of MANEO, Robert Biedroń, president of KPH, and by Flannan Obé, president of SOS homophobie, at the European expert conference MANEO-WERKSTATT 1 in Berlin.

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ERKLÄRUNG

Wir einen unsere Kräfte zum Aufbau einer Bürgergesellschaft in Europa, in der wir gemeinsam und frei von Diskriminierung leben können. Wir bekunden gegenseitigen Beistand, um dieses Ziel zu erreichen.

Im Geiste der Europäischen Menschenrechtskonvention stellen wir uns gegen Hass und Gewalt sowie gegen Diskriminierung von gesellschaftlichen Minderheiten. Wir solidarisieren uns mit Menschen, die für Bürgerrechte, Gleichberechtigung, Schutz von Minderheiten und für die Einhaltung der Europäischen Menschenrechtskonvention in Europa eintreten.

Wir wollen Diskriminierung und Ausgrenzung von homosexuellen Menschen in einem vereinten Europa entgegen treten. Wir wollen dafür eintreten, dass die Grund- und Menschenrechte von Lesben und Schwulen respektiert werden.

OŚWIADCZENIE

Łączymy nasze siły, by budować w Europie społeczeństwo obywatelskie, w którym będziemy mogli żyć wolni od dyskryminacji. Deklarujemy niniejszym wzajemne wsparcie w dążeniu do tego celu.

W duchu Europejskiej Konwencji Praw Człowieka sprzeciwiamy się nienawiści i przemocy, a także dyskryminacji mniejszości społecznych. Solidaryzujemy się ze wszystkimi ludźmi, którzy popierają prawa obywatelskie, równouprawienie, obronę mniejszości i którzy opowiadają się za stosowaniem norm Europejskiej Konwencji Praw Człowieka w Europie.

Chcemy sprzeciwić się dyskryminacji i alienacji osób homoseksualnych w zjednoczonej Europie. Pragniemy działać na rzecz respektowania praw człowieka w stosunku do lesbijek i gejów.

DÉCLARATION

Nous unissons nos forces pour œuvrer à la construction d'une société civile européenne pour vivre ensemble libre de toute discrimination. Nous nous engageons à un soutien mutuel pour atteindre ce but.

Nous nous opposons dans l'esprit de la convention européenne des droits de l'homme à toute haine, toute violence ainsi qu'à toute discrimination à l'égard de minorités au sein de nos sociétés.

Nous affirmons notre solidarité avec les personnes qui s'engagent pour défendre les droits civiques, l'égalité des droits, la protection des minorités et pour le respect de la convention européenne des droits de l'homme.

Berlin · Warschau · Paris, im November 2005

Bastian Finke

Maneo
Schwules Überfalltelefon
und Opferhilfe

Robert Biedron

KPH
Kampania Przeciw Homofobii

Flannan Obé

SOS-Homophobie





Belfast, 25 October 2016 - Tolerantia Award 2016. Image: Award winner Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland, and John O'Doherty, director of The Rainbow Project Northern Ireland.



Berlin, 30 November 2017 - Reception held by the Berlin Senate Chancellery for the International MANEO Conference 2017 including a presentation of the Tolerantia Awards 2017 to German Federal Justice Minister, Heiko Maas. Image: from left, Bastian Finke, director of MANEO, Natalia Wörner, actress, Heiko Maas, German Federal Minister for Justice and for Consumer Protection, Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe in the German Federal Foreign Office, Klaus Wowereit, former Governing Mayor of Berlin, and Björn Böhning, head of the Berlin Senate Chancellery.



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Berlin, 2 December 2020
 - Presentation of the
 Tolerantia Awards 2020 to
 Dunja Hayali, journalist, in
 ZDF Studio Berlin. Image:
 Award winner Dunja Hayali
 and Lala Süsskind, member
 of the MANEO jury.



5 October 2018 - Presen-
 tation of the Tolerantia
 Awards (13th edition) in
 Paris. Group photograph
 with representatives of
 the member organisations
 of the European Alliance
 Against Homophobia
 and the winners of the
 Tolerantia Awards 2018.
 Image: from left, Bastian
 Finke (MANEO), Joël De-
 umier (SOS homophobie),
 Kathrin Bertschy (Swiss
 award winner), Bronagh
 Waugh (award winner
 from Northern Ireland),
 Johannes Kram (German
 award winner), Christiane
 Taubira (French award
 winner), Yga Kostrzewa
 (Lambda Warszawa),
 Aisling Twomey (The Rain-
 bow Project) and Michel
 Rudin (Pink Cross).

Berlin, 12 October 2015 - Presentation of the Tolerantia Awards 2015 in TIPI am Kanzleramt. Image: Klaus Wowereit, former Governing Mayor of Berlin, and Corine Mauch, Mayor of the City of Zurich.



Berlin, 7 May 2006 - Presentation of the Tolerantia Awards 2006 in the Quatsch Comedy Club. Image: from left, Florian Obé, president of SOS homophobie (France), award winner Dr Louis-Georges Tin, founder of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (France), Bastian Finke, director of MANEO, and award winner Günter Dworek, Lesben- und Schwulenverband Deutschland (German Lesbian and Gay Association).





Berlin, 12 October 2015 – Cabaret artist, actress and singer Maren Kroymann, winner of the MANEO Awards 2015, at the awards gala in TIPI am Kanzleramt.



Belfast, 25 October 2016 – Image: From left, Dr Ulrich Oelschläger, Head of the Synod of the Protestant Church in Hessen and Nassau, Renate Nowotnick, Deputy Head of the Synod of the Protestant Church of Berlin-Brandenburg and Silesian Upper Lusatia, and Helmut Schwerdtfeger, Member of the Leadership Team of the Protestant Church in the Rhineland. Photograph © The Rainbow Project

Warsaw, 29 September 2013 - Elfi Scho-Antwerpes, Mayor of the City of Cologne, is presented with the Tolerantia Awards 2013 in Warsaw.







Dusseldorf, 8 October 2008 - Presentation of the (German) Tolerantia Awards 2008 to Dr Theo Zwanziger, President of the German Football Association (DFB), Tanja Walther, sports scientist and former player in the Bundesliga, and Philipp Lahm, captain of the German national football team in the LTU Stadium in Dusseldorf in front of an audience of 25 000. Image: from left, Dr Theo Zwanziger, Tanja Walther, Philipp Lahm, and Bastian Finke, director of MANEO.



top: Berlin, 20 October 2014 - Image showing the German award winners 2014: Corny Littmann (left), activist in the gay movement and promoter of the Schmidt Theatre in Hamburg, and Dr Berndt Schmidt, artistic director of the Friedrichstadt Palast Berlin.

left: Berlin, 12 October 2015 - In the afternoon, representatives of the organisations Lambda Warszawa (Poland), KPH - Kampania Przeciw Homofobii / Campaign against Homophobia (Poland), SOS homophobie (France), The Rainbow Project (Northern Ireland), Nir Katz Center (Israel) and MANEO (Germany) met in the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin at the invitation of Minister of State for Europe, Michael Roth. In addition, the winners of the Tolerantia Awards 2015 Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly for Sinn Féin and former Mayor of Belfast (Northern Ireland), Irène Théry, sociologist and member of the Haut Conseil de la Famille (High Council on the Family) (France), Ewa Wanat, journalist (Poland) and Klaus Wowereit, former Governing Mayor of Berlin (Germany), also participated in the discussions.



Berlin, 14 November 2013 - Presentation of the (German) Tolerantia Awards 2013 at the MANEO Charity Gala in the Quatsch Comedy Club to the lawyer Maria Sabine Augstein. Image: Maria Sabine Augstein together with Bruno Gmünder, member of the MANEO advisory board.

The Tolerantia Awards - one of a kind in Europe

On founding the alliance, it was also agreed to establish the *Tolerantia Awards*. No comparable European award exists. The Latin word *tolerantia* is intended to emphasise the close affinity with the Age of Enlightenment in Europe, which advanced the foundations for humanity, democracy, self-determination and open-mindedness in our European cultures.

In his speech welcoming the award winners for 2016, Michael Roth, former Minister of State for Europe in the German Federal Foreign Office, said: “Whilst it is important to remove discrimination from the wording of legislation, it is even more important to eradicate such thoughts from people’s minds. You stand up with excellent commitment for the rights and protection of LGBT* in Poland, France, Ireland, Switzerland and Germany.”

The *Tolerantia Awards* are conferred jointly. A jury chosen by each member organisation nominates the award winners in that country. Transparent rules govern the nomination and selection of the award winners. The *Tolerantia Awards* are presented by all the member organisations together at an annual ceremony held in one of the capital cities.

Each awards ceremony attracts considerable local interest. For example, in 2015, then Minister of State for Europe, Michael Roth invited all the representatives of the participating organisations together with award winners to an event in the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. In 2016, in Belfast, Deputy Lord Mayor and City Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell invited everyone to an event in Belfast City Hall.

Berlin has been the host city for the *Tolerantia Awards* on three previous occasions, in 2006, 2009 and 2015. And since then the production of the awards, consisting of a sculpture and a certificate, has been based in the city.

Award winners range from national football players to leading journalists

The persons and organisations honoured are drawn from the fields of the arts, sport, politics, journalism and civil society. German prize winners have included the politician Volker Beck, Philipp Lahm, former captain of the German national football team, Theo Zwanziger, then President of the German Football Association (2008), Klaus Wowereit, former Governing Mayor of Berlin (2015), three of the regional member churches of the German Protestant Church (2016), then Federal Minister of Justice Heiko Maas (2017) and the journalist Dunja Hayali (2021).

In France, awards have gone to Dr Louis-Georges Tin, founder of the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia (2006), and to Amnesty International France for its outstanding efforts towards equality for trans persons (2016). Former Justice Minister of France, Christiane Taubira, was an award winner in 2018. Politicians Olivier Dussopt and Franck Riester, honoured in 2011, later became government ministers. Dussopt is currently Minister of Labour in France; Riester was Minister of Culture until July 2020.

Poland honoured Izabela Jaruga-Nowacka posthumously in 2010. The former deputy prime minister of Poland was a supporter of LGBTIQ+ organisations in the country for many years and lost her life in April 2010 in the fatal aircraft disaster in Smolensk in which the Polish President and many other MPs and members of the government also died. In 2018, the *Tolerantia Awards* in Poland were handed to the country’s LGBTIQ+ community as a whole for taking a stand in huge numbers since 2016, demonstrating with the rainbow flag, in defence of the rule of law in Poland.

In Northern Ireland in 2016, the former President of Ireland Mary Patricia McAleese was honoured at a gala event in the Titanic Museum Belfast. In 2018, the award went to the actress Bronagh Waugh (*Doctor Who*, *Supernatural*) for her outstanding support for the equal marriage campaign and her continued support for LGBTI+ rights.



Berlin, 12 October 2015 - Cabaret artist, actress and singer Maren Kroymann, winner of the MANEO Awards 2015, at the awards gala in TIPI am Kanzleramt.

Awards ceremony and conference

The annual awards ceremony regularly brings together all the members of the alliance. The participating organisations ensure that their representatives and the award winners can travel to the joint awards ceremony, covering these costs themselves. The member organisation hosting the ceremony finances this event at its own expense.

However, the awards ceremony is only one element. The event is also the occasion for networking and smaller conferences where participants can discuss their work in combatting anti-LGBTIQ+ hatred and violence. For example, in 2017, MANEO invited participants to an international expert conference which took place over three days in Berlin City Hall.

In 2020 and 2021, as a result of the COVID pandemic, it was regrettably not possible to hold an awards ceremony in person involving all parties. And, in 2022, the awards ceremony had to be deferred completely. However, it is intended to hold the ceremony for 2022 together with the presentation of the *Tolerantia Awards* 2023. The event will take place in Berlin.

MANEO Jury for 2022 and 2023

MANEO has assembled an independent jury to nominate the winners of the (German) *Tolerantia Awards* for 2022 and 2023. Its members are drawn from the staff and advisory board of MANEO. Jury members are:

- **Christa Arnet**, former member of staff in the Berlin Senate Chancellery
- **Pieke Biermann**, author and journalist
- **Bastian Finke**, director of MANEO and chair of the jury
- **Thorsten Manske**, board member of the Hertha BSC Foundation
- **Martin Reichert**, author and journalist
- **Dr Berndt Schmidt**, artistic director of the Friedrichstadt Palast
- **André Schmitz**, former State Secretary for Culture, Berlin
- **Lala Süßkind**, managing director of Jehi'Or – Jewish educational establishment for democracy – against anti-semitism (JBDA)
- **Norbert Thormann**, entrepreneur

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Bern, 5 October 2019 – Presentation of the Tolerantia Awards 2019 in Bern City Hall (Festival Hall): (from left) Aisling Twomey, Advocacy Officer, The Rainbow Project, Northern Ireland, David Reichlin, member of the board, Pink Cross, Roman Heggli, managing director of Pink Cross, Henry Hohmann, Swiss winner of the Tolerantia Awards 2019, Sara Canning, partner of the murdered Lyra McKee, Northern Irish winner of the Tolerantia Awards 2019, Bartosz Staszewski, Polish winner of the Tolerantia Awards 2019, Yga Kostrzewa, member of the board, Lambda Warszawa, Urs Sager, on behalf of the French winner of the Tolerantia

Awards 2019 Collective des Intersexes et Alliés, Jérémy Falédam, co-president of SOS homophobie, Christa Arnet, member of the MANEO advisory board and jury, Liz Grant (OBE), representative of Open for Business, German award winner, Thorsten Manske, vice-president of Hertha BSC and member of the MANEO jury, Karl von Rohr, vice-president of Deutsche Bank and on behalf of Open for Business, and Bastian Finke, director of MANEO and chair of the MANEO jury. Photo: © David Rosenthal.

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Paris, 10 December 2011 – Presentation of the Tolerantia Awards 2011 in the Town Hall of the 10th Arrondissement of Paris. Image showing in the front (from left): Franck Riester, UMP (L'Union pour un mouvement populaire), Member of the French National Assembly, Olivier Dussopt, PS (Parti Socialiste), Member of the French National Assembly, Lala Süsskind, Chairman of the Jewish Community of Berlin and Yga Kostrzewa (Lamba Warszawa, board member). In the back row (from left): Bastian Finke (director of MANEO), Girard Bartholomè (president of SOS homophobie), and Adam Bodnar, LL.M., Ph.D., Head of the Legal Department, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights.





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LAUREATES FROM GERMANY

2006	Volker Beck Günter Dworek	member of the German Parliament for the Green Party activist in the gay and lesbian movement
2007	The “Human Rights and Sexual Identity (MERSI)”	a group of Amnesty International
2008	Tanja Walther Philipp Lahm Dr. Theo Zwanziger	sports scientist captain of the German national football team president of the German football federation DFB
2009	Hans-Wolfram Stein	teacher in Bremen
2010	Wieland Speck and Mabel Aschenneller	producers of the international LGBT-Film Award TEDDY
2011	Lala Süsskind	Chairperson of the Jewish Community of Berlin
2012	Elfi Scho-Antwerpes	Mayoress of Cologne
2013	Maria Sabine Augstein	lawyer and trans*-activist
2014	Cornelius “Corny” Littmann	entrepreneur, entertainer, theater owner (Schmidt Theater) and former President (2002 to 2010) of Hamburg’s football club FC St. Pauli
2015	Klaus Wowereit	former Governing Mayor of Berlin (2001-2014)
2016	The Protestant Church in Berlin, Brandenburg and Silesian Upper Lusatia (EKBO) The Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau EKHN) The Protestant Church in the Rhineland	
2017	Heiko Maas	German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection
2018	Johannes Kram	author, lyricist, blogger and marketing strategist
2019	Open for Business	an international network of companies
2020	Dunja Hayali	Journalist

LAUREATES FROM FRANCE

2006	Dr. Louis-George Tin	LGBT*- and Anti-Racism-activist, founder of the IDAHOT;
2007	the play Place des mythos/Delusion Square	a musical comedy
2008	Bruno Solo	journalist, and actor, producer of TV series “Caméra café” and “Kaamelott”
2009	Paris Foot Gay soccer club	
2010	Caroline Mécarry	lawyer
2011	Olivier Dussopt Franck Riester	PS (Parti Socialiste), MP of the French National Assembly UMP (L’Union pour un mouvement populaire), MP of the French National Assembly
2012	Véronique Eledut	teacher at Lycée JB Corot in Paris
2013	Le Petit Journal	a daily TV news show hosted by Yann Barthès
2014	„www.projet17mai.com“	a collaborative website presenting cartoons against homo-phobia in France
2015	Irène Théry	sociologist, member of the ‘Haut Conseil de la Famille’

2016	Amnesty International France	
2017	Stéphane Corbin	French composer and singer
	Océane Rosemarie	French singer, humorist, actress and director
2018	Christiane Taubira	former Minister of Justice
2019	Collective Intersex Persons and Allies – CIA	Organisation of Intersex Persons and Allies
2020	Jacques Toubon	Ombudsman in France, Defender of Rights
	Giovanna Ricon	Activist for Trans*persons
2021	Elise Goldfarb and Julia Layani	LGBTIQ+ Allies and Consulting entrepreneur

LAUREATES FROM POLAND

2006	Kazimierz Kutz	Senator in the Polish Senate
2007	Piotr Pacewicz	Journalist and civil-rights activist
2008	Marzanna Pogorzelska	Teacher
2009	Prof. Zbigniew Hołda	Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
2010	Izabela Jaruga-Nowacka	posthum, former vice premier of Poland (she died at the age of 59 on 10.04.2010 as a passenger in an air-crash in Smolensk)
2011	Adam Bodnar, LL.M., Ph.D.	Head of the Department of Legal Affairs at the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
2012	Dr. Katarzyna Bojarska	Professor at the Institute of Psychology of the University of Gdansk, and „No Taboo”, the Psychosexual Health Centre in Gdansk
2013	Ewa Siedlecka	Journalist
2014	Monika Płatek	Profdessor at the Institute of Criminal Law of the University of Warsaw
2015	Ewa Wanat	Radio journalist and television personality
2016	Ilona Łepkowska	Screenwriter, member of the Polish Film Academy, president of Television Association ‘Serial’
2017	Elżbieta Szczęsna	founder of the Association “Akceptacja” (Acceptance) Association of Families and Friends of LGBTs in Poland
2018	The Polish LGBT+ community	
2019	Bartosz Staszewski	LGBTIQ+ activist and filmmaker
2020	Andrzej Selerowicz	social activist for gays and lesbians
2021	Katarzyna Augustynek	Master of Laws and foreign languages instructor

LAUREATES FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

2015	Máirtín Ó Muilleoir	member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, SF, Lord Mayor of Belfast from (2013-2014)
2016	Marry Mc Aleese	President of the Republic of Ireland (1997-2011)
2017	Chris Hudson	minister for All Soul’s Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church in South Belfast
2018	Bronagh Waugh	is a Northern Irish Actress
2019	Lyra McKee	posthum, Journalist and LGBTQI+ Rights Campaigner (she was fatally shot during rioting in the Creggan area of Derry in 2019)
2020	Love EQUALITY	Campaign for Equal Marriage in Northern Ireland
2021	Les Allamby	Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission



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