

INVITATION TO TRAINING WORKSHOP ON SEXUAL DIVERSITY

According to an internet-based study by iSEE in 2009, 90% of gay men felt negative attitudes of society towards homosexuals. As a result, 86% of them have to hide their sexual identity to be accepted by others. Many gay and lesbians are victims of domestic violence and are beaten, locked in or kicked out of the house.

Another study by iSEE in 2010 shows that the majority of people in community lack of understanding about homosexuality and have negative attitude towards homosexuals. In an effort to promote rights of lesbians, gays, bi-sexuals and transgenders (LGBT) and reduce social stigma and discrimination against LGBTs in Vietnam, iSEE is organizing a training workshop on sexual diversity and rights of LGBTs.

The workshop is for participants to discuss questions related to LGBT such as is homosexuality a disease? Is it contagious? Why a person becomes homosexual? When do a person realize he/she is a homosexual? How does come out process progress? Is a community for LGBT in Vietnam? Who are they? What do they do? What a NGO can do to protect the rights of LGBTs in Vietnam, and help them to live positively and to contribute to societal development?

The workshop is scheduled on June 17th, 2011 for 25 participants in Hanoi. Participants are expected to work for NGOs in Hanoi, interested in promoting rights for LGBTs in Vietnam.

To register to the workshop, please fill in the attached application form and email back to us to ltctu@isee.org.vn or fax to (04) 6273 7936 by COB June 2nd, 2011. We will send invitation and detailed information related to the workshop for selected participants by June 10th, 2011. All cost for the workshop will be covered by iSEE. Traveling and accommodation cost will be self-funded by participants.

Thank you for your interest.

On behalf of iSEE

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