



Labrisz Lesbian Association was founded in 1999 in order to draw public attention to the discrimination against sexual minority women, and to eliminate prejudice and stereotypes against them. The main goal of the association is to help lesbian, bisexual and transgender women in accepting themselves and to strengthen their visibility, to provide a safe and supportive community, and to professionally support the work of self-organized women's and feminist communities. For this purpose we organize community and cultural events, publish and collect informative and literary works and run a school-program. We aim to explore and enrich feminist and lesbian culture and promote it in wider social circles.

AIMS:

As the first and so far the only lesbian organization in Hungary, we work to create a society in which women have the opportunity to freely choose their partners and their lifestyles and to confidently express their identity in every sphere of their lives.



FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

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“Spade Queen” game club: monthly gathering where we play card and board games. The club is open for anyone so it is a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new people as well.

Labrisz Evenings: Monthly discussion group for lesbian, bisexual and transgender women with the primary aim of opening closet doors, reducing social isolation, and helping to develop self-acceptance and to build a community.

Archives, library, lesbian herstory:

We collect materials about the life and history of the organization, as well as lesbian-related publications, books, tapes and videos. Our aim is to explore and publicize Hungarian lesbian culture and herstory. As part of our lesbian herstory project we have been making life story interviews with middle-aged and elderly lesbian women.



Gobbi Hilda Film Club: since 2006 we have screened lesbian and/or feminist films and documentaries from all around the world, from amateur works to Oscar-winning ones, once a month. After each movie we have discussions with experts on the topics raised by the films.



Labrisz Book Series: Lesbian Space (2000); Counterwinds: Lesbians in Fiction (2001); Not a Taboo Anymore: A Manual for Teachers on Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgenders (2002); Developed Self-Portraits: Lesbian Women’s Autobiographical Writings (2003); Secret Years: Sixteen Lesbian Lives (2011).

Budapest Lesbian Film Committee: A network of lesbian filmmakers whose short, feature and documentary films have been well-received at the Budapest LGBT festivals as well as abroad. (What Can a Young Lesbian Do in the Big City?, 2000; The Pink Ferret, 2003; Big Films from the Small World, 2004; Puszta Cowboy, 2004; Pilgrimage to the Land of Goatrouge, 2005; Debutants, 2005; Bandage, Socks and Facial Hair, 2006; Secret Years, 2009.)

ACTIVITIES:

Budapest Pride Festival: organizing women-focused programs for the festival. We are one of the co-founders of the Rainbow Mission Foundation founded in order to organize the festival.



Lesbian Identities Festival (LIFT): annual lesbian cultural festival with screenings, workshops, concerts, exhibitions and a women’s party. The main purpose of the festival is to support the self-expression of women through creative (art)work, and to provide space for lesbian and feminist culture and public thought.

www.labrisz.hu/lift

LGBT History Month: Labrisz Association, arm-in-arm with Háttér Society, joined the worldwide program series for the first time in February of 2013. The aim of the history month is to help in getting to know the life and culture of LGBT people, and (re)discover our history through art and cultural and public events.

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“Getting to Know LGBT People”, school program: Discussions with high school students and prospective teachers about LGBT people. The aim of the program is to foster an educational environment for students and teachers alike, where no one has to suffer from any form of harassment based on their gay, lesbian or bisexual orientation.

Our Norway Grants supported project: The aims of the project, running from October 2013 to December 2015, are: developing and promoting our school program (“Getting to Know LGBT People”) countrywide, involving countryside LGBT organizations in this program, and helping our partners in capacity-building. In the frame of the project we cooperate with NGOs of other minorities as well. Among other projects, we carry out a street campaign and an exhibition-series in an attempt to popularize voluntarism. For more information and fresh news about the project, please check our homepage. Our main local partner is Szimpozium Association, our partner from Norway is LLH, Oslo.

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