



Press Release: Pavement Special welcomes ILGA Delegates to eKapa (Cape Town): the city of many contradictions

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We welcome activists from across the world attending the ILGA World Conference and related activities in Cape Town, South Africa. We extend this welcome at a time when years of struggle for the freedoms and dignity of LGBTIQ+ people are facing increased attacks and concerted efforts against all our identities everywhere.

We invite you to join us at the Pavement Special, a space co-created and led by local organisations to assert a radical politics of visibility and resistance, reclaiming power from the margins and challenging systemic erasure.

The term “Pavement Special” speaks to the dispossessed, those historically excluded from dominant narratives, particularly within spaces that should be inclusive but often reflect privilege. Naming is not a neutral act, it is political. It’s a reclamation of identity and space; an assertion of agency, which reflects our refusal to be confined by institutional boundaries or defined by external power structures.

Our political commitments to collective action and movement-building are paramount.

We claim the right to create, organise for, and sustain alternative spaces that serve movements. We believe in the importance of organising spaces that truly serve and support grassroots movements.

We critically engage with ILGA World’s organising practices. While we engage with ILGA World, we remain critical of how it organises, especially regarding issues of accessibility, inclusion, and maintaining systemic hierarchies.

We see Inside-Outside strategies as necessary and complimentary. We understand the need to work both inside and outside traditional spaces of power. These strategies do not oppose one another; they work together.

We focus our efforts on power holders and expect better from social justice spaces Our energy is directed toward those who hold real power over our issues, while also pushing social justice spaces to live up to their promises.

Join us in various locations across the city to engage in a programme that explores the contrasts between our Constitution and the lived realities of many LGBTIQ+ individuals in South Africa. Watch our social media for full programme details coming soon.

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