

# Created Male and Female

## Supporting and Counselling those leaving LGBT Identities and Behaviours

15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 IFTCC Conference in Hungary



### Conference Language:

English

### Simultaneous Translations:

Slovakian, Hungarian

How can we safeguard basic human rights to live in harmony with our deeply held beliefs and values – when therapeutic choice is under threat? What are the legal challenges? What is the role of research? Science confirms that same-sex attractions and transgender conditions are not simply inborn. Relational trauma may have a significant impact on the development of personal and sexual identity. It is becoming increasingly difficult for strugglers to find appropriate, evidence-based, accountable support. There is a great need for professionally sound and ethically grounded, research-based modalities of therapy and counselling. Our conference will look at several approaches and possibilities through a wide range of talks, workshops, discussion and networking.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

15:00 Registration

18:00 Supper

19:00 Welcome  
Dr Mike Davidson, PhD, IFTCC Chairman

19:20 Housekeeping

19:30 The Role of Activism in Awakening Societies  
PANEL: Jojo Ruba (CA), Andrea Williams (UK)  
Elizabeth Woning (USA).

20:10 Gender as Mission and the Rise of the East  
Dr Melvin Wong, PhD

20:45 Introduction to the Workshops

## Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Sexual Attraction Fluidity and Wellbeing in Men.  
A Therapeutic Outcome Study.  
Prof Carolyn Pela, PhD

09:40 Coffee Break

10:00 Emotional Integration, Same-Sex Attraction, and  
OCD: A Comprehensive Approach  
Michael Gasparro, MA

10:40 Working Meaningfully with Women with  
Unwanted SSA  
Elizabeth Woning, MA

11:20 Effectiveness and Alleged Harms from Change-Allowing  
Therapies  
Prof Paul Sullins and Dr Christopher Rosik

12:20 Lunch

14:00 -15:15 Workshops:

1. Practical Application of OCD Interventions for Same-Sex Attraction Focused Obsessive Compulsive Repressive Disorder  
Michael Gasparro, MA
2. Pastoral Care for Women Struggling with Unwanted SSA  
Elizabeth Woning MA
3. What Transitioning Won't Heal: Transgender Origins  
Dr (med) Øyvind Hasting
4. Pathways to Heterosexuality and Homosexuality: Psychoanalytic Theories  
Dr Laura Haynes, PhD
5. Compliance or Defiance: Where do we go from here?  
Ole Gramstad Jensen
6. X-Out-Loud: Emerging Former LGBT Voices  
X-Out-Loud Team
7. Same-sex Parenting and Child Wellbeing  
Dr Paul Sullins PhD
8. Perceived Helpfulness or Harmfulness of Goals and Methods for Addressing Unwanted SSA: Insights from the 4Options Research Project  
Dr Christopher Rosik, PhD
9. Pastoral Mission Work  
Ansel Pronk
10. Strategic Litigation: Ongoing Work Challenging LGBT Ideology  
Andrea Williams, CEO Christian Legal Centre

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45 Minority Stress Theory: Limitations and Alternatives  
Dr Christopher Rosik, PhD

16:25 Understanding Complex Traumatic Stress Disorder  
Dr Ann Gillies, PhD

17:05 Activity Groups  
(1) Research; (2) Activism; (3) Media; (4) Legal Support;  
(5) Pastoral Care, Counselling and Support Groups;  
(6) International Initiatives; (7) Young Adults

18:15 Supper

19:30 The Role of Pastoral Care and Counselling  
PANEL: Matthew Grech (MT), Jojo Ruba (CA),  
Ansel Pronk (NL), Elizabeth Woning (USA)

20:15 Questions for the Speakers

21:30 End of the Day - Fellowship and Networking

# Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 [Same Sex Parenting and the Impact on Children. What do we Know?](#)  
Prof Paul Sullins, PhD
- 09:45 Coffee Break
- 10:15 [Workshops Repeated](#)
- 11:30 [What Research is Saying About the Causes of Transgender Identity and the Safety and Effectiveness of Medical Gender Interventions](#)  
Dr Laura Haynes, PhD
- 12:10 [The Legal Perspective](#)  
PANEL: Dr Felix Boellmann (DE), Ole Gramstad Jensen (NO), John Steenhof (AU)  
Andrea Williams (UK), Roger Kiska (UK)
- 13:10 Dr Mike Davidson, PhD  
[Where do we go from here?](#)
- 13.30 Lunch and End of the Conference Event

## About the Speakers

Dr Felix Boellmann (AT) serves as a senior counsel, Europe and ADF International leading the advocacy team in Vienna, focusing on national litigation across Europe and advocacy in the German and Russian-speaking world.

Dr Mike Davidson, PhD (UK) is IFTCC Chairman, Director of Core Issues Trust, Co-Director of X-Out-Loud Europe and a board member of the Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity.

Michael Gasparro, MA (USA) is an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist and Professional Clinical Counsellor. He works at 'The Breakthrough Clinic' in California.

Dr Ann Gillies, PhD (CA), a retired marriage, family and trauma therapist.

Ole Gramstad Jensen, (NO) is a lawyer from Oslo, who leads Til Helhet, a church-based organisation supporting family values and orthodox teaching on human sexuality.

Matthew Grech (MT) Once gay, now co-director of the charity Core Issues Trust and co-director of X-Out-Loud supporting men and women "overcome same-sex attraction".

Dr (med) Øyvind Hasting (NO) is a psychiatrist with an interest in transgender and human sexuality issues who serves with Til Helhet, a Norwegian church-based organisation.

Dr Laura Haynes PhD (USA) is a clinical psychologist, Chair of Research and Legislative Policy of the National Task Force for Therapy Equality and IFTCC General Board member.

Roger Kiska (UK), a solicitor, member of the Michigan State Bar, legal counsel for the Christian Legal Centre (UK) and has expertise Before the European Court of Human Rights and Court of Justice of the European Union.

Prof. Carolyn Pela, PhD (USA) is an Assistant Dean and Head of the School of Arts, Sciences and Humanities, also Chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Arizona Christian University. She is a Marriage and Family Therapist.

Ansel Pronk (NL) former homosexual, now married with three children, has worked for Youth with a Mission and served in Nigeria for many years, both in education and practical assistance.

Dr Christopher Rosik, PhD (USA) is director of research at Link Care Center in Fresno, California, he has served as President of the Western Region of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) and of the Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity.

Jojo (Jose) Ruba (CA) a Calgary-based Christian advocate and youth leader who is at the forefront of the opposition against conversion bans at various levels of government across Canada. He started Free to Care, in 2020.

John Steenhof, (AU) is the Principal Lawyer and Director of the Human Rights Law Alliance in Australia, with a focus on the fundamental rights of religious freedom and freedom of expression.

Prof Paul Sullins PhD, (USA) is a retired professor of sociology at the Catholic University of America, currently research professor and director of the Leo Initiative for Social Research at Catholic University.

Andrea Williams (UK) is a Barrister, campaigner, and activist with a special concern for human rights in the context of freedom of speech, religious freedom, and freedom of conscience. She is CEO of the Christian Legal Centre and of Christian Concern.

Elizabeth Woning (USA) lived as an openly lesbian woman until an encounter with God radically shifted her perspective.

Elizabeth is Co-Founder of Equiped to Love and is married to her husband Doug.

Dr (med) Melvin W. Wong, PhD (USA) is a clinical psychologist with longstanding extensive experience in North-America and Asia

## Conference Venue

Hungary, West of Budapest  
90 min. travel from Budapest International Airport  
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## Conference Organiser

The International Federation for Therapeutic and  
Counselling Choice, IFTCC [www.iftcc.org](http://www.iftcc.org)

The IFTCC supports dedicated providers of services to individuals seeking to change their unwanted relational and sexual behaviour, attractions and patterns. The organisation exists to preserve the freedoms and rights of clients to access such services, and also works to encourage accountability of providers to offer safe services by providing an ethical framework and relevant practice guidelines. It advocates for scientific integrity and research objectivity. Its anthropological approach is based on a Judeo-Christian understanding of the body, marriage and the family.

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- €165 Bedroom Share (share a room of 2 single beds with someone else, common bathroom)
- €270 Private Bedroom (have a room just for yourself, common bathroom)
- €55 Saturday only attendance. This includes two coffee breaks. Please note that lunch and supper are not included.