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## What crisis? LGBTQ+ identities are not injuries!

[The Identity Crisis](#) Conference wants to "offer teachers, educators, leaders and parents an insight into the topic of identity so that ... they can set their own boundaries, how much to respect the actions of the children entrusted to them and how much not to be influenced, how to deal with them, etc."

The ecumenical communities Logos and SIGNUM – Rainbow Christians aim to create a safe space for Christian believers of minority sexual orientation or gender identity (LGBTQ+) in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

As representatives of these two organizations, which bring together LGBTQ+ believers and have been dedicated to accompanying them for a long time, **we express our concerns about the planned Identity Crisis conference**, which takes place on 2-3 February 2024 in Brno.

We draw your attention to the fact that **the organizers of the event, present in their program only one specific, very one-sided view of the world and the human being, while this agenda is hidden from the wider public at first glance. People who hold an ideologically narrow, professionally problematic, and often hurtful view of sexual orientation and gender identity are to speak at the conference.** These are mainly people under the influence of the British organization [IFTCC](#), which is trying to establish itself in our region after bans on various forms of conversion practices in Western countries:

Victor Novički is a promoter of the ex-gay movement and heads X-Out-Loud, a sister organization of the IFTCC; Daniel Black is a Czech activist who presents his own specific experience with detransition as a reason for banning transition; Renáta Ocilková and Eliška Madžová support IFTCC activities especially in Slovakia and advocate healing practices for LGBTQ+ people.

The event **lacks a plurality of expert opinions on the topic of identity, where no representatives of self-accepting LGBTQ+ people** who could present a wider spectrum of life experiences and ideas about identity will even speak.

**We perceive similar actions as threatening both from the point of view of the principles of plurality and democracy** on which our society stands, **and above all from the point of view of possible traumatic consequences for LGBTQ+ people** in connection with their discrimination or the consequences of unprofessional guidance or "therapy".

For [Logos Česká republika](#), Mgr. Jiří Votava, Ph.D., chairman

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