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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: THE CENTRE FOR EQUALITY AND LIBERTY

(CEL Kosova) extends its gratitude to Kosovo's local and central institutions, the Kosovo Police, the Ombudsperson Institution, local organizations, international organizations, embassies, media, activists, all collaborating partners, and other stakeholders for their cooperation and support in achieving the organization's objectives and implementing activities throughout 2025. Their contributions have played a vital role in improving the lives of LGBTIQ+ individuals in Kosovo.

We are particularly proud of the successful hosting of the LGBTIQ+ Regional Conference together with ERA in Pristina, a testament to Kosovo's growing role as a leader for equality in the Western Balkans. Furthermore, our collective advocacy during the 2025 election cycle ensured that the fundamental rights of LGBTIQ+ individuals remained at the forefront of the national human rights agenda.

To the LGBTIQ+ community: your resilience is our greatest inspiration. Despite the complexities of the past year, your continued trust in CEL Kosova and your active collaboration in our programs—from mental health support to legal advocacy—remain the heartbeat of this movement.

Our mission at CEL Kosova is to champion the rights of all LGBTIQ+ and queer individuals by driving systemic change and fostering a secure environment where every member of the community can achieve their full potential.



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## ABOUT CEL KOSOVA

**FOUNDED** in July 2013, the Centre for Equality and Liberty (CEL) is dedicated to empowering LGBTI+ individuals in Kosovo, combating discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, raising public awareness of LGBTI+ rights, and advocating for equality in line with the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Kosovo.

CEL Kosova was established in response to the persistent discrimination, stigma, and prejudice faced by LGBTI+ individuals in Kosovar society. Its programs include the Support Program, Capacity Building Program, and Awareness & Activism Program, all designed to create a more inclusive and supportive environment.

As a driving force for progress, CEL Kosova actively works toward building a diverse, tolerant, and equitable society by challenging traditional social constructs and advocating for equal rights and opportunities. The organization also plays a key role in strengthening the legal framework for LGBTI+ individuals and increasing their participation in relevant international and regional mechanisms that benefit both the community and society at large.

CEL Kosova has become one of the leading organizations championing LGBTI+ rights, fostering empowerment, and advocating for an inclusive society that values and respects diversity. Its core principle is that every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

## THE BOARD

The Board of CEL Kosova operates according to the responsibilities outlined in the CEL Kosova Statute. These responsibilities include:

- Proposing amendments and modifications to the Statute, as well as other organizational rules and procedures, which are then approved by the Assembly.
- Electing the Chairman of the Board.
- Proposing the Executive Director to the Assembly.
- Proposing the procedure for selecting the Executive Director.
- Monitoring the work of the Executive Director.
- Proposing organizational rules, procedures, and other policies
- Monitoring new policies proposed by the Executive Director.
- Reviewing the Annual Report and Financial Report prepared by the Executive Director and proposing them to the Assembly for approval.
- Based on a proposal submitted by any Board member, awarding special merit certificates to individuals who have significantly contributed to the work and development of CEL Kosova.

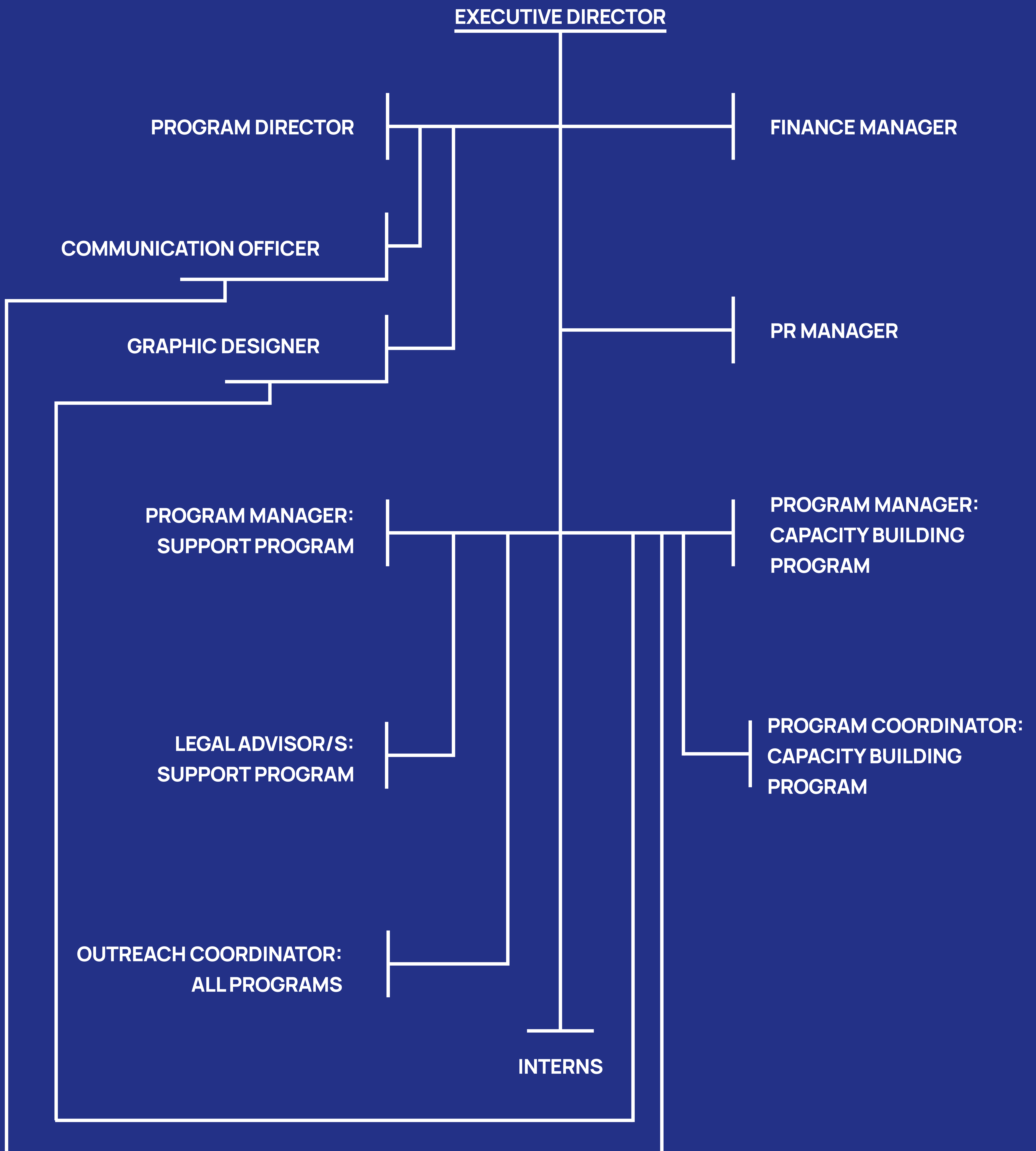
## THE ASSEMBLY

CEL Kosova's Assembly is the highest governing body of the organization, composed of all its members. The Assembly holds ultimate responsibility for the organization's policies and financial matters. In this capacity, it has the authority to:

- Appoint and dismiss the Executive Director based on the Board's recommendation;
- Approve the Annual Report and Financial Report as proposed by the Board;
- Approve amendments and modifications to the Statute; and
- Decide on the merger, division, or dissolution of CEL Kosova.

Additionally, the Assembly may delegate responsibilities to the Board and the Executive Director by a majority vote, except for those responsibilities that cannot be delegated under Article 31.5 of Law No. 06/L-043 on Freedom of Association in Non-Governmental Organizations in the Republic of Kosovo and Paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Statute.

# CEL KOSOVA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# THE "GOLDEN YEAR" OF 2025: A REGIONAL POWERHOUSE

To visualize the milestones of CEL Kosova, it is best to view our framework through three lenses: Strategic Institutional Growth, Community Support, and Public Visibility.

As we move into 2026, the organization has transitioned from a local grassroots group to a regional leader in human rights. Here is a breakdown of our main milestones:

In 2025, CEL Kosova provided legal counseling and direct legal assistance to members of the LGBTI+ community through 20 cases of reported human rights violations.

The legal aid services addressed a wide range of issues, including legal gender and name recognition procedures, workplace discrimination, asylum and migration matters, physical assault, harassment and online hate speech, family-related abuse, contractual and property disputes, ongoing court proceedings, and cross-border legal challenges.

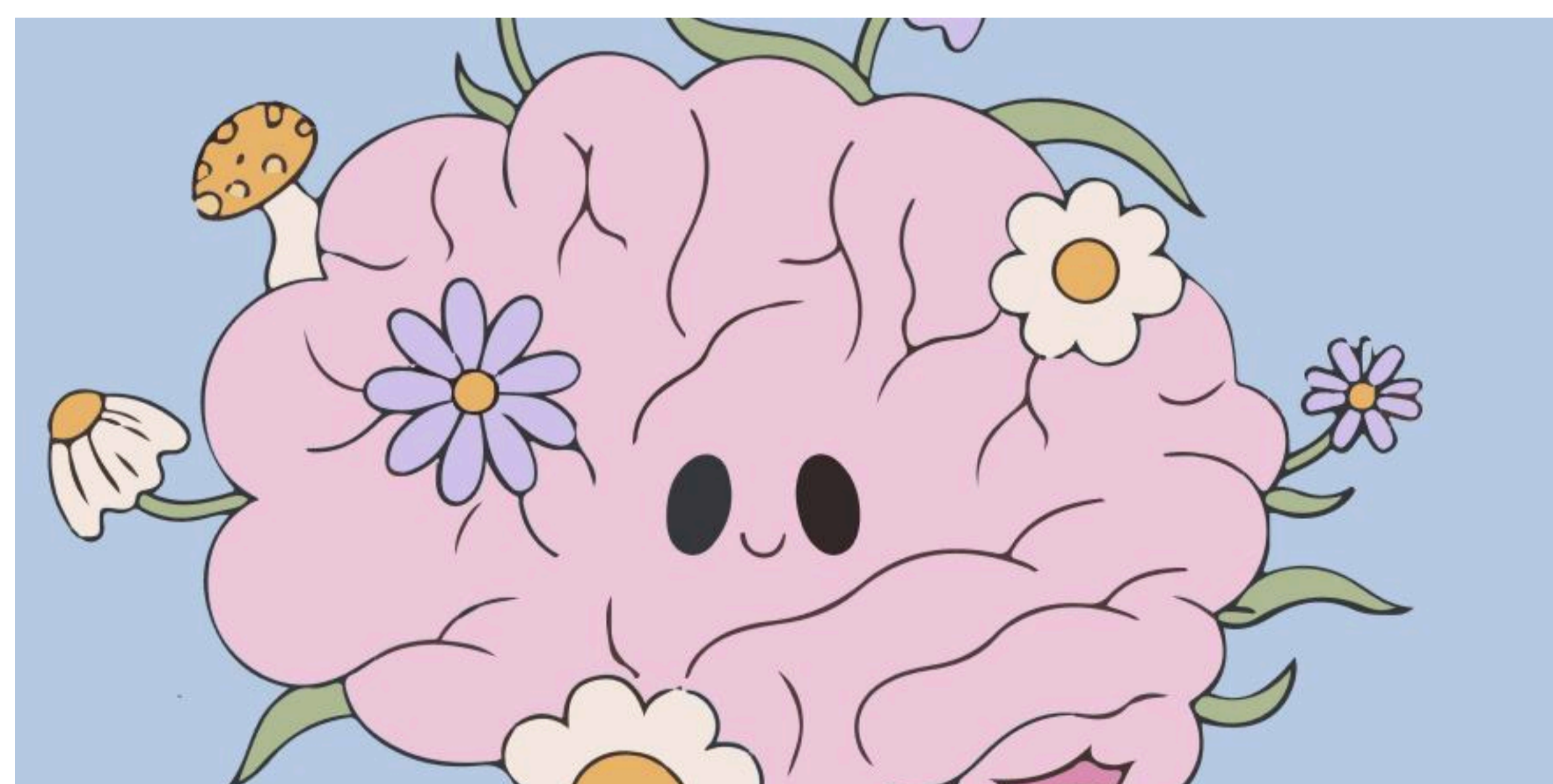


## Prishtina Pride Week 2025:

CEL Kosova once again was the co-organizer of Prishtina Pride Week 2025, signaling a core moment of visibility and community mobilization during the year.

## Electoral Advocacy:

During the 2025 election period, CEL Kosova actively monitored and challenged anti-LGBTI+ rhetoric in political campaigning, successfully filing complaints that led the Complaints and Appeals Panel (PZAP) to sanction the Coalition for Family for hate speech—establishing a critical precedent by affirming that homophobic discourse violates electoral law and contributes to an unsafe environment for queer communities, with fines totaling €16,500.



## Mental Health Revolution

With nearly 1,440 psychological sessions provided annually, CEL has become the primary mental health resource for queer youth in Kosovo. 93 queer people have benefited directly from our free psychological sessions.



### **Hosting the ERA Regional Conference:**

We successfully brought the LGBTIQ+ Regional Conference to Pristina, celebrating 10 years of the ERA (LGBTI Equal Rights Association for Western Balkans and Türkiye).

### **Hate Speech Monitoring:**

CEL systematically analyzed news portals and social media comments to document the prevalence of hate speech, using this data to push for better media standards and legal accountability.

### **Civil Code Contributions:**

A long-standing milestone has been the persistent advocacy for a Civil Code that recognizes same-sex unions.

## **INTRODUCTION TO CEL KOSOVA'S ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS DURING 2025**

In 2025, CEL's programs continued to integrate direct support services, capacity-building initiatives, and advocacy and awareness efforts – ensuring that LGBTIQ+ individuals have access to safe spaces, psychosocial and legal assistance, skills development opportunities, and platforms for broader societal engagement.

What you are about to discover and explore forms the foundation upon which the 2025 projects were built, ensuring that every activity—from a local workshop to a regional summit—contributes to a sustainable ecosystem of equality.



## **PRISHTINA PRIDE WEEK 2025: NO STEP BACK**

Prishtina Pride Week 2025 kicked off on 9 June under the powerful theme “No Step Back,” a call to stand firm for human rights, equality, and dignity for LGBTI+ people in Kosovo’s challenging social and political climate. The official opening took place at the Government Building. That evening, the first major social celebration of Pride Week, “Let’s Pride,” was held at Bubble Pub, offering a space for community members and allies to come together in joy and solidarity. This social gathering became a vibrant expression of pride, creativity, and mutual support early in the festival’s program.

On 10 June, Pride Week’s cultural programming continued with the Art for Pride workshop and accompanying exhibition at Barabar Center.

The Masterclass: Online Harms took place on 11 June at Kino Armata, bringing together a focused group of around 10 participants for an interactive, closed-door session led by communication strategist Jordy Nijenhuis, director of Dare to be Grey.

The week also featured public discussions aimed at deepening dialogue around queer lives and experiences. One such panel, “What Does It Mean to Be Queer at UP?”, facilitated exchanges on identity, belonging, and institutional inclusion, while other talks encouraged reflection on personal and collective challenges across education and community spaces.

After a week of events, Pride Week culminated on 14 June with the Pride Parade in Prishtina, gathering community members, allies, and supporters in a colorful public march from Zahir Pajaziti Square. The parade was a central moment of visibility and collective activism, affirming ongoing demands for equality, acceptance, and dignity within Kosovo society. The structure of Prishtina Pride Week 2025 reflected a deliberate blend of advocacy, culture, education, and community care. Public-facing activities were complemented by smaller, skill-based formats that encouraged deeper engagement, critical thinking, and capacity building. This approach allowed Pride Week to reach broad audiences while also investing in the sustainability and resilience of the LGBTI+ movement in Kosovo.

Across all activities, participation exceeded one thousand individuals. Additionally, more than 200,000 people were reached nationwide through social media.



# RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND POLICY WORK

Throughout the year, CEL Kosova produced and published research, legal analyses, policy papers, and written materials addressing LGBTI+ rights, equality, and social inclusion in Kosovo. These publications serve as evidence-based resources for civil society, institutions, researchers, and decision-makers, contributing to informed public debate, advocacy, and policy development grounded in lived realities and legal frameworks.

## Legal Analysis on LGBTI+ Rights in Kosovo:

CEL Kosova published a comprehensive legal analysis examining the current state of LGBTI+ rights in Kosovo, providing an in-depth overview of legal developments, gaps, and challenges. The analysis serves as a resource for researchers, activists, and policymakers seeking to understand the legal framework and progress related to LGBTI+ rights. This publication was developed by CEL Kosova with the support of the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo.

<https://cel-ks.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/EN-1.pdf>



## TRACKING LEGAL PROGRESS FOR LGBTI+ RIGHTS IN KOSOVO:

Developments,  
Obstacles, and  
the Way Ahead



# VISIBILITY, HATE SPEECH AND MEDIA VIOLENCE: A FOUR-PART SERIES SUPPORTED BY THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN KOSOVO



**KUR DRITA E KAMERËS NDEZ URREJTJEN:** historia e Edonit dhe plagët e padukshme

This article explores the public backlash faced by Edon Shileku after entering Big Brother Kosova as “Victoria,” examining how visibility can trigger disinformation, hate speech, and polarization. Written by Dardan Hoti, the piece moves beyond a personal story to unpack the broader social consequences of media exposure and the invisible harms caused by online and public hostility. [LINK](#)



**NARRATIVAT LGBTQ+ NË KOSOVË:** Ndërmjet Heshtjes, Rezistencës dhe Riformulimit

Activist and journalist Anita Nikaj examines current LGBTQ+ narratives in Kosovo through conversations with journalists and fellow activists. The piece offers a fresh perspective on the present momentum of the movement, reflecting on how public discourse, media framing, and activism intersect in shaping contemporary LGBTQ+ struggles and visibility. [LINK](#)



**NDËRTIMI I KOMUNITETEVE DIGJITALE DHE TË SIGURTA**

In this article, activist and researcher G.K. explores digital communities and the forms of support they can generate for LGBTQ+ people. The text examines how online spaces can function as sources of connection, solidarity, and empowerment, particularly in contexts where offline support may be limited. [LINK](#)

G.K



**INTERNETI ËSHTË THIKË ME DY TEHA** Si po ndikon ai në formësimin dhe edukimin e të rinjve?

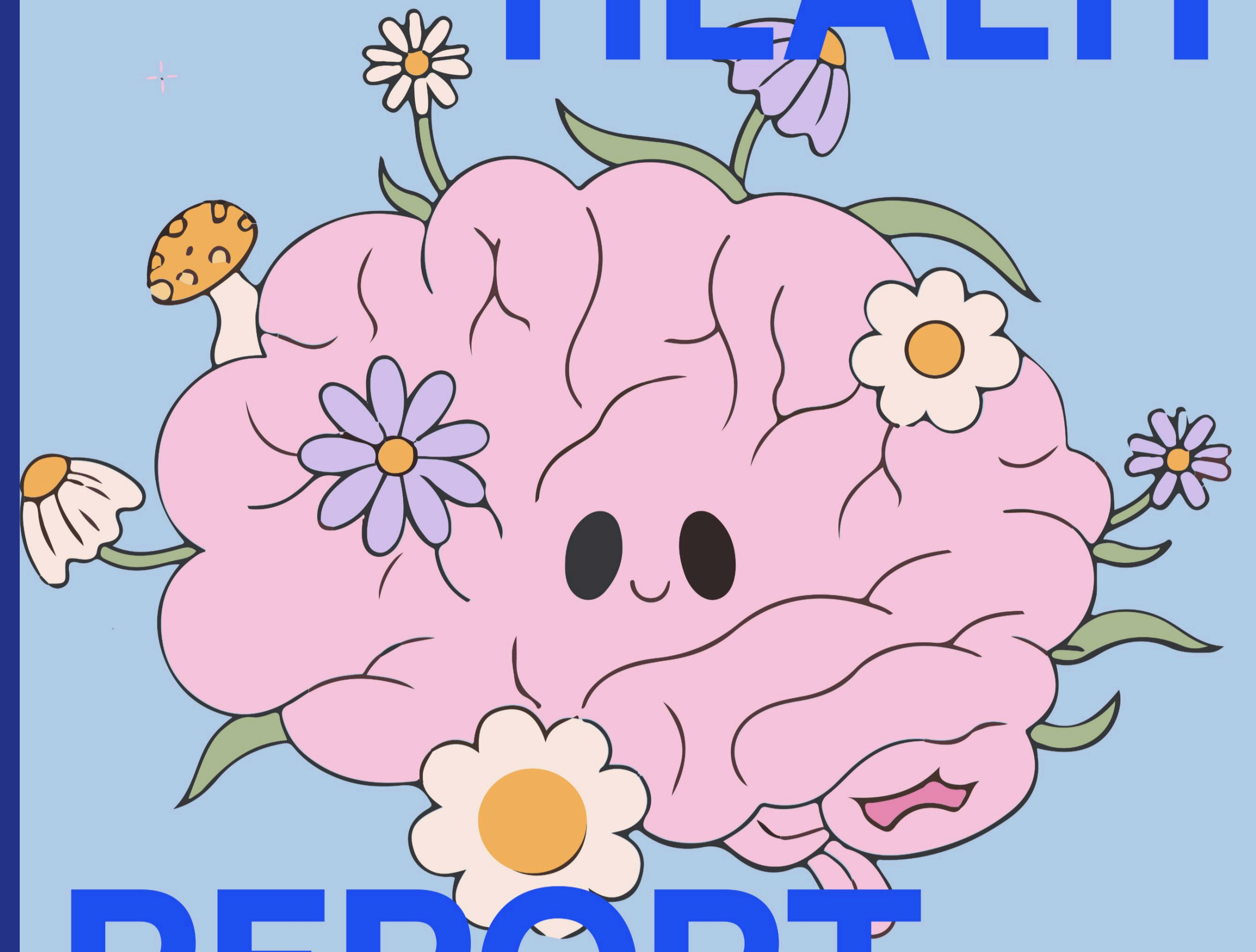
This article examines the role of the internet in shaping the views and identities of young people, with a particular focus on queer youth. Written by Medinë Dauti, the piece explores online spaces through conversations with both queer and straight individuals, analyzing how digital environments influence opinions, self-understanding, and social attitudes in an increasingly connected world. [LINK](#)

# MENTAL HEALTH REPORT 2025

CEL Kosovo published the Mental Health Report 2025, focusing on the experiences of vulnerable and marginalized groups, with particular attention to LGBTI+ persons in Kosovo. The report documents lived experiences, systemic barriers, and concrete case examples, providing evidence to support the development of inclusive, rights-based mental health policies and services. The publication was supported by the Municipality of Pristina.

[LINK](#)

# MENTAL HEALTH



# REPORT

Vulnerable and Marginalised Groups with a Focus on LGBTI+ Persons in Kosovo  
Including Case Presentation Supported by CEL Kosovo (2025)

JANUARY 2026

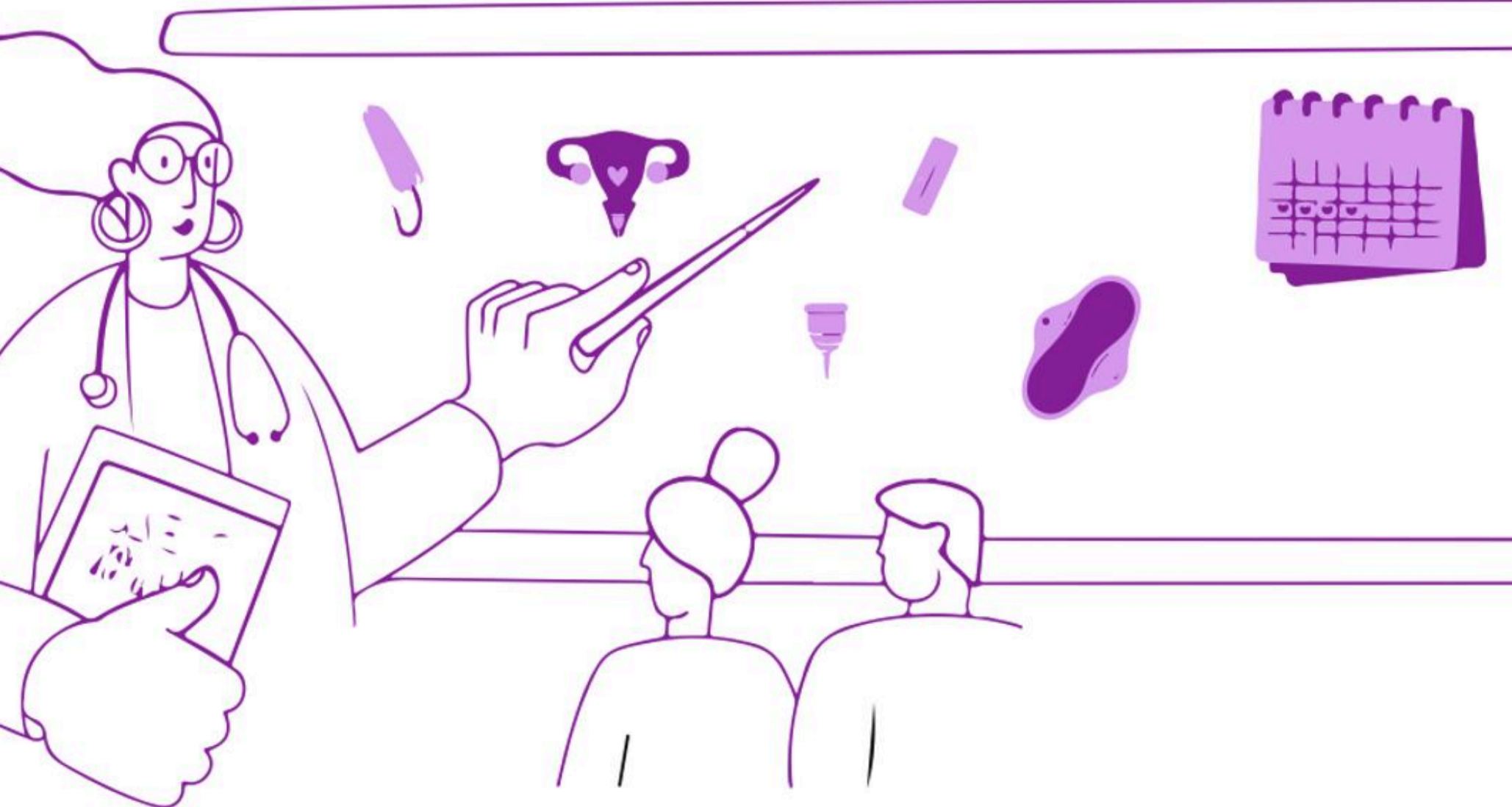
## SEXUAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS – DISCURSIVE ANALYSIS FOLLOWED BY A CONFERENCE

CEL Kosovo published Sexual Education in Schools: A Critical Discursive Analysis of School Textbooks on Sexual Education and Reproductive Health, examining how sexuality, gender, and reproductive health are represented in educational materials. The analysis highlights gaps, biases, and missed opportunities within school curricula and offers insights to support more inclusive, accurate, and rights-based sexual education in Kosovo. [LINK](#)

Building on this research, CEL Kosovo hosted the conference “Educational Institutions vs Sexual Education” on 8 December in Pristina, creating a public space for discussion on the role of educational institutions in delivering comprehensive and rights-based sexual education.

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## INSTITUCIONET ARSIMORE VS EDUKIMI SEKSUAL



PUBLIKIMI I RAPORTIT

“Edukimi seksual në shkollë: Analizë kritike diskursive e teksteve shkollore për edukimin seksual dhe shëndetin riprodhues”.



## Workplace Equality for LGBTI+ Individuals in Kosovo



# EQUALITY IN EMPLOYMENT FOR LGBTI+ PERSONS IN KOSOVO

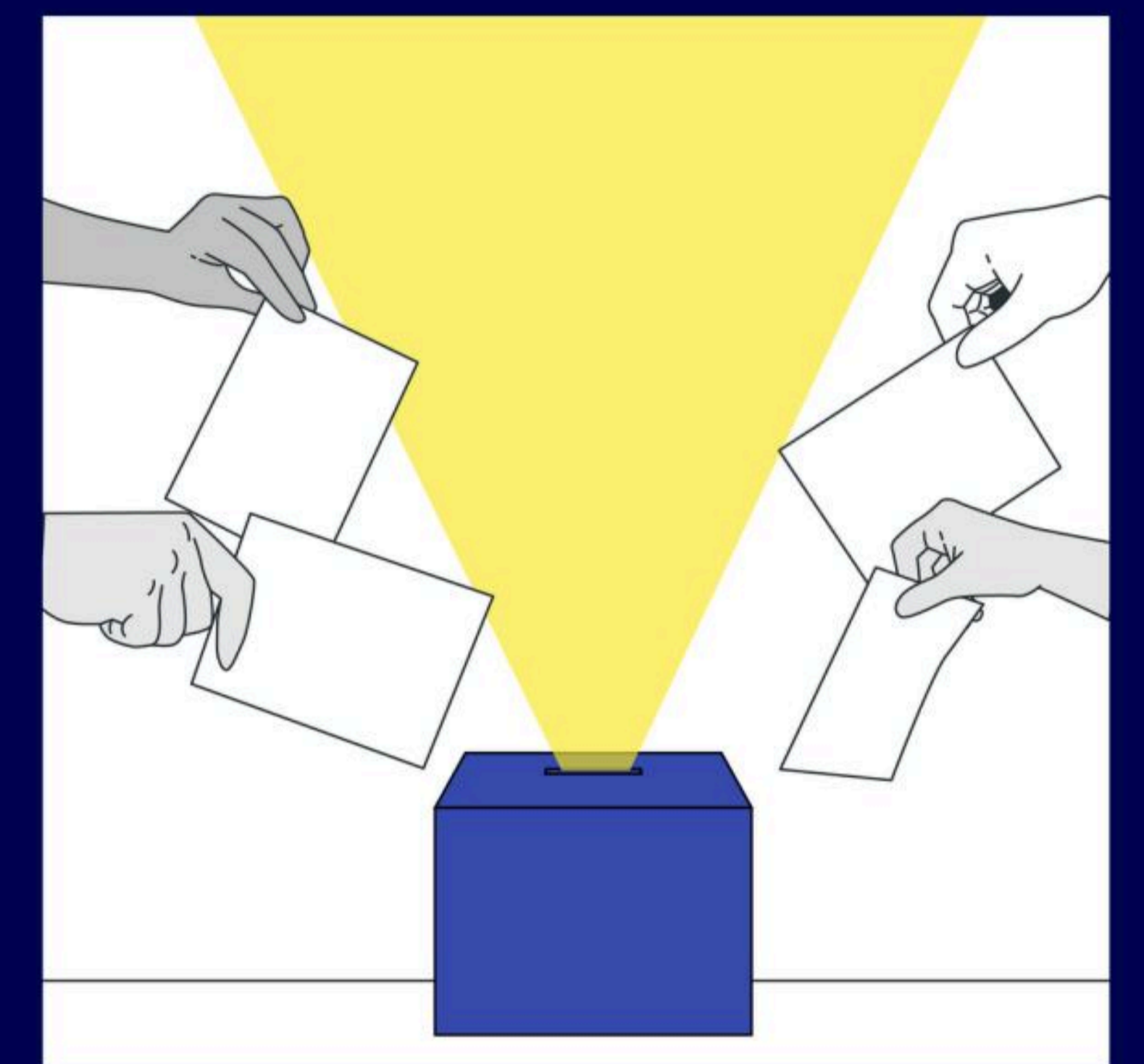
CEL Kosova published Equality in Employment for LGBTI+ Persons in Kosovo, examining barriers to equal access, safety, and non-discrimination in the workplace. The publication highlights structural challenges, lived experiences, and legal gaps, contributing evidence to support inclusive employment practices and stronger protections for LGBTI+ workers in Kosovo.

[LINK](#)

# ELECTIONS, HATE SPEECH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING

Following the elections in Kosovo, CEL Kosova published a short analysis examining the intersection of electoral processes, public discourse, and the human rights of LGBTIQ+ communities. The analysis reviewed homophobic and stigmatizing statements made during the campaign, alongside institutional responses, including decisions by the Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (PZAP) and the Supreme Court of Kosovo. Available in Albanian and English, the publication contributes to accountability, documentation, and evidence-based advocacy around elections and human rights.

[LINK](#)



## Elections in Kosovo and Human Rights

Tackling Hate Speech and Institutional Accountability

# DOUBLE BARRIERS



Education, Employment and Discrimination against LGBTI+ Individuals in Kosovo

# SOCIAL WORK IN ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: LGBTQI PERSONS

CEL Kosova published the manual “Social Work in Addressing Gender-Based Violence: LGBTQI Persons”, responding to the need for more inclusive and informed approaches to gender-based violence. The manual addresses the specific challenges faced by LGBTQI persons, which often remain overlooked within existing support systems, and serves as a practical resource for social workers and institutions. It offers key concepts on gender-based violence affecting LGBTQI communities, models of psychosocial intervention, and best practices for identifying, addressing, and referring cases, contributing to more comprehensive and rights-based protection mechanisms.

[LINK](#)

# GROWING FUTURES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE: CAPACITY-BUILDING AND SKILLS TRAININGS

As part of its capacity-building work, we indeed organized a series of trainings aimed at strengthening practical skills and expanding professional opportunities for young people and members of LGBTIQ+ communities. These trainings focused on equipping participants with relevant, in-demand competencies while fostering confidence, creativity, and pathways toward economic inclusion.

**TRAJNIM PËR  
VIDEO ANIMACION**

Falas

DATAT E TRAJNIMIT: 3-14 NËNTOR  
AFATI I FUNDIT PËR APLIKIM: 19 TETOR

## VIDEO ANIMATION TRAINING WITH ROI ACADEMY

In partnership with ROI Academy, CEL Kosova in December delivered a video animation training for young participants, introducing them to one of the most in-demand creative professions. The training supported skill development in digital animation and visual storytelling, while encouraging proactive learning and professional growth.

## SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT TRAINING: DIGITAL SKILLS, REAL IMPACT

Continuing its capacity-building program, CEL Kosova organized a social media training in collaboration with ROI Academy, responding to the growing importance of online presence and digital communication. The training focused on social media management as a professional field, offering practical guidance on marketing strategies and content planning. Participants completed the training with certification, strengthening their skills and confidence in navigating digital platforms.

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ROI ACADEMY

Trajnohu Falas

**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
Marketing & Management

Afati i fundit për aplikim: 7 Shtator 2025

Datat e trajnimit: 15 - 26 Shtator 2025

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## MIXING SKILLS UNDER THE SUMMER SUN

In July 2025, CEL Kosova organized a five-day Mixology and Barista training, combining practical skill-building with creativity and professional development. Guided by experts from Bubble Pub, around 10 participants explored the fundamentals of barista work and cocktail preparation, gaining hands-on experience in the craft of beverages and hospitality.

## DESIGNING POSSIBILITIES: GRAPHIC DESIGN TRAINING

Continuing the amazing training sessions, CEL Kosova delivered a graphic design training that equipped participants with practical skills and creative tools for visual communication. Guided by industry professionals, participants developed their design capacities while exploring new professional pathways in the field of graphic design. The training fostered creativity, confidence, and future-oriented skill-building, contributing to broader efforts to support youth empowerment and economic inclusion.

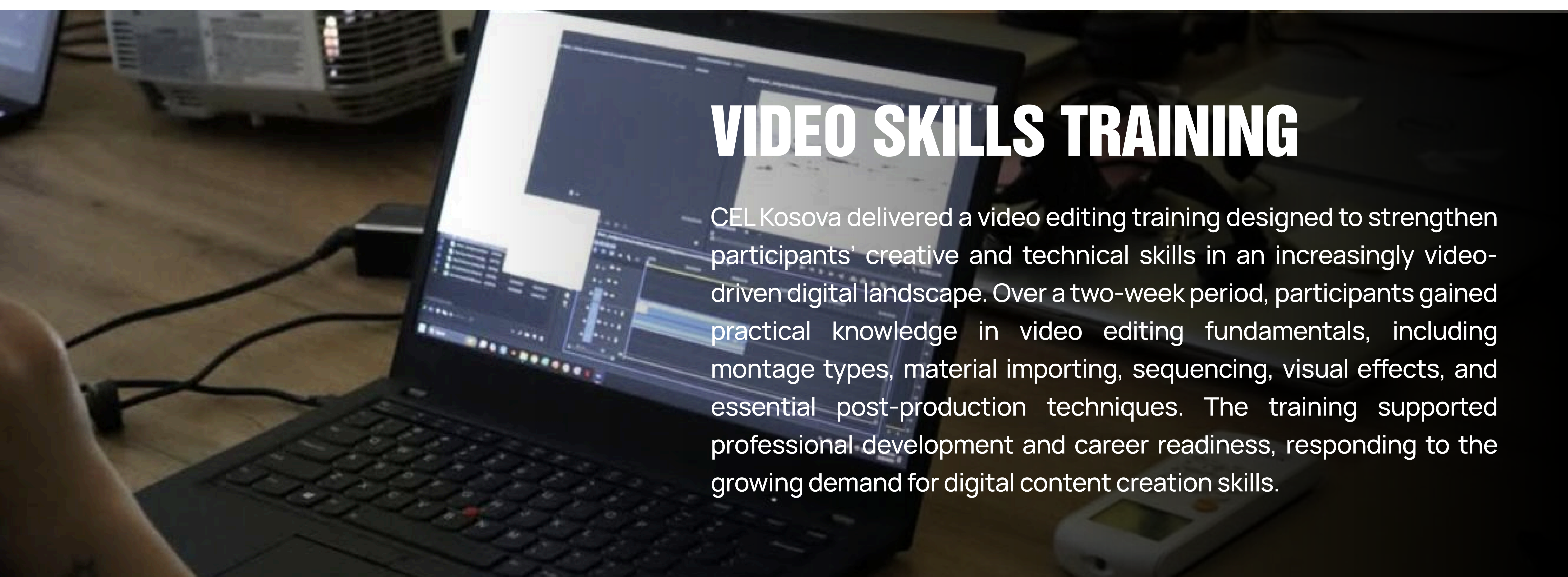
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# TRAJNOHU NË DIZAJN GRAFIK

FALAS

Afati i fundit për aplikim: **27 Prill**

Datat e trajnimit janë nga **12 Maj 2025** deri me **23 Maj 2025**



## VIDEO SKILLS TRAINING

CEL Kosova delivered a video editing training designed to strengthen participants' creative and technical skills in an increasingly video-driven digital landscape. Over a two-week period, participants gained practical knowledge in video editing fundamentals, including montage types, material importing, sequencing, visual effects, and essential post-production techniques. The training supported professional development and career readiness, responding to the growing demand for digital content creation skills.

# CULTURE AS RESISTANCE: STORYTELLING, HUMOR, AND QUEER VISIBILITY

CEL Kosova approaches culture as a powerful tool for resistance, education, and community-building. Through stand-up comedy nights, the Queer TV satirical series, and creative public campaigns, the organization uses humor, storytelling, and visual media to challenge stigma, disrupt dominant narratives, and make complex social issues more accessible. By blending art with activism, these cultural interventions create spaces for reflection, laughter, and dialogue, while amplifying queer voices and experiences in Kosovo's public sphere. Together, they demonstrate how culture can shift perceptions, foster solidarity, and affirm the right of LGBTIQ+ communities to visibility, joy, and self-expression.

## Stand-Up Comedy as Community Engagement

During 2025, CEL Kosova organized a series of stand-up comedy events that used humor, irony, and personal storytelling as tools for reflection, connection, and resilience. These very flavored events created accessible and welcoming spaces where queer voices could challenge stigma, spark dialogue, and affirm the importance of joy and laughter within activism and community care.





## **STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT WITH DRILONA**

On 17 December, CEL Kosova hosted a stand-up comedy night featuring Drilona, whose performance filled the space with curiosity, positivity, and sharp humor. Through satire and irony, the evening attended by more than 90 people highlighted how humor can serve as both relief and resistance, reinforcing the need for moments of collective joy within ongoing struggles for equality and well-being.



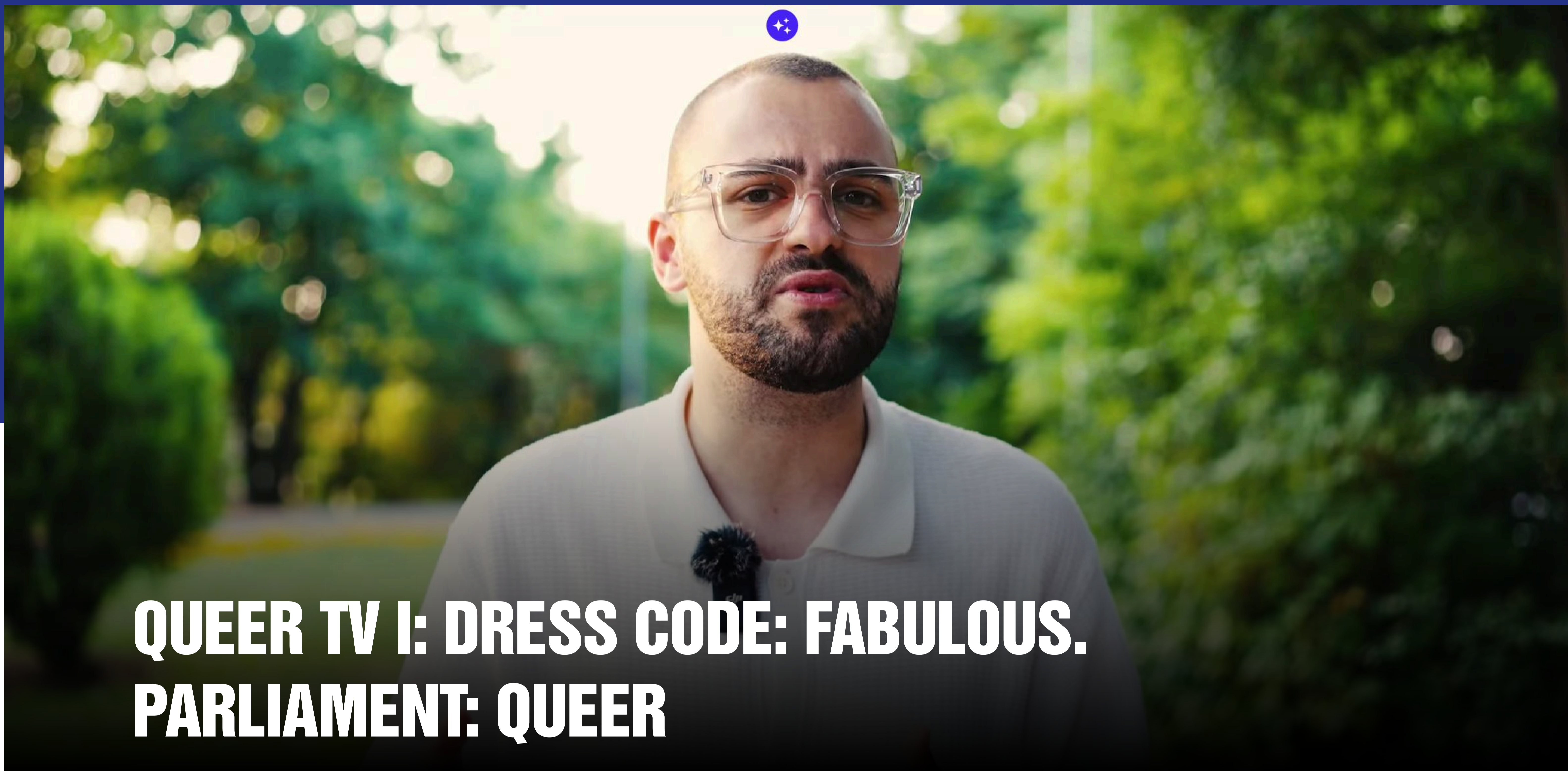


## **TWO STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHTS WITH ALKETA SYLAJ**

We hosted two stand-up comedy nights featuring Alketa Sylaj, bringing laughter, relatability, and spirited conversation to the stage. The events offered a space for community members to come together, enjoy shared humor, and reflect on social experiences through an inclusive and light-hearted lens. With performances that combined wit and insight, the evenings strengthened community bonds and affirmed the role of humor in resilience and wellbeing. More than 200 people attended and enjoyed every second of the standup comedy.



# QUEER TV: WHEN SATIRE MEETS RESISTANCE



## QUEER TV I: DRESS CODE: FABULOUS. PARLIAMENT: QUEER

In this Pride Month edition of Queer TV, CEL Kosova used satire and drag to reimagine political power, placing drag queens inside the Assembly of Kosovo—at least imaginatively. With humor, irony, and a distinct queer twist, the episode reflected on current political realities while challenging rigid norms around representation, leadership, and decision-making. The video celebrated queer creativity as a form of critique, visibility, and resistance.

[LINK](#)

## QUEER TV II: SATIRE AS VISIBILITY

Queer TV II, framed as a mock news broadcast, highlighted how empathy and acceptance are often resisted, while affirming queer presence, dignity, and belonging.



# QUEER TV III: IT IS A LAUGHING MATTER

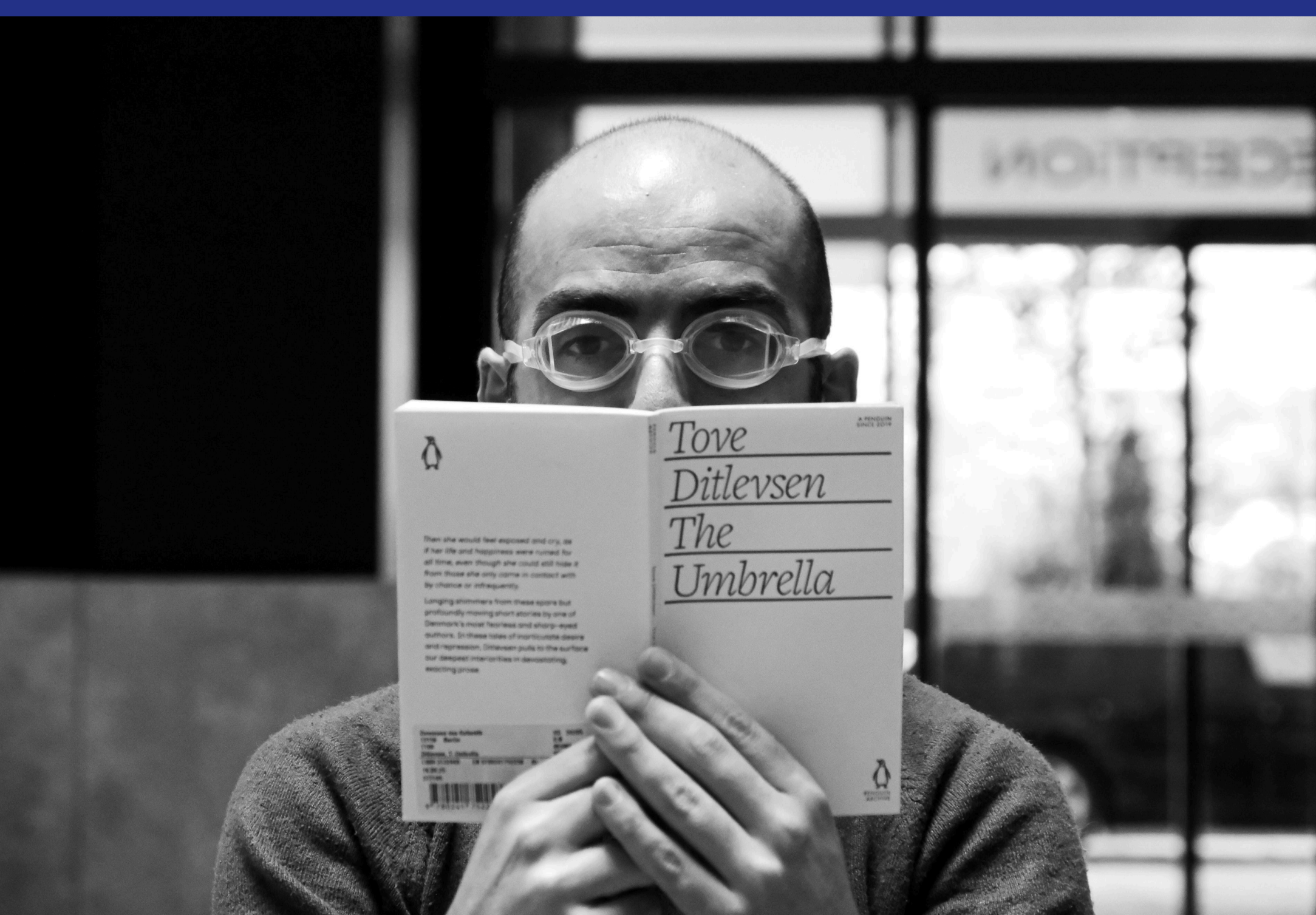
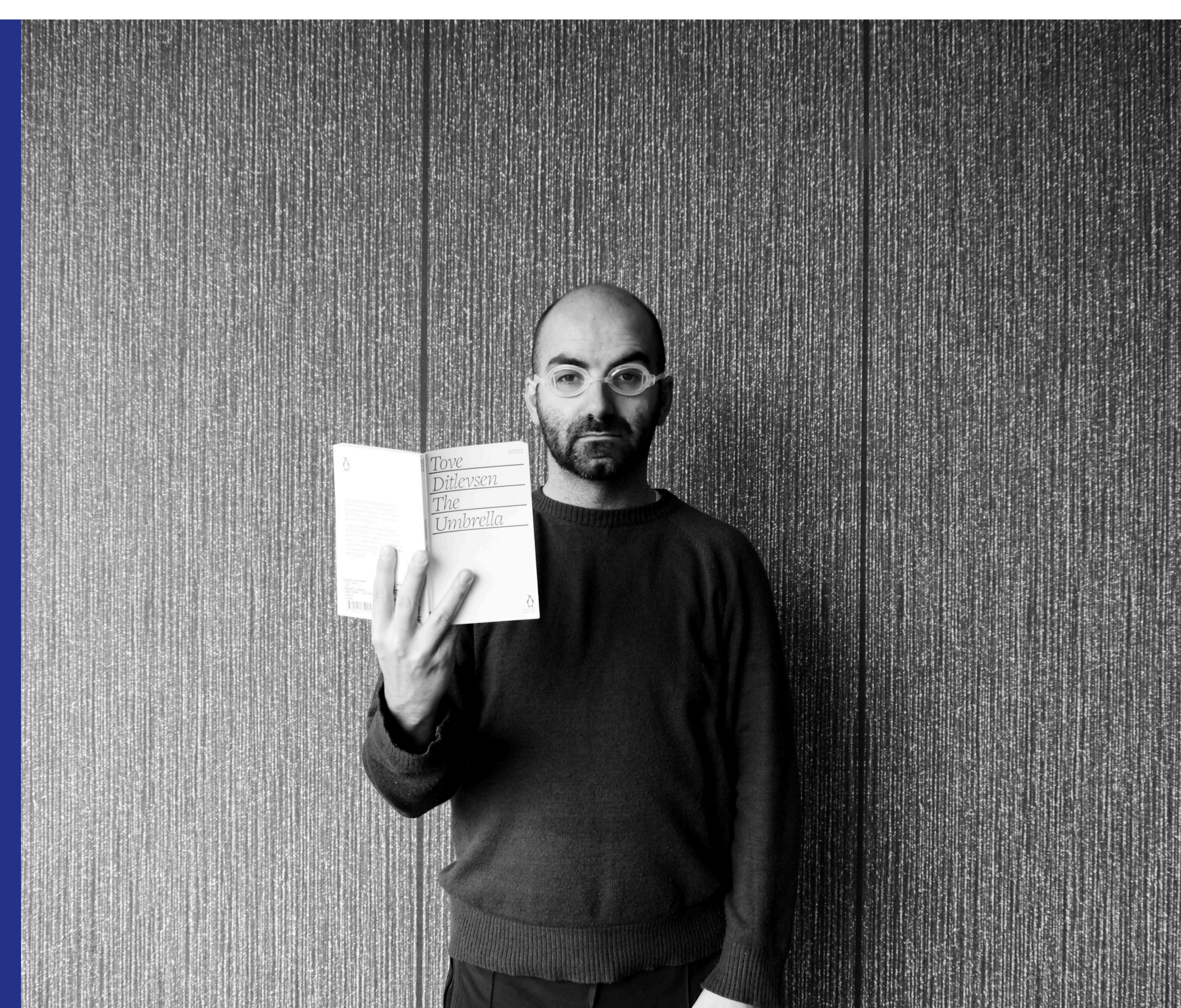
Queer TV III continued in November as a recurring satirical video segment combining humor with social commentary to amplify queer voices and challenge dominant narratives in Kosovo. The latest episode, created by activist Dardan Hoti and actress Xhejlane Terbunja, was published on social media in a news-style format, addressing ongoing social and political issues while using satire as a tool for education, visibility, and activism. The series blended entertainment with awareness-raising to support shifts in perception and everyday realities for queer people in Kosovo.



## COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS CELEBRATING KEY INTERNATIONAL LGBTIQ+ DAYS

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On World Mental Health Day, CEL Kosova invited reflection on the different ways we can care for our mental wellbeing. The post highlighted a writer who finds support in swimming and reading, and noted more broadly that others may turn to sports, meditation, or other practices that help relaxation and mental balance. The message emphasized that 10 October should be a continuation of caring for our mental health.



# COMING OUT DAY

On Coming Out Day, CEL Kosova shared a message of reflection and mutual support, emphasizing that while personal journeys and messages may differ, solidarity within the community is stronger. The activity invited individuals to reflect on where they are in their own process and affirmed the importance of supporting one another.



PA MARRË PARASYSH A KE DALË HAPTAZI APO JO  
SOT ËSHTË EDHE DITA JOTE.

INTERNATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

To mark Human Rights Day on 10 December, CEL Kosova organized an exhibition that invited reflection on human rights, dignity, and equality. The exhibition, artistry of our own Zana Begolli, served as a space for public engagement, emphasizing the importance of visibility, expression, and continued commitment to human rights beyond symbolic dates.



# TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK

During Transgender Awareness Week, CEL Kosova collaborated with Dylberizm to share the highlighted feature story on Blert Morina – Executive Director of CEL Kosova. It chronicles the challenges he faced in asserting his identity—from confronting rigid gender norms in school and community to navigating a lengthy legal battle to change his name and gender marker on official documents—and highlights his role in advancing visibility and rights for transgender people.



# AS NI SEN MA PAK NUK E PRANOJMË

Historia e Blertit, aktivistit që sfidoi sistemin dhe hapi rrugën për të drejtat trans në Kosovë

# WORLD AIDS DAY

On 1 December, CEL Kosova marked World AIDS Day with a message of solidarity and awareness, recognizing the ongoing impact of HIV and the importance of fighting stigma, discrimination, and misinformation.

HIV NUK ËSHTË THJESHT STATISTIKË.

ËSHTË HISTORI NJERËZORE, ËSHTË KUJTESË, ËSHTË DINJITET.



BËHU PJESË E ZINXHIRIT TË KUJDESIT:

- TESTOHU.
- FOL HAPUR.
- MBËSHKET PERSONAT QË JETOJNË ME HIV.
- BASHKOHU NË THYERJEN E STIGMES.

I PADETEKTUESHËM = I PASHPËRNDARSHËM (U=U): PERSONAT ME NGARKESË VIRALE TË PADETEKTUESHME NUK E TRANSMETOJNË HIV-IN TE PARTNERËT SEKSUALE.



HIV NUK ËSHTË DËNIM — ËSHTË NJË GJENDJE SHËNDËTËSORE E MENAXHUESHME ME TRAJTIM TË PËRDITSHËM.



NJERËZIT QË JETOJNË ME HIV MUND TË KENË MARRËDHËNIE, TË KENË FËMIJË DHE TË JETOJNË JETË TË SHËNDËTSHME PA KUËZIME.

NË KOSOVË, STIGHA VAZHDON TË JETË NJË PREJ BARRIERAVE MË TË MËDHA.



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CEL KOSOVA PUNON ÇDO DITË PËR TË KRIJUAR NJË SHOQËRI KU KUJDESI, MBËSHKETJA DHE INFORMIMI JANË MË TË LARTA SE PARAGJYKIMI.

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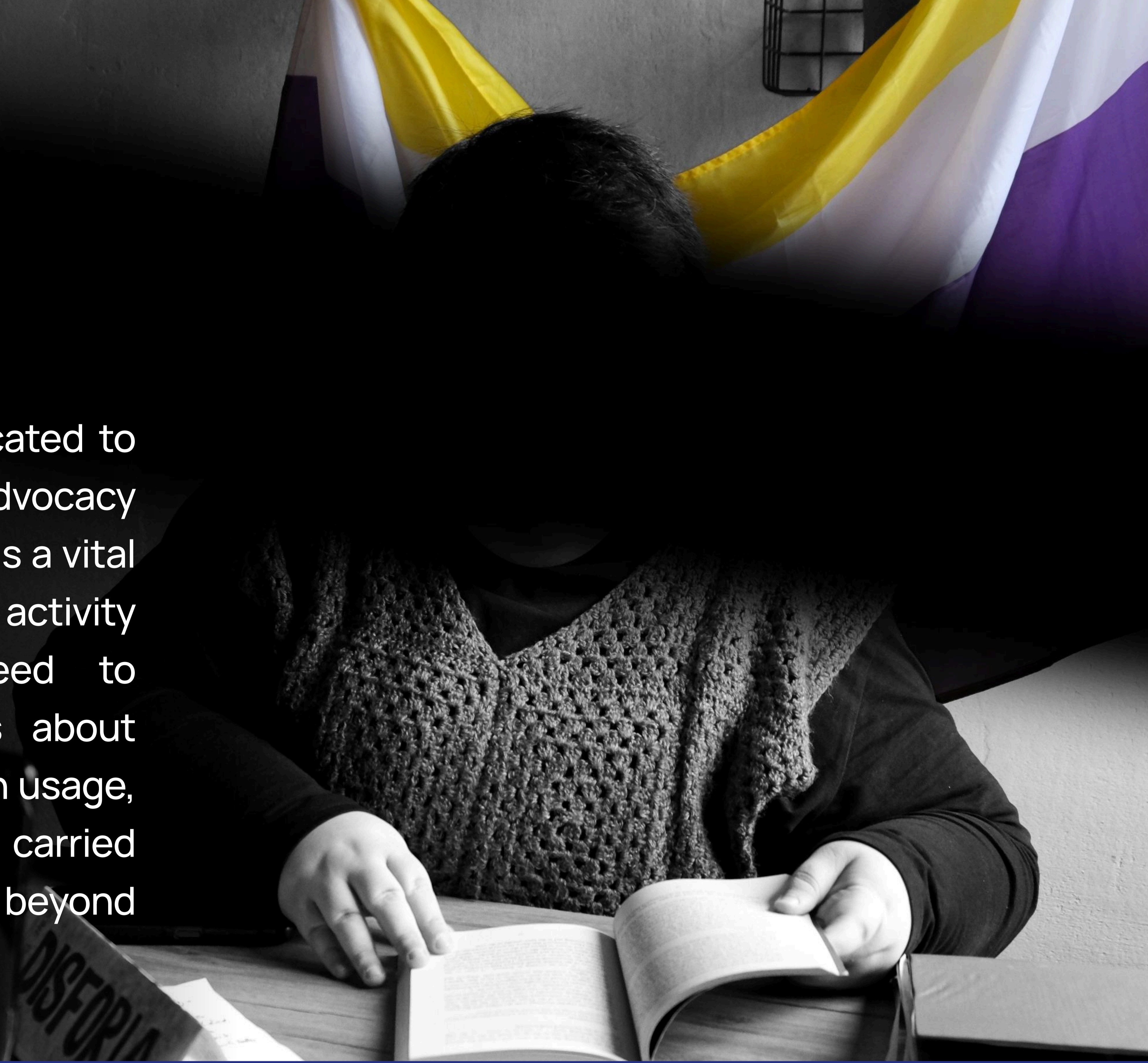
# INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY

On 26 October, Intersex Awareness Day, CEL Kosova shared an awareness message highlighting that around 1.7% of the population is born with intersex characteristics. The activity aimed to challenge misconceptions, encourage reflection, and increase visibility and understanding of intersex people.



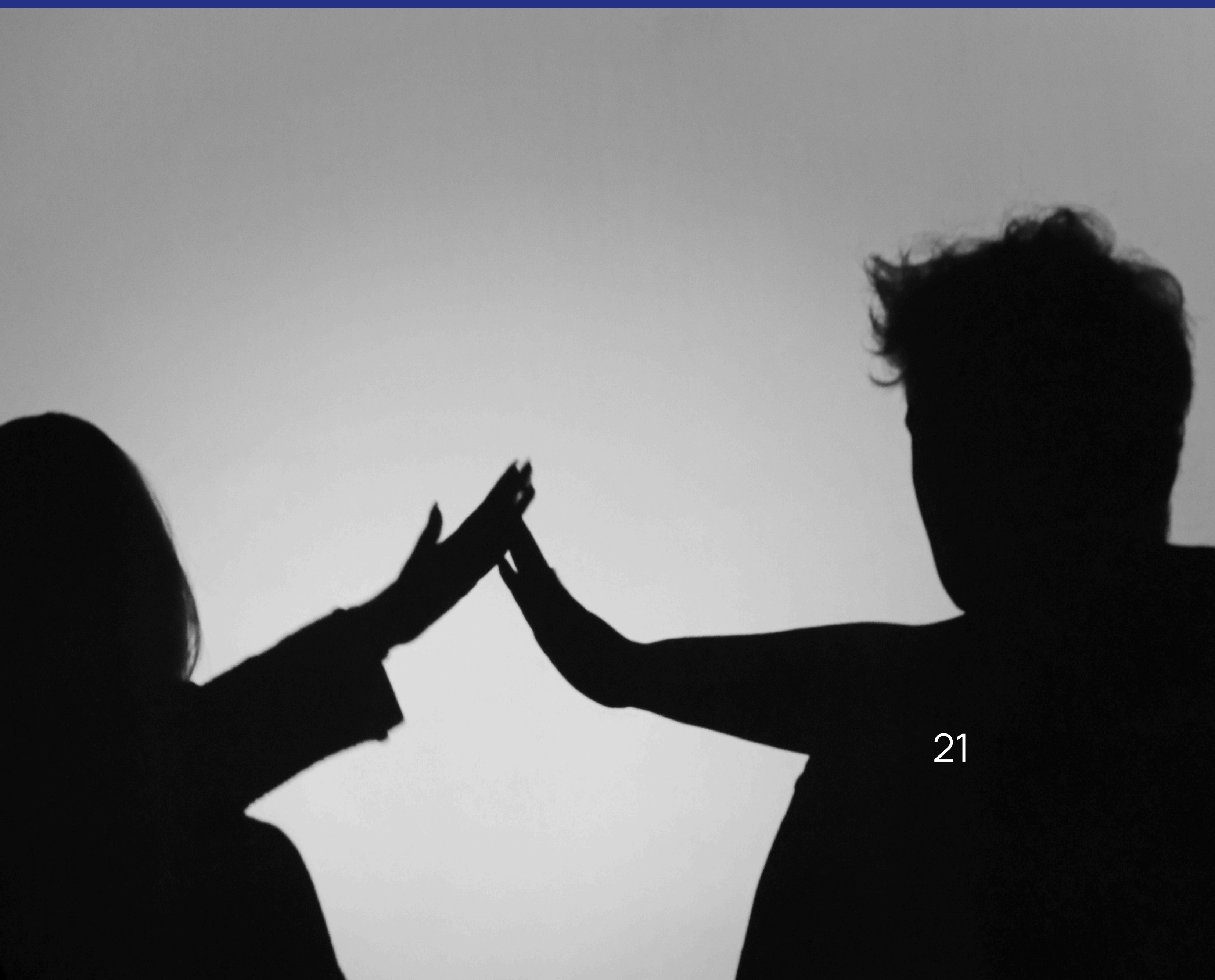
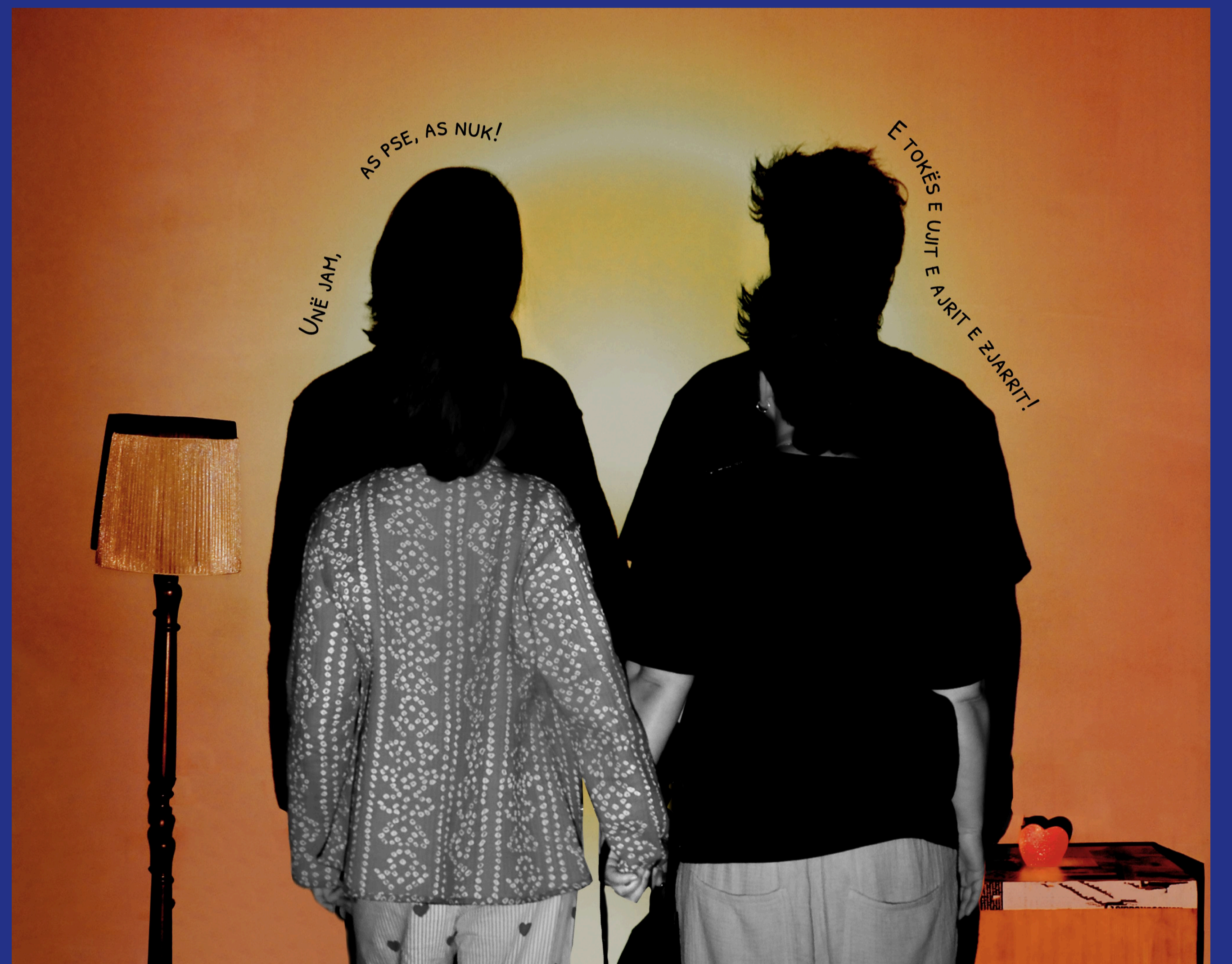
# INTERNATIONAL PRONOUNS DAY

CEL Kosova marked a day dedicated to pronouns by emphasizing that advocacy for the correct use of pronouns is a vital form of activism. The activity highlighted the ongoing need to educate and raise awareness about respectful and accurate pronoun usage, while celebrating the activism carried out by individuals within and beyond LGBTI+ communities.



# INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN DAY

CEL Kosova shared the voice of Rajmonda, who reflected on her everyday life and offered an empowering message celebrating the strength and resilience of queer women. The activity highlighted the important historical and global role of queer women in advancing LGBTI+ rights.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

On the International Day of Non-Violence, CEL Kosova shared a message condemning all forms of violence and emphasizing its destructive impact on individuals and communities. The activity called for raising voices against violence in all spaces—at home, in public, in schools, and in workplaces—and encouraged replacing violence with dialogue, respect, care, and solidarity.



# INTERNATIONAL BISEXUALITY DAY

On International Bisexuality Day, we shared a first-person photographic narrative highlighting the importance of personal storytelling in understanding bisexuality. Through reflections on identity, self-discovery, and the impact of stereotypes and social pressure, the amazing story emphasized resilience, authenticity, and the ongoing challenge of being mislabeled or questioned.



# WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

On World Suicide Prevention Day, CEL Kosova shared an awareness message emphasizing that mental health is as important as physical health and encouraging open conversations and help-seeking. A single conversation can save lives. The post provided practical tips and resources from CEL Kosova to support individuals and communities during difficult moments.

# WORLD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY

On World Sexual Health Day, CEL Kosova shared an awareness message emphasizing that sexual health is a fundamental part of overall wellbeing. The post encouraged testing, learning, self-protection, consent, and body awareness.

# DRAG VISIBILITY DAY

Drag goes beyond performance—it is a form of art, self-expression, resistance, and joy. Whether on stage or in everyday life, drag embodies creativity, confidence, and the freedom to exist authentically. This message celebrated drag artists and all those who challenge gender norms, expand ideas of beauty, and claim space with courage and imagination.





## **INTERNATIONAL NON-BINARY DAY**

To mark International Non-Binary Day, CEL Kosova produced a visual storytelling photo series portraying the experience of a non-binary individual navigating a public environment.



# STONEWALL DAY

On 28 June, CEL Kosovo marked the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall uprising, a pivotal moment that ignited the modern LGBTIQ+ rights movement. The message highlighted that today's freedoms, identities, and expressions are rooted in decades of resistance.



# IDAHOBIT

On the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), CEL Kosovo organized the panel discussion “The Power of Communities: The Persistence of the LGBTI+ Movement in Kosovo”, bringing together voices to reflect on the positioning of queer individuals within the current political and social discourse in the Western Balkans. The discussion featured contributions from representatives of civil society and human rights organizations and was moderated by a representative of CEL Kosovo.



# INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

On the International Transgender Day of Visibility, CEL Kosovo shared photographs and personal messages reflecting experiences of gender dysphoria and the importance of clothing in feeling affirmed and authentic. The activity acknowledged the increasingly challenging social climate for transgender people and emphasized that while a single image cannot capture every experience, one shared truth can strengthen collective understanding.



## **INTERNATIONAL ASEXUALITY DAY**

On International Asexuality Day, we shared a message affirming that asexuality is a valid and natural part of some people's identities. Asexual individuals deserve visibility, understanding, and representation, without surprise or disbelief. The message emphasized that asexuality is not an absence of love, but a different way of experiencing existence.



**An estimated 59,971 people were reached through online campaign activities.**

**BINGO**

Bubble Pub  
5 SHKURT 20:00

Queen Maggy  
and  
Tuttseoul

CEL  
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FESTIVE EDITION

**GIRLS NIGHT**

Join us for a cozy night of crafting queer New Year postcards together!

KOMETË, ULPIANË

03.12.2025 20:00

12 SHKURT 20:00

**NATA E ÇIKAVE**

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**GIRLS NIGHT**

RAINBOW ROUNDTABLE

FREE DRINKS  
FREE FOOD

WE MADE A GAME FOR YOU!

YOU'RE FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN GAMES TOO!

WHAT'S THE BEST COMPLIMENT SOMEONE COULD GIVE YOU?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY?

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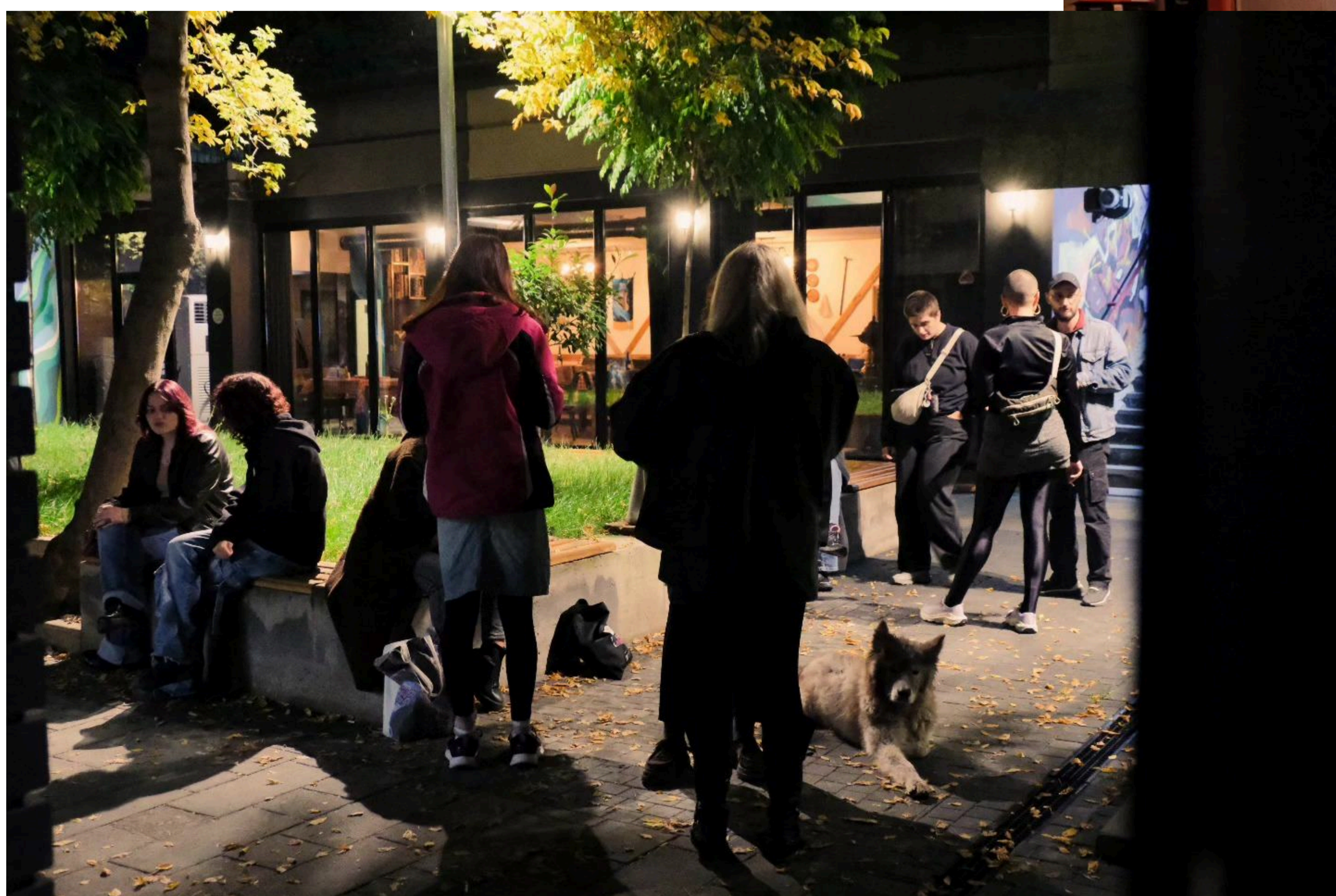
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# GIRLS' NIGHTS – COMMUNITY CARE AND CONNECTION

Throughout the year, CEL Kosova organized a series of vibrant Girls' Nights as safe, inclusive spaces for queer women and allies to connect, share experiences, and build community. These gatherings emphasized mutual support, creativity, and collective care, offering moments of rest, reflection, and joy within an affirming environment.

In December, CEL Kosova hosted a Girls' Night at Kometë, bringing participants together to share emotions, creativity, and a sense of togetherness during a month often marked by reflection and transition. The evening fostered a warm and positive atmosphere, highlighting the importance of community connection at the close of the calendar year. The activity was supported by the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo.



Another Girls' Night created space for deeper connection, mutual understanding, and open sharing. Participants came together not only to get to know one another better, but also to speak about thoughts and experiences often kept unspoken. The gathering reaffirmed CEL Kosova's commitment to community, care, and togetherness.



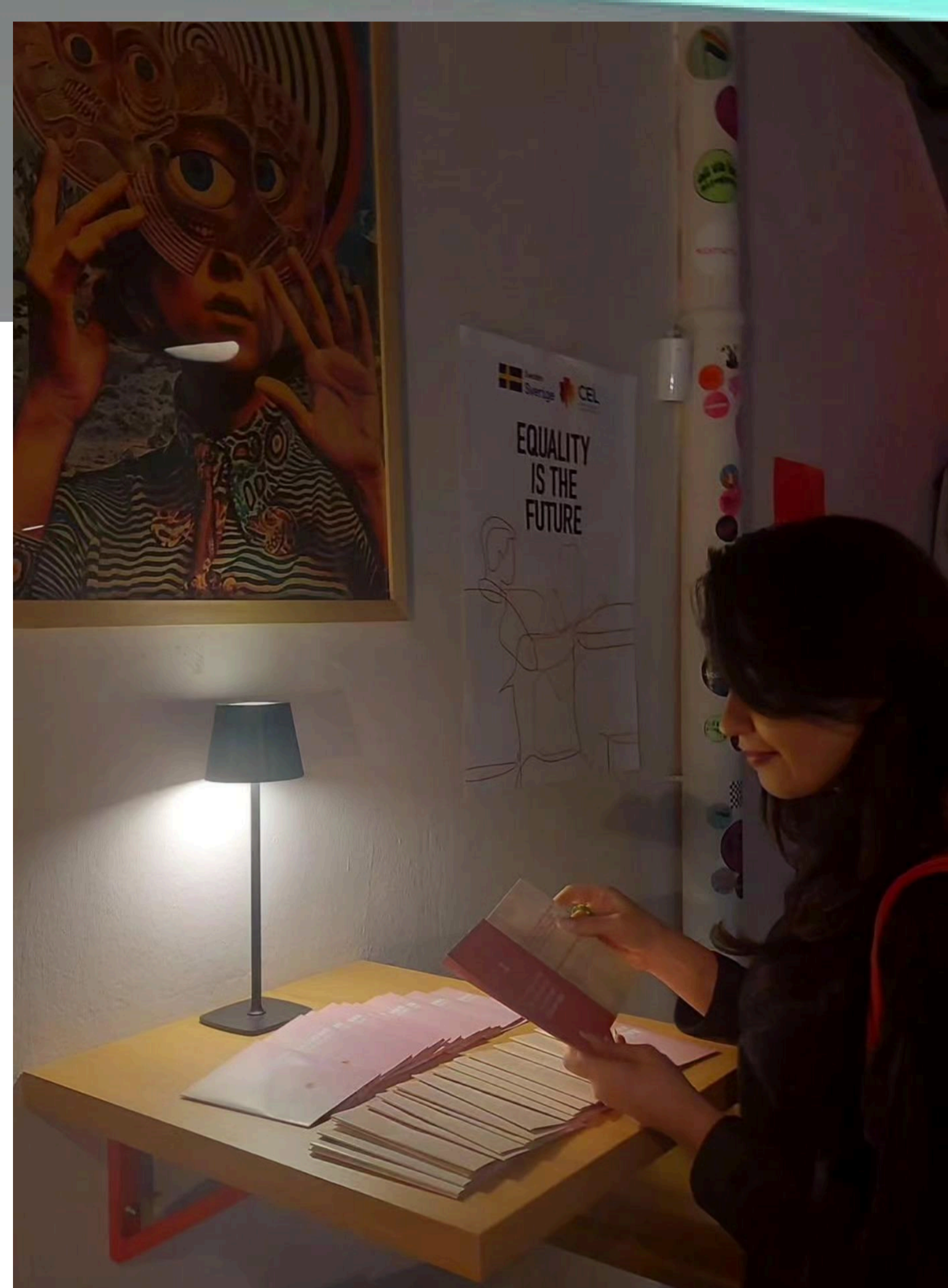


As part of the Girls' Nights, CEL Kosova organized the first Drag Bingo of the year, bringing together play, performance, and queer joy in an inclusive and lively setting. Hosted at Bubble, the night combined games, prizes, and drag performances by Maggy and Tuttseoul, creating a space for laughter, connection, and shared celebration. Around 80 people participated in this amazing night.





On 12 September, CEL Kosova gathered community members for an evening dedicated to self-care, mental wellbeing, and shared learning. Through a presentation by Linja e Jetës, participants were introduced to a platform supporting citizens' mental health, while CEL Kosova distributed informational materials focused on wellbeing and inner work. Around 25 youngsters participated in this gathering.



## PARTNERSHIPS IN PRACTICE: BUILDING MOVEMENTS THROUGH COLLABORATION

Collaboration remains at the heart of CEL Kosova's work. Through strategic partnerships, the organization co-created and supported key cultural and human rights platforms such as Prishtina Queer Festival, Human Rights Week and Art Therapy Week. These collaborations brought together artists, activists, mental health professionals, and civil society actors to address human rights, wellbeing, and social justice through interdisciplinary and community-centered approaches. By working alongside partner organizations and institutions, CEL Kosova helped expand the reach and impact of these initiatives, reinforcing the power of collective action and shared responsibility in advancing equality, resilience, and inclusive cultural spaces in Kosovo.

# WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS: CEL KOSOVA AT PRISHTINA QUEER FESTIVAL

Once again, as a partner of the Prishtina Queer Festival, CEL Kosova contributed to a vibrant program that celebrated queer community, creativity, and collective resilience.

Throughout the festival, spaces were created for gathering, learning, and joy—from a community flea market that fostered connection and mutual support, to powerful nightlife and performance moments such as House of Resilience, which transformed Burnt Hall into a space of queer expression and strength through drag, music, and dance.

The program also included a workshop led by Siri Gowri, expanding opportunities for artistic exchange and skill-building, as well as the festival's opening night featuring the screening of *House With a Voice* and a music set highlighting Albanian sounds. Together, these moments reflected the festival's role as a platform for visibility, solidarity, and the celebration of queer life in Prishtina. The activities collectively reached an audience of over one thousand people.





## **HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK 2025, ANOTHER REFLECTION THAT WAS MUCH NEEDED**

As a partner in Human Rights Week, CEL Kosova collaborated with Youth Initiative for Human Rights in organizing key activities throughout the week, including the creation of a public mural by the artist Orange Girl. The mural, depicting a young girl as a superhero in motion and accompanied by the message “Activist – What is your power?”, symbolized courage, resistance, and collective empowerment.

The week concluded with a joint closing ceremony that reflected on these themes and recognized the role of art and activism in advancing human rights.

# BUILDING POWER ACROSS BORDERS: CEL KOSOVA'S ROLE IN THE ERA CONFERENCE

CEL Kosova took part and co-organized the ERA Conference, joining LGBTI+ organizations, activists, and human rights defenders from across the Western Balkans and Europe to exchange experiences and reflect on the state of LGBTI+ rights in the region. The conference served as an important space for dialogue, learning, and regional solidarity, addressing shared challenges and opportunities for advancing equality and inclusion.

Through its participation, CEL Kosova engaged in discussions on advocacy, community resilience, and regional cooperation, reinforcing the importance of cross-border collaboration in responding to shrinking civic space and ongoing discrimination. The conference strengthened connections with partner organizations and contributed to collective efforts to amplify LGBTI+ voices and rights within broader human rights and democratic processes.

During the ERA Conference, CEL Kosova followed key plenary sessions focused on political mobilization and movement sustainability in the Western Balkans and Türkiye. Discussions explored how community power can move from protest to policy through advocacy, coalition-building, and engagement with institutions, while also addressing the internal strength of movements—well-being, solidarity, and long-term sustainability amid shrinking civic space.





## **“I WILL NOT BE SITTING IN SILENCE” – WHEN ART BECOMES A FORM OF ADVOCACY**

Alliances and partnerships remain key catalysts of CEL Kosova's work.

On the first day of the ERA Conference, CEL Kosova and ERA were welcomed by the Embassy of Luxembourg in Kosovo for an evening celebrating art, activism, and collective success. The event featured the presentation of “I Will Not Be Sitting in Silence”, an exhibition by artist Zana Begolli, highlighting the power of artistic expression as a form of resistance and advocacy.

The exhibition was later reopened in December 2025 to mark the International Human Rights Day at the Grand Hotel in Prishtina and attended by around 250 people.

Presented once again as a reflective and immersive space, the exhibition highlighted characters often silenced or marginalized by oppressive mentalities, yet portrayed with resilience and persistence. Through depth, continuity, and visual coherence, the exhibition reinforced the message that silence may serve reflection, but must never enable the suppression of human rights.

# ART THERAPY WEEK: MENTAL HEALTH, COMMUNITY, AND COLLABORATION

CEL Kosova partnered with Art Therapy Week to support a multidisciplinary festival dedicated to mental health, community care, and creative expression. The opening of the festival on 12 May brought together civil society organizations, professionals, and community members to highlight the role of art, dialogue, and collective responsibility in promoting psychological wellbeing. CEL Kosova's participation reflected its ongoing commitment to integrating mental health, human rights, and community-based approaches.

As part of the opening program, Rina Braimi, Director of Programs at CEL Kosova, addressed the audience alongside representatives of partner organizations, emphasizing the importance of solidarity and inclusive mental health frameworks. The first activity of the "Shëndeti FundaMENTAL" program featured an open conversation on suicide, followed by the screening of the documentary *Throwline*, which explored community-led suicide prevention initiatives. The evening continued with a panel discussion on strengthening the sense of community, where CEL Kosova contributed perspectives on the role of connection, care, and civic engagement in mental health.

Through this collaboration, CEL Kosova supported spaces that encouraged honest dialogue, collective reflection, and shared responsibility for wellbeing. Around 80.000 accounts were reached via social media on behalf of CEL Kosova.

## WRITING AS HEALING WORKSHOP



## JAVA E TERAPISE SE ARTIT

Edicioni 12-17  
i Shtatë MAJ



## POTTERY



*Dita e Parë*  
13 Maj 2025, 17:00

*Dita e Dytë*  
17 Maj 2025, 13:00

# FROM CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY: RESEARCH AS QUEER ADVOCACY

In collaboration with the University of Prishtina, CEL Kosova implemented the UP Students Research – Advocacy Fellowship, a program designed to strengthen academic engagement with LGBTIQ+ rights and advocacy.

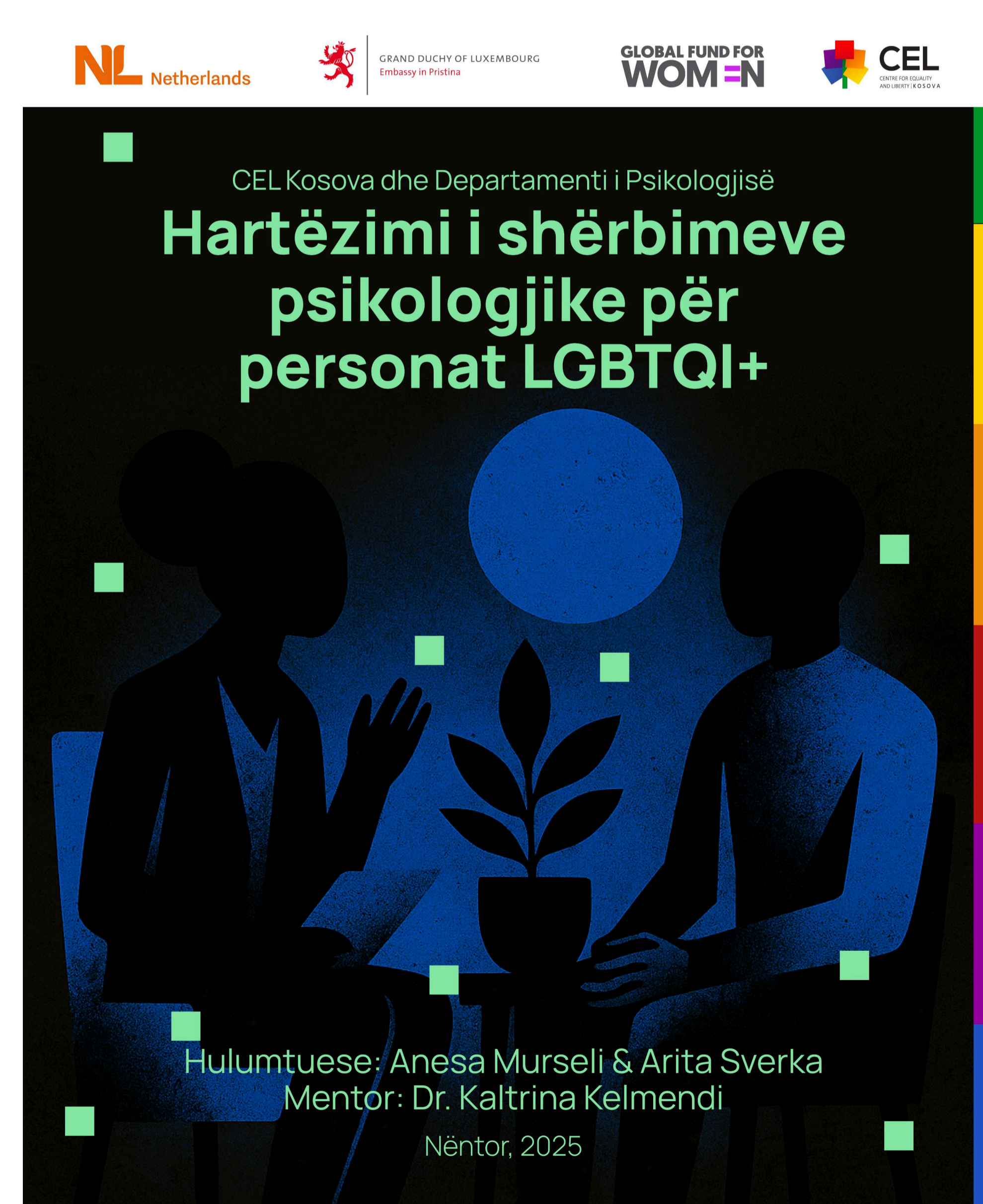
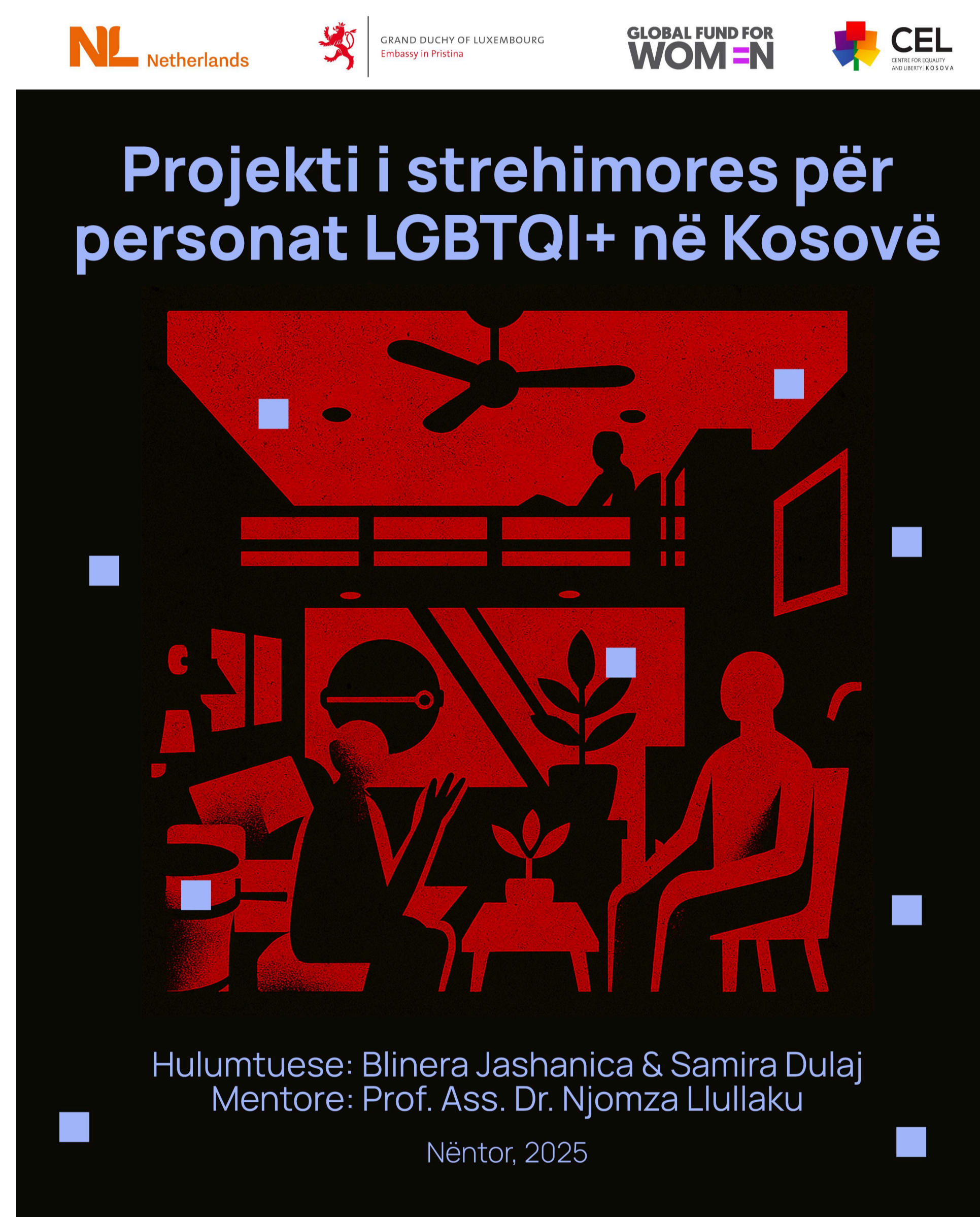
Through this initiative, University of Prishtina students conducted mentored research addressing key structural and social challenges faced by LGBTIQ+ communities in Kosovo.

The program resulted in the publication of four research papers focusing on LGBTIQ+ shelter services, the needs and challenges of LGBTIQ+ students, mapping psychological support services, and public discourse toward LGBTQ+ individuals during local elections, contributing evidence-based knowledge to both civil society and academic spaces.

- [Shelter Project for LGBTIQ+ Persons in Kosovo](#)
- [Needs and Challenges of LGBTIQ+ Community Students at the University](#)
- [Mapping of Psychological Services for LGBTIQ+ Persons](#)
- [Public Discourse and Language Used Towards LGBTQ+ Persons in Local Elections](#)

The findings were presented at the Faculty of Philosophy in Prishtina to students, mentors, partners, and a wider audience, strengthening dialogue between academia and civil society. The studies are publicly available on CEL Kosova's website.

This research presentation and the student fellowship collaboration were supported by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Kosovo, the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Global Fund for Women.



# AGAINST HATE AT THE BALLOT BOX

Ahead of the parliamentary elections in Kosovo, CEL Kosova, in collaboration with Dylberizm, contributed to an advocacy initiative highlighting political candidates whose public statements, voting records, or actions have opposed the constitutional rights of LGBTIQ+ people. Based on verified public data, the initiative raised awareness about candidates who have promoted homophobic rhetoric, rejected marriage equality, opposed legal gender recognition, or used stigmatizing and discriminatory language.



# BEYOND THE STAGE: CONVERSATIONS ON DRAG CULTURE IN KOSOVO

In November, we organized a panel discussion bringing together drag performers and event organizers to reflect on the current state of drag culture in Kosovo. The conversation explored challenges, barriers, and opportunities for the further development of drag as an artistic and cultural practice, emphasizing the importance of dialogue alongside performance. The panel featured contributions from Divas, Rebiswan, and Honey, and created space for critical exchange, community reflection, and collective vision-building.



# SPACES TO BREATHE, SPACES TO HEAL: CEL KOSOVA'S FREE PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP

Throughout the year, CEL Kosova continued to provide free psychological support services for LGBTIQ+ individuals, creating a safe and confidential space for care, reflection, and healing. These services responded to the ongoing mental health needs of the community, offering professional support aimed at strengthening emotional wellbeing, resilience, and access to care for those who may otherwise face barriers to psychological services.



## SHËRBIME PSIKOLOGJIKE FALAS



# WHEN ACTIVISM DISRUPTS COMFORT

We organized another public discussion on activism as both a catalyst for social change and a space of tension, disagreement, and reflection. The conversation explored how activism in public spaces and institutions in Kosovo has shaped political and social realities, while also challenging idealized narratives within activist movements themselves. Featuring Rina Braimi, Qendresa Hyseni, Blenda Asllani, and Ms Indefinite, the discussion generated a productive debate on activism as a tool for confronting social apathy and provoking meaningful change.



# AGAINST ERASURE: THE LGBTI+ ARCHIVE OF CEL KOSOVA

Throughout 2025, CEL Kosova continued to highlight and expand the Archive of the LGBTI+ Movement in Kosovo as a living repository of queer history, activism, and cultural production.

Through a series of public posts, the Archive brought renewed attention to key materials such as Q-Magazine (2012), an important bilingual publication documenting early queer narratives in Kosovo and the region; awareness campaigns and poetic activism led by Semi Cakolli and QESH, preserved as part of the audiovisual collections; and a powerful queer reinterpretation of the traditional Albanian song “Qou Rexho” performed by artist AKA Thesaur.

These materials demonstrate how LGBTIQ+ activism, art, and resistance have shaped collective memory across generations.

The Archive remains an open and continuously evolving space, inviting community contributions to preserve and honor queer histories in Kosovo.

ARKIVI I LËVIZJES LGBTI+ NË KOSOVO

REVISTA & ZINE

ARKIVI I LËVIZJES LGBTI+ NË KOSOVO

FOTOTEKA

ARKIVI I LËVIZJES LGBTI+ NË KOSOVO

MATERIALE AUDIOVIZUALE

ARKIVI I LËVIZJES LGBTI+ NË KOSOVO

FOTOTEKA

Albumi i Piro Rexhepit 2001-2003

QESH, në vitin 2012 botoi edicionin e gjashtë të magazinës, me titullin kryesor 'Fag Hag - Unë jam një Aleat'.

Ajo është kënduar në raste mortore ose në oda burrash, shpesh e shoqëruar me lahutë ose vetëm me zë. Mes atyre që e kanë kënduar ka qenë edhe Qamilii i Vogëli.

Versioni këtu, pjesë e Arkivit të Lëvizjes LGBTI+ në Kosovë është një performancë nga artisti AKA Thesaur, artist shqiptar që e ka sjellë versionin queer të këngës me plot mishërim.

# ACCELERATING FEMINIST FUTURES: QUEER WOMEN'S VOICES IN FOCUS

As part of Women's History Month and the international #AccelerateAction – International Women's Day 2025 campaign, CEL Kosova partnered with Indefinite Institute to co-organize a public discussion on "The Contribution of Queer Women to the Feminist Cause." Held on 13 March, the discussion foregrounded the indispensable role of queer women in shaping feminist movements in Kosovo, bringing together more than 40 activists, artists, and journalists for an intersectional exchange.



## DEFENDING THE RIGHT TO BE YOURSELF – ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

Through the project Defending the Right to Be Yourself, CEL Kosova implemented an advocacy and awareness campaign addressing the rise of anti-gender movements in Kosovo and their impact on human rights, wellbeing, and personal freedoms.

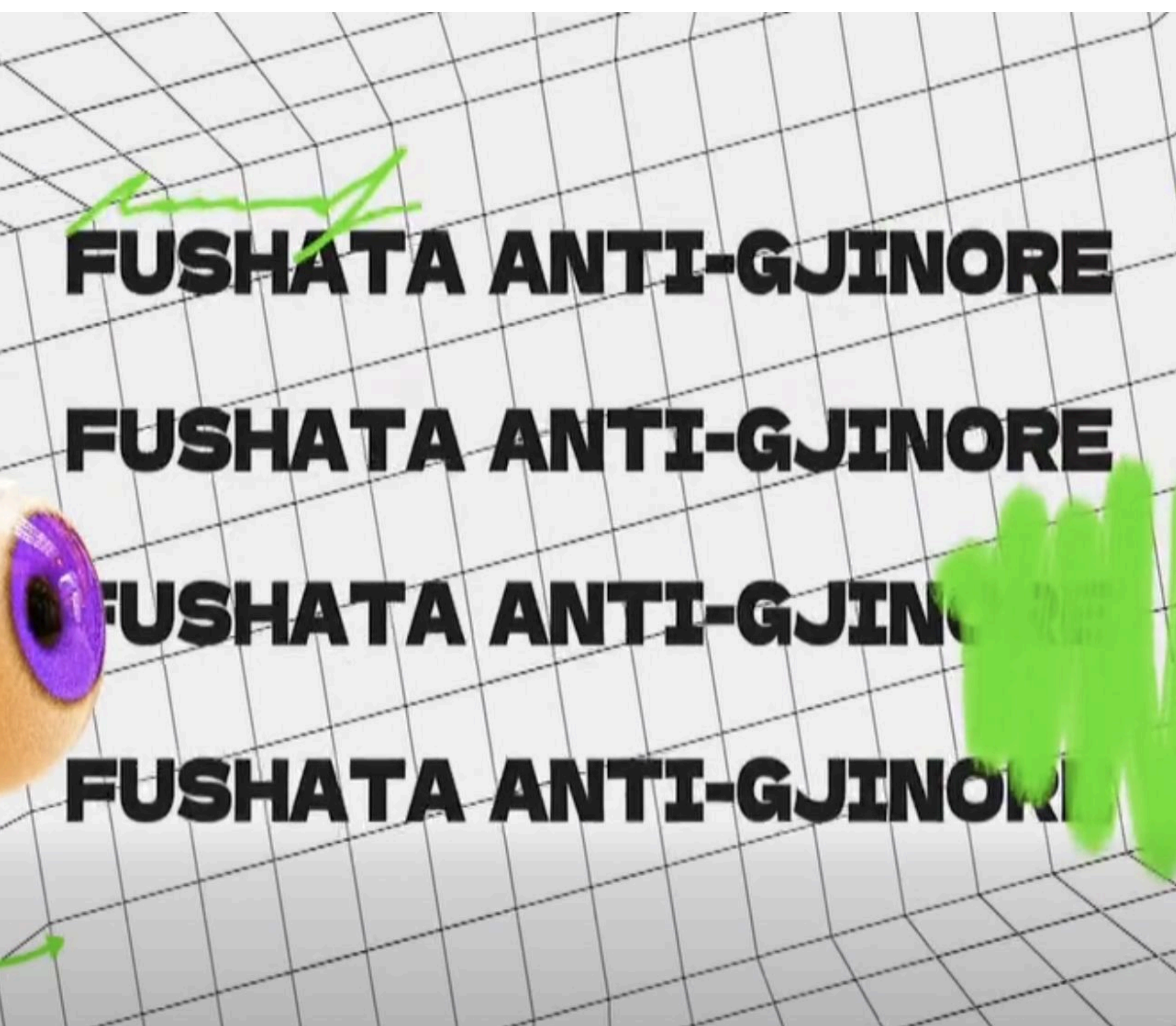
Using video storytelling as a tool for public engagement, the project challenged fear-based narratives and opened space for dialogue on dignity, equality, and the right to live authentically.

The project was implemented by CEL Kosova in cooperation with the Jahjaga Foundation and CSGD Kosovo, with the support of the French Embassy in Kosovo.

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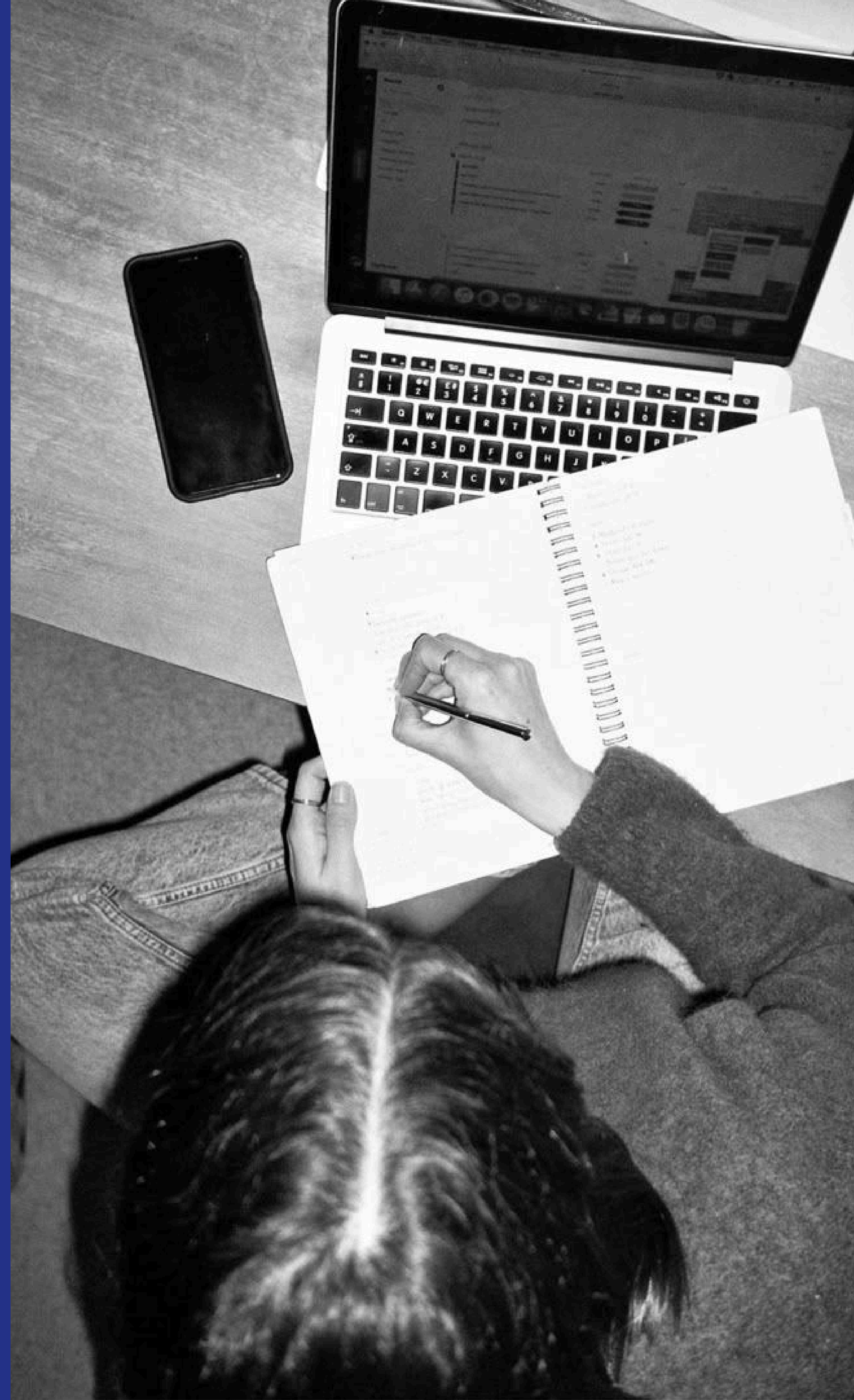
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On Friday, April 11, in Pristina, a regional workshop addressing anti-gender propaganda was held as part of the project. The event brought together representatives from various gender equality organizations, including feminist and LGBTQI+ groups from Kosovo and North Macedonia.



## GROWING FUTURE ADVOCATES: CEL KOSOVA'S PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

CEL Kosova continued its paid internship program as an essential pathway for nurturing new generations of human rights defenders and LGBTIQ+ advocates. Each year, the organization engages two interns for five-month placements, offering meaningful, hands-on experience in advocacy, communications, research, and community work within a supportive environment. By providing paid internships, CEL Kosova ensures access, equity, and dignity in professional development, while strengthening the organization through the energy, perspectives, and commitment of emerging activists and professionals.



## LEARNING THROUGH DIALOGUE: GUEST LECTURE AT THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

In May, CEL Kosova contributed to academic dialogue through an open lecture delivered by Rina Braimi, Director of Programs at CEL Kosova, at the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina. The lecture explored the history, rights, and ongoing challenges faced by LGBTIQ+ communities in Kosovo, with particular attention to social inclusion, mental health, and the role of solidarity in building a more just society.



# THE POWER OF DATA: ADVANCING LGBTIQ+ TOGETHER WITH ILGA EUROPE

CEL Kosova participated in the The Power of Data training in Brussels, alongside 16 organizations from across Europe, focused on strengthening advocacy for shelters supporting LGBTIQ+ individuals experiencing homelessness. The training emphasized the strategic use of data to document lived realities, amplify marginalized voices, and influence policy change. Through this exchange, CEL Kosova strengthened its capacity to use evidence-based approaches in advancing safe housing and protection for LGBTIQ+ communities.



# STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

On 7 March, CEL Kosova, in collaboration with Linja e Jetës, organized an open discussion focused on psychological support for LGBTQI+ communities. The conversation addressed community needs, accessibility of services, and ways in which CEL Kosova and Linja e Jetës can strengthen cooperation to provide more responsive and inclusive mental health support.



## QUEER WOMEN AND EMPLOYMENT IN FEMINIST DISCOURSE

CEL Kosova contributed to the 2025 edition of Koha për Gratë, the annual feminist supplement published by Kosovar Gender Studies Center on the occasion of International Women's Day. This year's edition focused on key issues affecting gender equality, including women's participation in politics, anti-gender movements, online hate speech, sexual education, and employment inequalities.



## BRINGING PRACTICE TO LIFE: VIDEO PRESENTATION OF THE GBV MANUAL

CEL Kosova produced a video presentation highlighting the core principles and practical value of the manual "Social Work in Addressing Gender-Based Violence: LGBTQI+ Persons." The video translated key concepts from the publication into an accessible format, emphasizing inclusive and sensitive approaches to supporting LGBTQI+ survivors of gender-based violence. By presenting work techniques, case studies, and systemic perspectives, the video contributed to strengthening professional understanding and more effective support mechanisms. The activity was supported by the Municipality of Prishtina.

# SPEAKING SCIENCE: A PODCAST ON SEXOLOGY AND LGBTIQ+ WELLBEING

CEL Kosova, in collaboration with Paparapara and Seanca, produced a concise podcast episode featuring sexologist Hajrullah Fejza, aimed at addressing questions around sexuality, health, and the role of sexology in family and society. Grounded in medical and scientific perspectives, the conversation explored the relevance of sexology for LGBTIQ+ communities and broader social understanding, using clear and accessible language to counter misinformation and stigma. The podcast contributed to public education and open dialogue on topics often surrounded by silence and prejudice. The episode was produced with the support of the Global Fund for Women.

## COMMUNIQUÉS AND ADVOCACY RESPONSES

Throughout the year, CEL Kosova issued public statements, reactions, and joint communiqués in response to developments affecting human rights, equality, and the wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities in Kosovo. These public positions addressed instances of discrimination, hate speech, policy regressions, and broader social debates, while also expressing solidarity with other civil society organizations and affected communities. You can find some of our communiqués and public responses here:

- CEL Kosova constantly takes part in public protests and civic actions as part of its broader commitment to human rights, social justice, and democratic accountability. By joining citizens, activists, and civil society partners in the streets, CEL Kosova contributed to collective mobilization around shared demands for dignity, equality, and institutional responsibility. Participation in public protest remains an important form of civic engagement for CEL Kosova, reinforcing solidarity with affected communities and amplifying voices calling for social and political change.

- As part of the Prishtina Pride organizing group—composed of CEL Kosova, CSGD, YIHR KS, QKSGJ, and Civil Rights Defenders—a criminal complaint was filed with the Prishtina Police against an individual suspected of inciting hatred, division, and intolerance through the dissemination of hate speech targeting LGBTIQ+ communities on an online platform. This joint legal action underscored the shared commitment of civil society organizations to confront hate speech, protect community safety, and insist on legal accountability.



**Prishtina Pride ka ngritur  
kallëzim penal ndaj një personi  
për shpërndarje të gjuhës së  
urrejtjes dhe thirrje publike  
kundër komunitetit LGBTQ+**



- CEL Kosova joined other NGO's in issuing a public reaction expressing full support and solidarity with YIHR Kosovo following public attacks, misinterpretations, and stigmatization directed at its work. The joint statement emphasized the essential role of civil society organizations in promoting human rights, civic education, critical thinking, and democratic values, including transitional justice. It reaffirmed the importance of safeguarding the freedom of action of civil society and called for a safe environment in which education, public debate, and critical discourse can take place without pressure, fear, or intimidation.

**Reagim**

Letër reaguese dhe mbështetëse për organizatën YIHR - Nisma e të rinjve për të drejtat e njeriut Kosovë.

Civil Rights Defenders, CEL Kosova, Qendra Kosovare për Studime Gjinore dhe Qendra për Zhvillimin e Grupeve Shoqërore, reagojmë ndaj sulmeve, keqinterpretimeve dhe stigmatizimit publik ndaj organizatës YIHR - Nisma e të rinjve për të drejtat e njeriut Kosovë dhe shprehim mbështetjen tonë të plotë për punën e saj.

Si organizata të shoqërisë civile, qëndrojmë fuqishëm në mbrojtje të punës së organizatës YIHR-it dhe të gjitha organizatave të shoqërisë civile që angazhohen në promovimin e të drejtave të njeriut, edukimit qytetar, mendimit kritik dhe informimit të të rinjve mbi çështje me rëndësi publike, përfshirë drejtësinë tranzicionale dhe institucionet demokratike.

Aktivitetet informuese dhe edukative në shkolla dhe hapësira publike, të zhvilluara në mënyrë transparente dhe në përputhje me praktikën ekzistuese, përbëjnë një kontribut thelbësor për ndërtimin e një shoqërie demokratike dhe të informuar. Keqinterpretimi, stigmatizimi apo sulmet ndaj organizatave të shoqërisë civile për shkak të punës së tyre rrezikojnë hapësirën qytetare dhe dialogun demokratik.

Ne i bashkohemi thirrjeve për respektimin e lirisë së veprimit të shoqërisë civile, mbrojtjen e organizatave të të drejtave të njeriut nga presioni publik dhe institucional, si dhe krijimin e një mjedisi të sigurt ku edukimi, debati dhe mendimi kritik të mund të zhvillohen pa frikë apo kërcënim.

Qëndrojmë në solidaritet të plotë me YIHR Kosovë dhe me të gjitha organizatat që punojnë për një shoqëri më të drejtë, gjithëpërfshirëse dhe demokratike.

- As a member of the Human Rights Network in Kosovo, CEL Kosova joined the Network's public statement marking International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December). The statement reaffirmed the importance of promoting the rights and wellbeing of persons with disabilities across all areas of society and development, while calling on institutions to ensure full, active, and equal participation in public life.

- Since 2016, Qendra Streha has provided shelter to 21 LGBTI individuals from Kosovo who have survived physical and psychological violence, persecution, and serious threats. CEL Kosova joined partner organizations in reaffirming strong and continued support for Qendra Streha and its vital work, despite some scandalous statements that circulated in Albanian televisions. This collective position emphasized that the protection of human rights, personal safety, and human dignity remains a shared responsibility and an essential pillar of an inclusive and just society.

**REAGIM**

Ne, organizatat CEL Kosova, Dylberizm, Sekhmet, Hyjneshat, Bubble dhe CSGD, qëndrojmë krah Qendrës Streha në Shqipëri dhe ritheksojmë rëndësinë jetike që kjo qendër ka pasur dhe vazhdon të ketë për komunitetin LGBTI në Kosovë. Për shumë vite, në mungesë të një strehimoreje të dedikuar për personat LGBTI në vendin tonë, Streha ka qenë i vetmi mekanizëm real i sigurisë, ku dhjetëra raste të dhunës së rëndë dhe rrezikut për jetë janë adresuar në bashkëpunim me autoritetet e rendit.

Që nga viti 2016, Qendra Streha ka strehuar 21 persona LGBTI nga Kosova, të cilët kanë qenë viktime të dhunës fizike, psikologjike, përndjekjes dhe kërcënimeve serioze. Falë profesionalizmit, kujdesit dhe përkushtimit të stafit të Strehës, këta persona jo vetëm që kanë kaluar fazën kritike të rrezikut, por kanë gjetur edhe mbështetje për t'i rikthyer jetës së tyre sigurinë, stabilitetin dhe dinjitetin.

Si organizata që kemi qenë dëshmitare të drejtpërdrejta të punës së Strehës dhe të ndikimit të saj të jashtëzakonshëm, i përgënjeshtrojmë fuqishëm të gjitha pretendimet e rreme dhe të dëmshme që po qarkullojnë në disa media në Shqipëri. Këto sulme të koordinuara jo vetëm synojnë të zbehin punën e Strehës e cila është thelbësore për mbrojtjen e të drejtave thelbësore të njeriut, por përbëjnë edhe rrezik të drejtpërdrejtë për sigurinë e komunitetit tonë, duke dekurajuar raportimin e dhunës dhe kërkimin e ndihmës në situata emergjente.

Ne shprehim mirënjohjen dhe falënderimin tonë të sinqertë për Qendrën Streha. Kontributi i tyre i pandërprerë në mbrojtjen, strehimin dhe fuqizimin e personave LGBTI nga Kosova është unik dhe i pazëvendësueshëm.

Organizatata tona do të vazhdojnë të qëndrojnë fuqishëm në mbështetje të Strehës dhe të mbrojnë punën e saj jetike. Mbrojtja e të drejtave të njeriut, sigurisë dhe dinjitetit njerëzor mbetet detyrimi ynë i përbashkët.

- CEL Kosova joined a collective reaction by civil society organizations urging Kosovo's elected representatives to use the final constitutional opportunity to unblock the Assembly and fulfill their democratic responsibilities. Issued on the last day of the constitutional deadline for constituting the Assembly, the statement called on political parties and deputies to demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and commitment to the public interest through dialogue, compromise, and cooperation. [LINK](#)

- In May, the Human Rights Network officially published the Civil Society Report on Human Rights in Kosovo for 2024, to which CEL Kosova contributed as a member organization. Developed through the collective work of 40 civil society organizations, the report presents 96 concrete recommendations addressed to Kosovo's institutions to improve the protection and promotion of human rights.



# A LIVING ARCHIVE AND PUBLIC REFERENCE: CEL KOSOVA'S WEBSITE

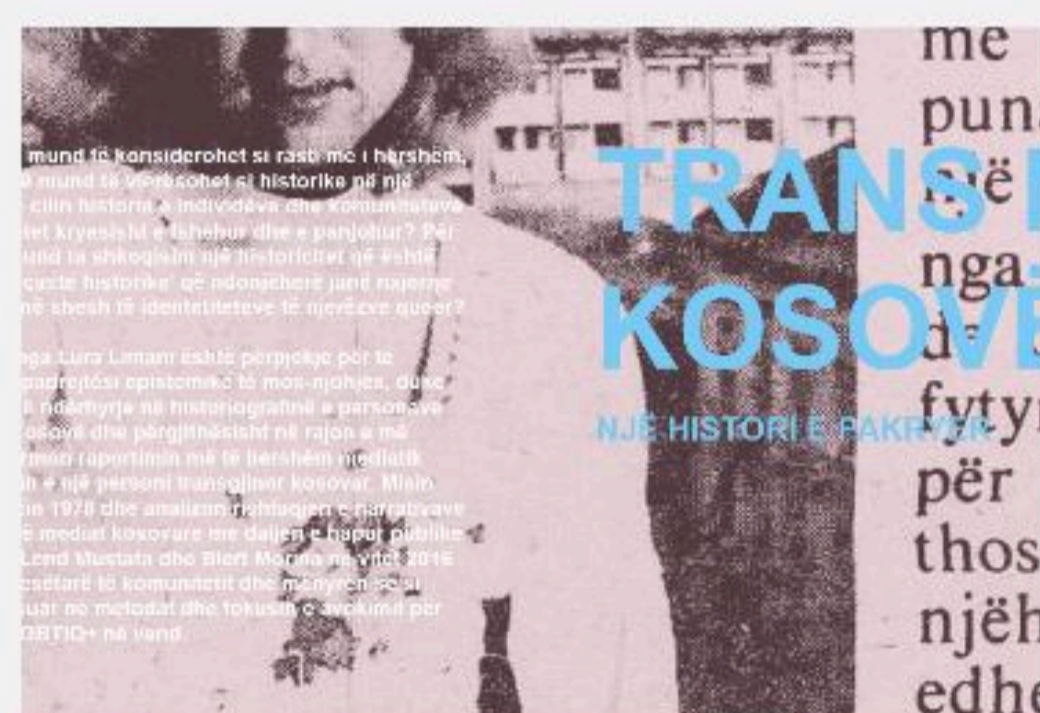
In 2025, the CEL Kosova website continued to serve as a central public reference for the organization's work, reaching around 12,000 visitors over the year. More than a digital platform, the website functions as a living archive of advocacy, research, cultural initiatives, public statements, and community engagement. It provides open access to reports, policy papers, publications, campaigns, and educational resources, ensuring transparency and long-term visibility of CEL Kosova's contributions to human rights and LGBTIQ+ advocacy.

## Koleksionet

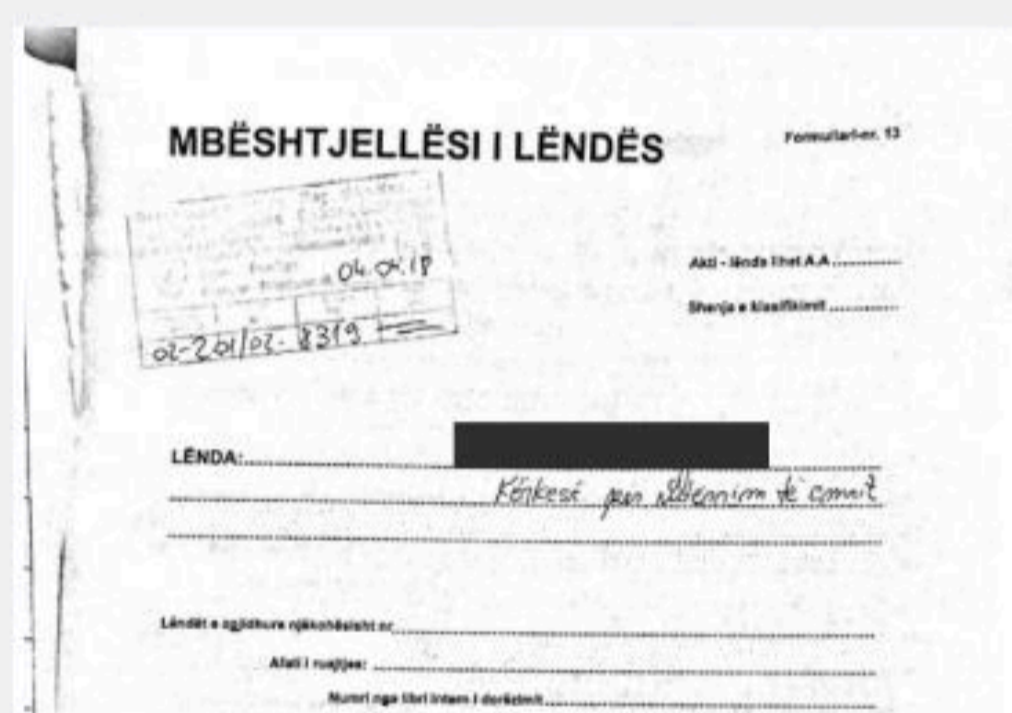
Koleksionet e Arkivit të Lëvizjes LGBTIQ+ në Kosovë përbëhen nga forma të ndryshme dokumentare, hulmimi dhe grumbullimi i të cilave u realizua duke identifikuar krijuesit, prodhuesit dhe poseduesit e këtyre materialeve. Këto materiale shpërfaqin përvojat e personave dhe aleatëve të komuniteteve LGBTIQ+ nga Kosova, duke na mundësuar pasqyrimin e rrjedhshmërisë së ngjarjeve. Koleksionet janë të organizuara mbi bazë alfabetike dhe janë krijuar sipas natyrës së prodhimeve apo krijimeve. Për t'i qëndruar sa më afër natyrës së tyre, disa koleksione përbëhen edhe nga nën-koleksionet po ashtu me shtrirje alfabetike. Në secilin koleksion dhe nën-koleksion, materialet e arkivuara janë të rregulluara në mënyrë kronologjike dhe përmbajnë katalogje me kolona të kategorizuara që përmbledhin informacionet bazë të tyre.



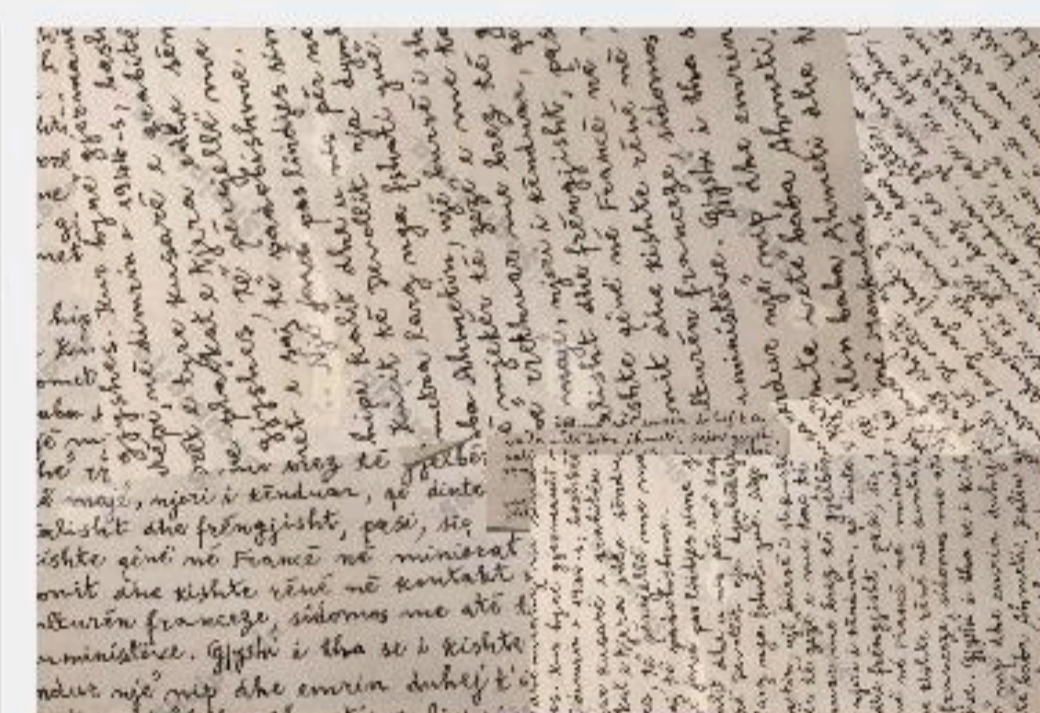
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