



EUROCENTRALASIAN LESBIAN*COMMUNITY

About EL*C

<https://lesbiangenius.org>

The Eurocentralasian Lesbian* Community – EL*C is a lesbian feminist and intersectional network. The EL*C started out of a self-organised space in 2016 and we grew to being a network of hundreds of individual and organization members. EL*C main goal is to advocate for the multitude of needs surrounding the rights, the visibility and the well-being of lesbians throughout Europe and Central Asia. As lesbians we recognize and address the necessity to create spaces where lesbians' voices are heard, to include lesbian issues in all conversations and policies which shape our lives and to shine a light on lesbian visibility in impervious waters.

In 2016, more than 70 lesbian activists from all over Europe had the opportunity to come together and realise that, despite differences in political, legal and financial status within the European lesbian movements, there is a common and urgent need to focus on lesbians needs, struggles and oppression, to empower and to increase our visibility and broaden networks. Thus, the EL*C dream was born and expanded over the last 6 years, growing in numbers and in political force, encompassing over 70 NGOs and hundreds of individual members in Europe and Central Asia.

We have since organized 3 EL*C Conferences, numerous Genius Talks, LesBienne of Lesbian Art and Culture, the International Lesbian Visibility Awards and Lesbian Visibility Week. More than just spaces to convene, these events have served as bonding agents for change, places where lesbian voices have made themselves heard and opportunities to network, bond and work together.

We have published our own research focused on lesbians and we are present at an institutional level with our advocacy to ensure that lesbian needs are visible, heard and considered when creating policies and laws.

OUR GOALS

NETWORKING

Establish the lesbian network as a representative, powerful and visible voice of the lesbian* movements in Europe and Central Asia

COMMUNITY

Enhance visibility, self-determination and autonomy of lesbians* in Europe and Central Asia, while reclaiming power within political, economic, social, cultural and media spheres

SOCIETY

Advocate, promote and improve protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of lesbians* Europe and Central Asia