

Welcome April!

Dear Friends,

March has been quite challenging weatherwise, however, April is here bringing more colour and sun to our lives –hopefully!

Either way, Europaia is here to brighten your days. Let's have a look at what is happening this month...

Europaia's new logo



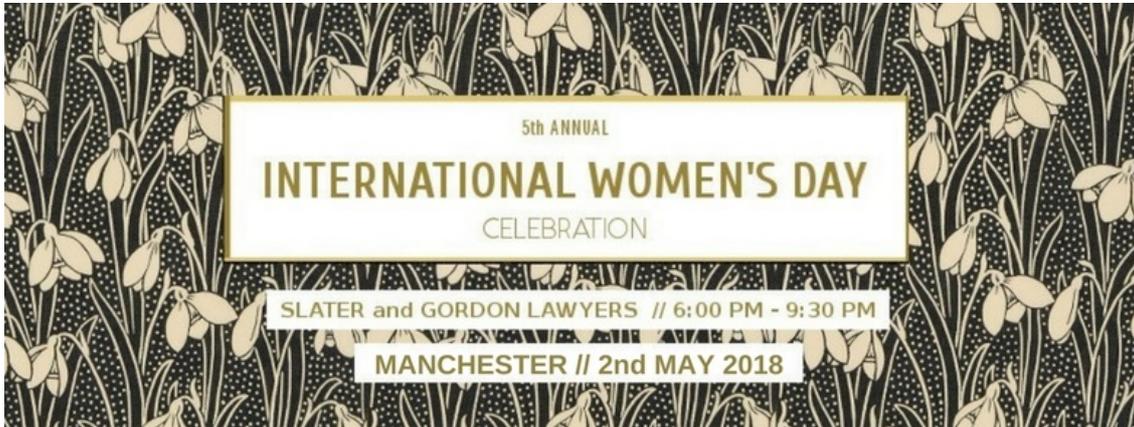
Spring is the season of renewal. Therefore, what better time to introduce you our new logo, created by the talented [Ineta Šimelionytė](#). We want our new visuals to represent each and every one of you, regardless of which European country you come from. Our core values and vision are not changing. We are still here to support, educate, empower and represent European Expats across Greater Manchester to prosper in their communities. We stand for:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Inclusion for all people
- Tolerance
- Creativity, innovation, flexibility
- Credibility, trustworthiness
- Solidarity
- Openness
- Courage
- Celebrating diversity

[Read](#) what Europaia's Executive Director [Kush Chottera](#) has to say about the new logo and its meaning.

Join us in this new era of solidarity and hope!

5th Annual International Women's Day celebration



As you know, our planned [5th International Women's Day event](#) had to be postponed due to the extreme weather conditions that hit the UK earlier last month. The new date for the event is Wednesday the 2nd of May at Slater & Gordon.

We will kick off with a prosecco reception with nibbles and cakes from the [Polish Village Bakery](#). From there we will proceed to speeches from charismatic representatives of the community, local council and business sector. In addition, there will be a guided business networking session by [Alan Lewis](#) (author of *"Dearest Axeman..." 77 Top Networking Tips To Turbocharge Your Business*), a special selection of O!PLA animation screening and business stalls by European Expat businesses. All our guests will receive a specially handpicked goody bag from [Aga Foods](#).

The event is hosted by [Dr Hannah Wadle](#), researcher, artist, writer, learning facilitator.

Speakers:

[Dzidra Noor](#) (Lawyer, Labour Councillor for Levenshulme)

[Ruta Skudraite](#) (Founder and Events Curator of [Art Vanguard](#))

[Ottilia Ördög](#) (Director and Founder of [Beat Bazaar](#), Director of [Góbéfest](#))

[Pavla Mataskova](#) (MIS and Examinations Manager at [St. Bede's College](#))

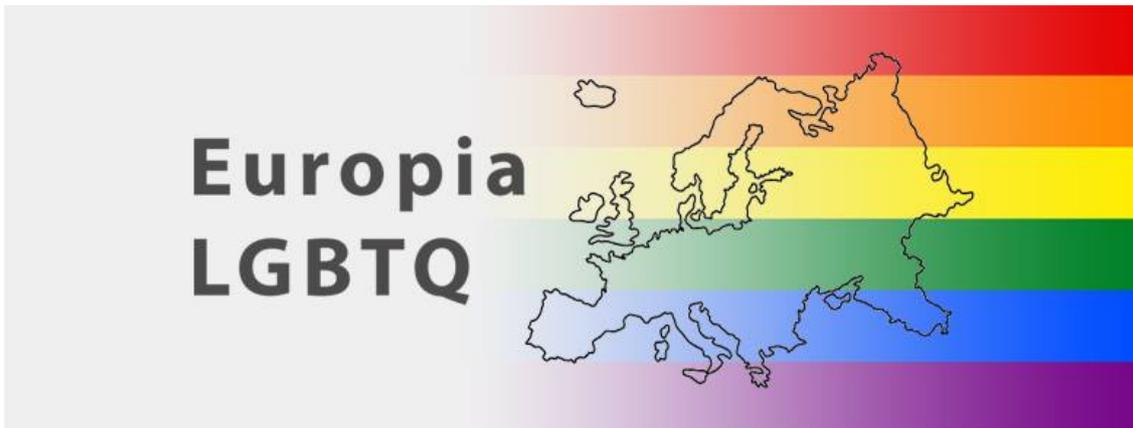
[Maria Kompanowski](#) (Public Speaker [Kompanowski Ltd](#), [Dolphin Seminars Ltd](#))

[Catherine Machalinski](#) (Chartered Management Accountant [Prevail Accountancy Ltd](#))

Buy your ticket for £30 here

*Please Note: All money raised from this year's [International Women's Day event](#) will be used to provide **FREE high-quality training** on how to set up a small business/becoming self-employed to European expat women living in Greater Manchester who face multiple barriers in their day to day lives. This project has been created based on the surveys conducted in [English](#) and [Polish](#). If you or the organisation you work for would like to support this project please donate [here](#).*

1st 2018 European Expats LGBTQ Ideas Exchange



On the 21st of April, the [1st 2018 European Expats LGBTQ Ideas Exchange](#) will take place at the [Nexus Art Cafe](#). The aim of this gathering is to exchange ideas and do a little brainstorming towards future LGBTQ events and activities around Manchester (Greater Manchester). Everyone is welcome, no matter if you have a clear concept on your mind, questions or just would like to get an overall idea about our group.

The meeting is open to all LGBTQ members from the European Expat Community as well as their friends and supporters.

We aim to:

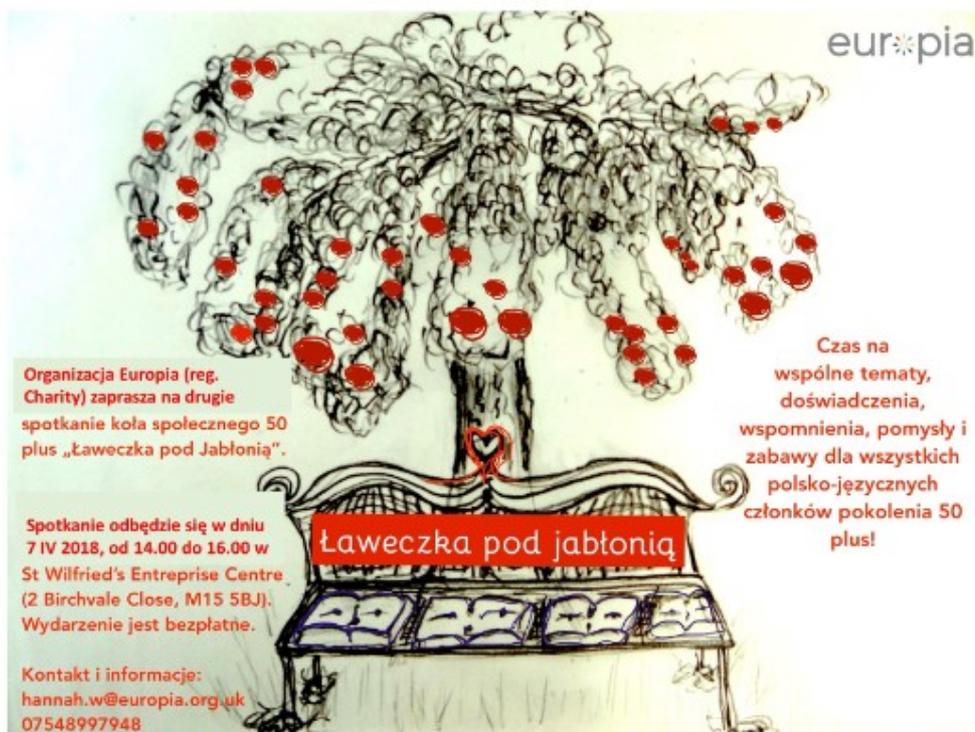
- Exchange ideas for various types of activities and events.
- Create a network of LGBTQ European Expat Community.
- Support each other.
- Connect with people who would like to share their creativity and skills.

When: Saturday 21 April, 14:00–16:00

Where: Nexus Art Cafe, 2 Dale Street, Manchester, M1 1JW (opposite "Vinyl Exchange")

Cost: FREE event

Ławeczka pod Jabłonią / The Bench Under the Apple Tree



[Ławeczka pod Jabłonią](#) (The Bench Under the Apple Tree) is a Polish-speaking group for people over the age of 50, facilitated by [Dr Hannah C. Wadle](#). It is a space to exchange experiences, memories, have fun, eat cake and make friends. We also offer some input if requested by the group. Read more about the project [here](#).

On the 7th of April, we will gather for our second meeting from 14:00 to 16:00 at Europaia. This time we will be focusing on sharing experiences from the workplace in Poland and the UK. We aim to look at the rights of agency workers in the UK. We will also discuss pensions and where to find trustworthy information regarding these subjects.

To sign up and for more information, please email Hannah.w@europia.org.uk or call 07548997948 (we speak Polish).

When: Saturday 7 April, 14:00–16:00

Where: Europaia, St Wilfrid's Enterprise Centre, Royce Road, Hulme, M15 5BJ

(*Please use M15 5LA for satnav)

Cost: FREE event



Monthly FREE advice sessions



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FREE support & advice from our adviser **Norman Beverley** and our solicitor **Marta Grzelak**

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- Our [FREE welfare advice session](#) with [Norman Beverley](#) will take place on Saturday the 7th of April. We also offer a FREE Legal Surgery with our qualified solicitor [Marta Grzelak](#) on the third Wednesday of each month. The next surgery is scheduled for Wednesday the 18th of April. Get in touch at 07597574863 or support@europia.org.uk to make an appointment.
- If you need support and guidance with your Permanent Residency Application we are [here](#) to help you. Give us a call on 07597574863 or send a message to support@europia.org.uk.



Do you want to gain professional experience, learn new skills, meet people from different countries & backgrounds and give back to your community? Join our

volunteer team and help us deliver exciting events that bring Greater Manchester's European communities closer.

We are looking for:

- Admin Assistant
- Events Assistant
- Cultural Consultant

Get in touch: 03333058570 or hello@europia.org.uk

That's all for now, until next month. If there is anything that you would like to share with us, our email is always on at hello@europia.org.uk or you can give us a call at 03333058570 or 07754398007 during our working days.

Thank you to everyone for their hard work, commitment and support this month.

Found something interesting and useful?
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