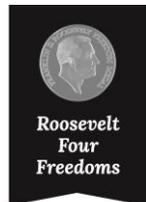




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## Program

*Lifelong Equality: International  
Workshop on LGBTQ Elderly Care*

# Lifelong Equality

## International Workshop on LGBTQ Elderly Care

**DATE** Wednesday 24 May 2017  
**TIME** 10:00-18:00  
**LOCATION** Filmzaal Provinciehuis, Abdij 9, 4331 BK Middelburg

Since the sexual revolution of the 1960s, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) people have fought against social stigma, exclusion and discrimination. The first generation of advocates for LGBTQ rights, which has lived to see same-sex marriage and many other rights granted in several parts of the world, is now well beyond retirement age. But it is this generation of LGBTQ people that now requires a different kind of attention. Over the past few years, a plurality of independent studies and government surveys have shown that LGBTQ senior citizens are a particularly vulnerable group in our society.

In the Netherlands, the *Algemene Nederlandse Bond Voor Ouderen*, the national association for elderly people, and the COC, the national organization for the LGBTQ community, have launched an initiative to certify those care facilities that have followed a special trajectory to become more inclusive towards the LGBTQ community. The certificate is called the *Roze Loper* and it includes extra training for personnel, as well as the organization of activities that cater towards the specific needs of this group.

The Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, in cooperation with the University College Roosevelt and with the support of the Roosevelt Foundation, the Middelburg City Council, and the Province of Zeeland, is glad to host this policy workshop aimed at analyzing the state-of-the-art of LGBTQ elderly care in the Netherlands and in the United States. The comparison between different national contexts will allow the participants to share their operative knowledge and methods, and to identify best practices that could be implemented across national contexts.

## Program

- 10:00** Registration with Coffee/Tea
- 10:15** Welcoming Addresses:  
Giles Scott-Smith, Roosevelt Institute for American Studies  
Han Polman, King's Commissioner, Province of Zeeland  
Harald Bergmann, Mayor of Middelburg
- 10:30** Introduction
- 10:45** Eveline van der Putte (Author, *Stormachtig Stil*):  
*Roaring Silence: Life Stories of LHBT Seniors*
- 11:15** Karen Fredriksen-Goldsen (Healthy Generations Hartford Center Excellence, University of Washington):  
*Equity: A Powerful Force in the Future of LGBTQ Aging*
- 11:45** Aaron Tax (SAGE USA):  
*Improving the Lives of LGBT Older Adults through Legislative, Administrative, and Grassroots Advocacy*
- 12:15** Q&A
- 13:00-14:00** Lunch
- 14:00-15:00** Plenary Session, Research and Public Policy:  
Opening Speaker: Manon Linschoten (COC Netherlands)
- 15:00-15:15** Coffee/Tea
- 15:15-16:15** Plenary Session, Lobbying and Advocacy:  
Opening Speaker: Kees van der Berg (Ambassador Roze 50+)
- 16:15-17:00** Conclusion
- 17:00-18:00** Reception

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Please register either via phone or email before Wednesday 17 May 2017 at:

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