

PRESS RELEASE

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Young talent Meike Imberg is the winner of the Global LGBT+ Leadership Contest 2019 in Berlin



- **Meike Imberg is the winner of the RAHM Contest in Berlin**
- **100 participants from 20 countries took part**
- **Companies can now apply as hosts for the RAHM Contests 2020**

RAHM
The Global LGBT+
Leadership Community

On 26 July 2019 the sixth edition of the global LGBT+ Leadership Contest RAHM took place in Berlin. Out of 100 participants who went through a three-step application process, Meike Imberg, a German living in England, prevailed and was crowned the winner. The competition was hosted by Commerzbank.

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“As Commerzbank we gladly support this year’s RAHM Contest in Berlin, because we deeply believe in true diversity – not only in society as a whole but within any part of our company as well. Accepting people as they are in everyday life is a huge step forward to real tolerance”, says Kai Werner, Managing Director, Member of the Management Board of Commerzbank Corporate Customers East, on why they decided to host the sixth edition of the RAHM Contest. Furthermore he adds: “We should not only discuss diversity but live it. And yes - this really is about detail, it is about daily interaction between human beings; within the company but also in any interaction with our clients. Only when diversity finds its place in our daily life, it will become normal at last and nothing we need to talk about in particular anymore. This is the key-part of our vision towards real diversity.”

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100 LGBT+ executives and young talents came together at the Commerzbank office at Luetzowplatz in Berlin to demonstrate their personal leadership skills in the one-day competition. The various group activities required above all creative and strategical thinking, crucial time management as well as the ability to debate and to deal with conflicts. An international LGBT+ executive jury evaluated and observed the different performances and gave individual feedback to the participants. The jury consisted of 20 LGBT+ managers and role models, such as **David Levine**, General Manager, Disney Channels UK & Ireland at The Walt Disney Company, **Fabrice Houdart**, Human Rights Officer at United Nations, **Holger Reuschling**, Departmental Director at Commerzbank, **Anastasia Biefang**, Commander at Informationstechnikbataillon 381 and **Lindsay Krakauer**, Head of PMO and Transformation at Siemens Healthineers and the first winner of the RAHM Contest in Berlin 2017.

More information:
rahm.ceo
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The winner **Meike Imberg**, Client Account Manager for Stonewall UK, convinced in the end in group tasks and individual interviews. She is happy about her success: „I can’t put in words how grateful I am that my fellow RAHMers and jury members have chosen me as winner of RAHM 2019 Berlin! It’s a wonderful feeling when others around us believe in us and have so much trust in our abilities. My time in Berlin has been absolutely incredible and I met so many amazing people and made so many new friends which I’ll stay in touch with for years to come. My journey with RAHM has only just started and I couldn’t have asked for a better and more exciting first adventure to join the community!“. She also says: „There is still a lot of work to do for the LGBT+ community around the world, but empowering and inspirational events like the RAHM contests give everyone new energy, new motivation and even more commitment to change the world!“

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Stuart Cameron, CEO of the UHLALA Group and organiser of RAHM, the Global LGBT+ Leadership Community, is pleased about the development of the contest over the past year: *"We are proud to have attracted more women to our contest this year. At the beginning, our women's quota was 10% and has now risen to 30%. Despite the smaller number of female participants, three of our six contests were won by women who convinced the jury and participants the same. We are very happy for our current winner Meike and are enthusiastic about her skills and abilities"*.

Altogether the RAHM Contest offers the participants, who travel from all over the world, a three-day experience. The tech company erasys hosted a get-together the evening before the contest and Zalando a breakfast the morning after the contest before visiting the Berlin Pride Parade CSD.

Companies can now apply to host the next RAHM contests in 2020.

LGBT+ (junior) managers can currently apply for the RAHM Community and soon for the RAHM Contests in 2020.

More information about RAHM are available here:

<https://rahm.ceo/>

The meaning of LGBT+

LGBT+ is the abbreviation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, as well as those whose sexual orientation or gender does not fall under the cisgender and heterosexual identities.

RAHM and UHLALA Group

RAHM is a global LGBT+ Leadership Community. It was founded in 2017 and currently has over 500 members worldwide. These are experienced executives as well as ambitious young talents who have undergone a three-step application process to join the community. Each year, RAHM hosts the RAHM Contest in different cities around the world and brings together passionate leaders who want to challenge themselves and share their expertise. The goal is also to connect the future generation of LGBT+ leaders with their role models and thus inspire and support them.

The UHLALA Group is a leading LGBT+ social business, with its brands and projects such as RAHM, STICKS & STONES, UNICORNS IN TECH or PANDA. Since 2009, the UHLALA Group stands for the networking, further education and empowerment of LGBT+ People in their working life and connects them with LGBT+ friendly companies and organisations.

The UHLALA Group's goal is to reach equal chances and opportunities for LGBT+ People in the working world.

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