



Ljubljana PRIDE 2007

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Dear Friends,

To ALL those who participate and support Ljubljana PRIDE 2008 – Sat 21st June

I write to send you our VERY best and warmest wishes for a happy and incident free Ljubljana PRIDE 2008. We extend these good wishes to ALL our Slovenian LGBT brothers & sisters and their friends and families. My partner and I were in Slovenia in Christmas 2006, we felt we were in heaven, "*We felt Slovenija!*". We visited the castle at the top of the hill in Ljubljana so we will be able to imagine you there unfurling our Rainbow flag as you start the Parade in the city called "I LOVE YOU". What better place for PRIDE in this 30th anniversary week of the Rainbow flag (Wednesday 25th June). We are delighted to see from your website that you have the support of the Mayor of Ljubljana Zoran Janković and of the Nordic Embassies of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. I am delighted that the British Ambassador has added his support in his letter of 19th June.

As you know I have also been in touch with the British Embassy in Ljubljana and it seems they are doing everything possible to see if they can obtain the permissions necessary for the Rainbow flag at the Embassy like at Riga on 4th June and Warsaw on 6-9th June. From my contact with them, I am sure that despite a small staff, they are doing everything possible, even if it is not in the end possible. Maybe next year!

At Brighton PRIDE 2007, we created badges using the logo of Ljubljana Pride 2007 asking people to "Support Ljubljana PRIDE" and I can tell you many, many people just LOVED this designed. In 2008, the theme is VISION, the vision of the FREEDOM of PRIDE, of the creativity and vitality of LGBT people across the world who simply refuse to accept the prejudice and the stereotypes but uniquely in human history respond to anger and hatred with colour and love and plenty of fun!

We know you face difficulties but we want you to know that you are *not* alone and that we admire your courage and determination, in maintaining the best traditions of PRIDE. We are with you, and we think of you with PRIDE as you raise the rainbow flag above Ljubljana at the start of the week celebrating the actual 30th anniversary of the Rainbow Flag on Wednesday 25th June.

We are thinking of you and sending our love and wishing we could be with you

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