



Unprecedented support from Copenhagen for Outgames 2009

Vancouver, BC November 28, 2006 "Never before in Danish history has so much financial support been given to a single sporting event" states Ole Udsholt, City Director of the 2009 Outgames referring to the record breaking 20 million Danish Kroner (nearly \$4 million USD) the City of Copenhagen is giving to Outgames 2009. "Support for the Outgames is wide spread".

"There's an energy surrounding Outgames 2009 that is obvious. The City has embraced the Outgames vision and is anxious to host the world the Copenhagen way in 2009", comments Catherine Meade, GLISA's Co-President while in Copenhagen to finalize the agreement which, among other things, formalized the City's financial commitment to the 2nd World Outgames 2009.

The completion of the contract between GLISA and Copenhagen is the second of a two-phase agreement that began in February 2006. GLISA also used this occasion to complete a second round of site inspections and leaves Copenhagen giving it high marks for the venues that will be used to stage the 2009 World Outgames.

The model for success of the 2009 World Outgames combines the support of tourism, government and a powerful local LGBT community. The City of Copenhagen, Wonderful Copenhagen and the local LGBT community have combined resources, philosophies and spirit to ensure the success of the 2009 Outgames from a number of different levels. That partnership and work have been progressing for well over a year.

In an innovative move, Copenhagen has assembled an Outgames 2009 Advisory Board with representation from government, tourism and the local LGBT community to insure the integrity and vision of the World Outgames 2009 continues to be strong.

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