

THE CON HOGAN AWARD for Creative, Entrepreneurial, Community Leadership


presented to HB Lozito

In-Person and Livestream Award Ceremony
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
Vermont College of Fine Arts, College Hall Chapel

2023

PROGRAM

- ▢ Reception and Entertainment
Bella and her band - Roses and Rye
- ▢ Welcome: *Jericho Parms and Dr. Etan Nasreddin-Longo*
- ▢ Reflections on Con Hogan: *Reverend Dr. Lise Sparrow*
- ▢ Opening Remarks: *Joe Wiah, 2022 Con Hogan Awardee*
- ▢ Presentation of the Con Hogan Award
Introduction of HB Lozito: *Dr. Etan Nasreddin-Longo*
- ▢ Reflections: *HB Lozito*
- ▢ Wrap-Up: *Dr. Etan Nasreddin-Longo*



*This award will reward and offer incentive
to leaders in Vermont to continue and
broaden their important work on
behalf of Vermonters.
-Con Hogan*

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- ▢ Steve Dale, Former Human Services Manager
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- ▢ Dr. Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Vermont State Police
- ▢ Jericho Parms, Vermont College of Fine Arts
- ▢ Rev. Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas, Pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho
- ▢ Diana Wahle, Windham SE Supervisory Union

With over 20 years organizing in rural LGBTQ+ communities, **HB Lozito** (they/them) is executive director of Brattleboro-based Out in the Open, which is working to build a multi-issue, multiracial social justice movement of Vermont's LGBTQ+ people. At Out in the Open Lozito has been instrumental in creating safe and thriving places for rural LGBTQ+ people, building visibility, knowledge, and power supported by previously uncollected data—and expanding what it means to be queer and live rurally.



Originally from Maine, Lozito became interested in organic gardening and farming but grew up at a time when queer people were told they had to move to cities for community and safety. For Lozito, it was not the people who needed to move, but the narrative that needed to change.

After graduating from Whitman College in environmental studies and politics, which included studying in India, Lozito worked on bioregionalism in Portland, Oregon and food justice in Oakland, California. But their love of rural life drew them back to New England, first to an organic farm in Freedom, Maine, then to Brattleboro in 2011. In Vermont Lozito leapt into organizing in the already thriving rural LGBTQ+ community.

Lozito is (among other accomplishments) a 2019 Better Selves Fellow, one of The Advocate's 2022 50 Champions of Pride, a Vermont Public board member, and the creator of projects including the Out in the Open Summit for Rural LGBTQ+ Folks, the Vermont Trans Audio Retreat, and the Rural LGBTQ+ Power & Belonging Fellowship. They were a key collaborator in the Andrews Inn Oral History Project, which led to the placement, in Bellows Falls, of one of Vermont's two markers honoring LGBTQ+ history.

"It is absolutely imperative that every human being's freedom and human rights are respected, all over the world."— Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir, former Icelandic Prime Minister and the first openly gay head of state



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- ▶ **The deadline for nominations for the 2024 award is Thursday, June 27, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

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