

Executives to gather at San Francisco's Momentum gala to honor Transparent

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The annual LGBTI gala dinner – which will be paying tribute to the ground breaking Amazon show – marks the culmination of the annual Out & Equal Executive Forum

The final preparations are being made for this year's Out & Equal Executive Forum – due to take place in San Francisco from 24-26 March.

Organized by LGBT business advocate organization [Out & Equal](#), the forum will draw together 50 out LGBTI executives for what its website describes as 'an intensive experience designed to build leadership skills, strengthen business connections and discuss how to achieve LGBT equality and advancement in the workplace.'

The forum will end with one event that's open to non-delegates. Momentum is an annual dinner and evening gala that celebrates LGBT leadership, and will feature entertainment, awards and a fundraising auction.

Highlights of the 2015 event will include the presentation of an award to *Transparent* cast member, Amy Landecker, in recognition of the show's acclaimed portrayal of the transgender community. Landecker [*pictured*] plays Sarah Pfefferman in the Golden Globe-winning series.



'Momentum comes at a crucial point for the LGBT equality movement: the Supreme Court is expected to make a definitive ruling on marriage equality in June, yet workplace equality continues to lag behind. Employees can still be legally fired in 29 states for who we are and who we love,' said Selisse Berry, founder and chief executive officer of Out & Equal, to [San Diego LGBT Weekly](#).

'Although there's still much work to be done when it comes to LGBT equality, *Transparent* is breaking new ground. The show has hired 20 transgender people for its cast and crew and more than 60 transgender actors as extras, while raising the community's visibility and boldly portraying issues faced by transgender people every day.'

The evening will also feature comedy from Kate Clinton and – prior to the opening cocktail reception – a professional development panel offering advice on how to build your professional brand as an LGBT employee. There will also be the chance to network with LGBT executives from all over the world.

The event takes place at Hotel Nikko, San Francisco, on 26 March 2015. For more information, go [here](#).

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