

More information and connections

IDAHOT Website
<http://dayagainsthomophobia.org>

IDAHOT Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/may17idahot>

IDAHOT Creative Protest working group
(Network of creative activists)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IDAHOTcreative.protest/>

IDAHOT Twitter account
<https://twitter.com/may17IDAHOT>

IFED Website:
<http://www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org>

IFED Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalFamilyEqualityDay>

IFED Facebook Creative Network:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/500398236747224/>

IFED Twitter:
https://twitter.com/IFED_LGBT

“LOVE
MAKES A
FAMILY”

International Family Equality Day (IFED)
International Day Against Homophobia,
Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT)

7-17 MAY 2017



**International
Family
Equality
Day**

Celebrating the Rainbow of Families in our world



**INTERNATIONAL DAY
AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA,
TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA**

A Worldwide Celebration of
Sexual and Gender Diversities

MAY 17

Families are at the heart of all of our lives. Whether it's the family we grew up with or the families we have built throughout our lives. Whether they are families of biology or families of choice, we are all part of "families".

LGBTIQ* people, and all people from sexual and gender minorities who identify differently, face daily discrimination and abuse in many parts of everyday life. For them, the need of supportive, caring and protecting families is particularly vital. Like anybody confronted with unknown or unusual circumstances, families who include members with non-conformant sexual orientations and/or gender identities need support, education and resources.

In many countries Rainbow Families, that is families where at least one of the parents is LGBTIQ*, face social and legal discrimination and stigma. This lack of proper recognition and protection of Rainbow Families denies them and especially their children the most basic rights. Rainbow Families, like all others, need social and legal recognition and protection for all their members. Families, in all their forms, must be recognised, supported, and celebrated.

In May 2017, both the International Family Day (IFED, May 7) and the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT, May 17) invite advocates for LGBTIQ* equality and all their friends and allies to take action in support of diverse and safe families.

Everyone is invited to take whatever action they find appropriate. Please let us know about your ideas and initiatives by writing to: contact@dayagainsthomophobia.org
info@internationalfamilyequalityday.org

* LGBTQI refers to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex people. We also acknowledge that many people who don't conform to traditional sexual and gender roles identify in different ways, in line with their history, culture and political views.

IDAHOT

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT) was created in 2004 to alert to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexuals, transgender and intersex people and all those who do not conform to majority sexual and gender norms.

May 17 is now celebrated in more than 130 countries on all continents. May 17th commemorates the day in 1990 when the World Health Organization declassified homosexuality as a mental disorder. Each year activists from the LGBTIQ* community from around the world identify one focus issue that they feel deserve special attention. For 2017, the choice was made to focus on "FAMILIES"

IFED

The first International Family Equality Day (IFED) was launched in 2012 as a sign of solidarity and pride to promote equality for all families. The 5th International Family Equality Day in 2016 was commemorated in 74 towns and 36 countries worldwide, whether on a smaller scale with picnics, gathering together, celebrating in safe spaces or with big public events. Participation is steadily increasing: in 2016, six more countries joined the 'IFED family': Ecuador, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Sweden and Venezuela.

The Council of Europe recognises the IFED as an important tool to combat homophobia and transphobia and to promote a tolerant and cohesive society. In its 2015 report, as well as in its compendium of good practices of 2016, it highlights IFED as an opportunity to create visibility for LGBT communities, thereby raising awareness of sexual orientation and gender identity.

