

## Socio-economic Justice

In 2020, as a response to COVID pandemic, we launched our No One Left Behind Fund, with a mission to support the LGBTI movement's capacity to effectively address socio-economic inequalities within LGBTI communities at this critical moment.



In 2020 and 2021, we focused our programmatic work – grants and capacity building – on the impact of the pandemic.

The objective of the Fund continues to be enabling LGBTI groups and organisations to gain the skills and knowledge, build alliances and relationships, and/or test new types of activities, with a view to developing longer-term responses to underlying causes of social and economic inequalities that increase the vulnerability and marginalisation of LGBTI people. In short, the Fund supports work of the LGBTI movement towards socio-economic justice for LGBTI communities.

By socio-economic justice, we mean the removal of obstacles and oppressions which disproportionately worsen the social and economic conditions of already marginalised populations. This includes – but might not be limited to – rights that states have accepted as necessary for individuals and groups to live sustainably in dignity and freedom

within a given society, such as education, housing, work, health, and an adequate standard of living.

In 2023, we launched two programmes under the No One Left Behind Fund:

- The first programme is to support and strengthen the work of LGBTI organisations and groups in Europe on socio-economic justice for the racialised LGBTI communities, namely the work that addresses the impact of intersectional stigma and discrimination on socio-economic rights and conditions of living of the racialised LGBTI people. Learn more about the call for applications [here](#).
- The second programme is to support and advance the work of organisations and groups in the European Union on rising LGBTI homelessness, namely the work that focuses on collaboration across Europe, research, advocacy and alliance-building. Learn more about the call for applications [here](#).

## Project supported under No One Left Behind Fund (2023-2024)

### No One Left Behind II: Working with racialised LGBTI communities towards socio-economic justice

This is a **12-month programme** that supports and strengthens **the work being done by and for racialised LGBTI communities in Europe**. The programme runs from 1 June 2023 until 1 June 2024.

**We support 10 organisations** who work with and for racialised LGBTI communities in Europe. The organisations come from **8 countries** (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands, France, the UK). All organisations are run by racialised LGBTI people and/or meaningfully and consistently engage racialised LGBTI people in their organisational structure.

Our support is designed as a combination of grants for their projects and regular peer learning. This programme brings an exciting opportunity for us to establish new connections and partnerships with the underfunded and underrepresented but vibrant part of the movement who does important work on the intersection of socio-economic justice and anti-racism.

**The type of work that organisations are implementing** under this programme is diverse and ranging from work with/for refugees in migrants centres, raising awareness about the lived realities of Roma LGBTI communities, self-organising working class racialised LGBTI people living beyond capital cities in a suburban Pride, collaborating with service providers to improve access for racialised queer communities to mental health services, and create safe spaces for racialised trans people accessing health services, to name a few.

Projects under this programme are supported through funding made available by the European Commission and Global Equality Fund.

The organisations and projects we support under this programme:

Resilient Voices/ Break Isolation Group (Germany): Our voices, our resilience

**Summary of the project:** Series of meetings, workshops and networking events with and for BIPOC refugees in Lager migrant centers in Berlin. The project is aimed at community building, empowerment of BIPOC refugees and also sensitising non-queer refugee communities within migrant centers.

**Awarded amount:** EUR20,000

Colored Qollective (Netherlands): Trans healthcare for marginalized trans communities

**Summary of the project:** Co-creation of Trans Clinic Utrecht in collaboration with a national service provider (Public Health Service); organising safer spaces and empowerment/social component.

**Awarded amount:** EUR20,000

Rainbow Nation (Belgium): We3: Re-center. Re-focus. Re-educate.

**Summary of the project:** Building a network of mental health specialists, organizing group sessions and workshops, and offering self-designated activities and events to uplift and empower the racialised LGBTI community in Belgium.

**Awarded amount:** EUR19,992

Minbar.Wien and Turkis Rosa Lila Tipp (Austria): Building a new home: improving the tools of racialized MENA queers in Central Europe

**Summary of the project:** LGBTI migrants from the MENA region in Vienna and socio-economic integration: Needs' assessment, awareness raising and collaboration with service providers.

**Awarded amount:** EUR19,992

Ara Art (Czech Republic): Beyond one-sided approaches: supporting multiple-discriminated LGBTQ+ Roma

**Summary of the project:** Awareness building at Prague Pride; training Roma LGBTI trainers to be educators; and running a course for service providers on Roma LGBTI intersection.

**Awarded amount:** EUR19,985

Rainbow Mind (UK): Leading with equity in mental health. Radically Caring Mental Health Activism

**Summary of the project:** Training and workshops (mental health) for racialised LGBTI communities; collaboration with partner organisations (migrants, refugees minoritised LGBTI orgs) on developing access to mental health services for racialised LGBTI communities

**Awarded amount:** EUR 19,862.62

Pride des Banlieues (France) : Pride des Banlieues 2024

**Summary of the project:** The organization of Pride des Banlieues 2024 focused on working class LGBTI racialized communities outside of Paris and strengthening work on surrounding communication and campaign.

**Awarded amount:** EUR19,994

Fite Qlub (Netherland): Fight the System!

**Summary of the project:** A series of empowerment and mobilisation events: Festival for LGBTI BIPoC; workshops for LGBTI BIPoC (healing, empowerment, creating new narratives) and team-building work for wellbeing and strategic planning of the organisation.

**Awarded amount:** EUR 19,998

Aleanca LGBTI (Albania): Advancing social inclusion of LGBTIQ racialised communities in four municipalities through increased access to community-based and integrated social services, employment and housing

**Summary of the project:** The project focuses on strengthening institutional and human tight organizations capacities to establish and deliver inclusive services to racialised LGBTI community (Roma and Egyptian LGBTI communities in Albania) in the area of social care, employment, and inclusive education.

**Awarded amount:** EUR 19,985

## **No One Left Behind III: Working towards socio-economic justice: addressing LGBTI homelessness in the European Union**

This is a **12-month programme** that enhances and advances the work of LGBTI organisations addressing LGBTI homelessness in European Union. The programme aims to sustain the vital work of understanding the root causes and forms of LGBTI homelessness and advocate for improving access of LGBTI communities to services and housing. The programme runs from 1 July 2023 until 1 July 2024.

**We support 5 organisations** who come from **4 countries** (Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Spain). Our support is designed as a combination of grants for their projects and regular capacity building and peer learning. The projects we support focus on data collection, advocacy efforts, and collaboration between sectors, systems and services in addressing LGBTI homelessness.

We believe that having a small group of organisations with a strengthened experience in the area of LGBTI homelessness will bring new learnings and insights that can be shared with a wider movement and benefit other organisations who are at the beginning of their work on homelessness in their respective countries.

Projects under this programme are supported through funding made available by the European Commission.

The organisations and projects we support under this programme:

Associazione Quore (Italy): P.R.I.D.E. – Preventing and Reducing Inequalities using Data and Empowerment

**Summary of the project:** P.R.I.D.E. will investigate 3 areas of intervention: (1) The qualitative and quantitative research into the minority stress, mental distress and its consequences on housing deprivation (and its chronicity). (2) Gathering service providers to build an alliance to advocate for inclusion and socio-economic equality. The gathering will focus on: sharing support methodologies and intervention strategies; establishing a national network able to provide prompt and effective responses; improving the dialogue with national and local institutions; planning advocacy strategies. (3) The new alliance will elaborate a policy brief, designed as an advocacy tool to advance the conversation with local authorities and policy makers. The policy brief will contain a systematic analysis together with recommendations to implement effective prevention strategies.

**Awarded amount:** EUR20,000

Ljubljana Pride Association (Slovenia): Alliances for safe rainbow housing

**Summary of the project:** The project aims to advance the topic of LGBTIQ+ (youth) homelessness and housing exclusion in Slovenia and to ensure the active involvement of public stakeholders, institutions, and

financers in the effort to provide long-term housing units for (young) LGBTIQ+ people using advocacy strategies and research data. The project has a targeted advocacy training and capacity building component that focuses on acquiring knowledge, skills and tools by the homelessness project team within Ljubljana Pride to be successful in advocacy. The project will also focus on creating partnerships and collaboration with homelessness service providers and public institutions relevant to the issue in order to map their possibilities and needs when working with (young) LGBTIQ+ people and to create a roadmap for (young) LGBTIQ+ homeless and vulnerable people access to publicly-funded medium- and long-term housing in Slovenia.

**Awarded amount:** EUR20,000

ACATHI (Spain): Somewhere under the rainbow: Understanding and tackling LGBTI homelessness in Barcelona

## Summary of the project:

This is a joint project of ACATHI and Ahora Dónde. The project at the core is the qualitative and quantitative research about the situation of homeless LGTBI people in Barcelona, including some interviews done with service providers. The project will create a Core Group co-chaired by ACATHI and Ahora Dónde and composed of social organizations, public institutions, and diverse experts linked to LGTBI rights and homelessness issue. The project aims to convene actors linked to LGTBI rights and policies for homelessness and housing, to conduct the research, and to build an advocacy strategy. ACATHI and Ahora Dónde plan to advocate the inclusion of the LGBTI homeless issues – specially in relation to young and migrant LGTBI people – in the new Homelessness Municipal Plan, as well as in the new LGBTI plan.

**Awarded amount:** EUR19,986.26

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**Awarded amount:** EUR20,000

Black Sex Worker Collective (Germany): Mapping the intersections between discrimination against LGBTQI communities and sex work

**Summary of the project:** The project aims (1) to conduct community-based research with queer sex workers; (2) to build networks and alliances with likeminded groups and organizations to offer services to queer sex workers communities, (3) to present the results of the research to community members, local and state/city group and officials; (4) to develop and implement strategies to strengthen the queer sex worker community.

**Awarded amount:** EUR20,000

To find out more about our Socio-economic Justice programmes, contact our Senior Programmes Officer, Nadzeya [here](#).