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.

Grants funded

No One Left Behind II: Projects Working for Racialised LGBTI Communities

Total amount awarded: EUR199,954.26

Projects under this programme awarded in 2023 with the financial support of the European Commission.

Following organisations implemented projects under this call:

Break Isolation (Germany): Our voices, our resilience

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<th>Awarded Amount: EUR20,000.00</th>
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<td>Summary of the project: Series of meetings, workshops and networking events with and for BIPOC refugees in Lager migrant centres in Berlin. The project is aimed at community building, empowerment of BIPOC refugees and also sensitising non-queer refugee communities within migrant centers.</td>
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<td>The context: Resilient Voices is a queer refugee group within International Women Space, an inclusive feminist collective. The intersection component of this constellation of the group and the work they do is very strong bringing together racialisation, LGBTI and women rights, anti-racism and feminist lenses. Resilient Voices consists of and works for and with racialized queer refugees so the project will support the community directly. It’s an underfunded group with a vital work (for and in Germany) within asylum system.</td>
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Colored Qollective (Netherlands): Trans healthcare for marginalized trans communities

| Awarded Amount: EUR20,000.00 | 
**Duration:** 12 months

**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.

**The context:** Colored Qollective is community-based grass-root organisation founded by and for Queer, Trans and Intersex people of color (QTIPOC) that focuses on safe(r) spaces; psychosocial counselling and research. The project focuses not only on the access to health and community building of trans and queer people of color but on collaboration with a national service provider (which contributes to sustainability of the project and the meaningful and fair distribution of work between LGBTI organisations and service providers).

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

**Awarded Amount:** EUR19,992.00

**Duration:** 12 months

**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.

**The context:** Rainbow Nation Brussels is a dedicated organization that works to support and empower QTPOC (Queer Transgender Black and Persons of Colour) communities in Belgium. The project falls strongly under the second area – partnering and building networks with service providers, in this case mental health professionals who can cater services specifically for racialised LGBTI communities.

Minbar Wien (Austria): BUILDING A NEW HOME Improving the tools of racialized MENA queers in Central Europe

**Awarded Amount:** EUR19,992.00

**Duration:** 12 months

**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.

**The context:** The group is a non-registered organisatoin lead by queer* arab* LGBTI people. The group is inclusive using *arab is an inclusive term for both ethnically Arab and non-Arab peoples of the same societal and cultural fabric of Arab-majority countries in the Middle East North Africa region (MENA). The project is focused and small-scaled but hence hands-on and doable. The capacity of a fiscal sponsor to manage grant is good. The application shows a depth of knowledge around racialised LGBTI communities in intersections of Arab*/Queer/migration and refugee status. This is a vital work to be done on this
intersection and especially in inclusive and sensitive way – it also covers key areas mentioned in the call – awareness raising, mobilisation and collaboration with service providers.

Ara Art (Czech Republic): Beyond One-Sided Approaches: Supporting Multiple-Discriminated LGBTQ+ Roma

**Awarded Amount:** EUR19,985.00

**Duration:** 12 months

**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.

**The context:** One of the biggest organisations advocating for LGBTI Roma rights in Europe. They have good understanding of both Roma and LGBTI issues. Their project is rooted in the research they conducted on the status of the LGBT Roma minority in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary, so it acts on the needs and gaps that had been already identified. The learning stems from their focus group – Roma LGBTI people and establishing and strengthening the collaboration with a wider array of actors.

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

**Awarded Amount:** EUR20,000.00

**Duration:** 12 months

**Summary of the project:** P.R.I.D.E. will investigate all 3 areas of intervention to comply the need of a systematic and consistent approach to the topic. (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. At the end of the process, all activities will be presented and disseminated publicly, whereas all partners involved will organize local events with public authorities and stakeholders.

Ljubljana Pride Association (Slovenia): Alliances for safe rainbow housing
Awarded Amount: EUR20,000.00

Duration: 12 months

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 that SQVOT project team within Ljubljana Pride miss 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.

ACATHI (Spain): Somewhere under the rainbow: Understanding and Tackling LGBTI Homelessness in Barcelona

Awarded Amount: EUR19,986.26

Duration: 12 months

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 composed of social organizations, public institutions, and diverse experts linked to LGTBI rights and to homelessness issues, co-chaired by ACATHI and Ahora Dónde. Given that from 20 municipal plans of the city of Barcelona in the last 8 years, 4 do not include an explicit mention of LGTBI homelessness, the project aims to convene actors linked to LGTBI rights and policies for homeless and housing, to assist the research, and to build an advocacy strategy. ACATHI and Ahora Dónde plan to advocate the inclusion of the LGBTI homeless issue -specially in relation to young and migrant LGTBI people- in the new Homelessness Municipal Plan, as well as in the new LGBTI plan.

AHORA DONDE (Spain): Somewhere under the rainbow: Understanding and Tackling LGBTI Homelessness in Barcelona

Awarded Amount: EUR20,000.00

Duration: 12 months

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Black Sex Worker Collective (Germany): MAPPING THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBTQI COMMUNITIES AND SEX WORK

**Awarded Amount:** EUR20,000.00

**Duration:** 12 months

**Summary of the project:** The project aims (1) to conduct community-based research with queer sex workers, using Sex Worker research design; (2) to build networks and alliances with likeminded groups and organizations to offer services to 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.

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