



#### BECOME PART OF IT

You can join the IFED celebrations by participating to existing events or organizing one in your community, from a simple gathering or pic-nic to a broader public gathering. Find inspiration and connect with the IFED community at: [internationalfamilyequalityday.org](http://internationalfamilyequalityday.org)

#### More information and connections

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](https://twitter.com/IFED_LGBT)

\* 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.



International Family Equality Day (IFED)  
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Celebrating the Rainbow of Families in our world

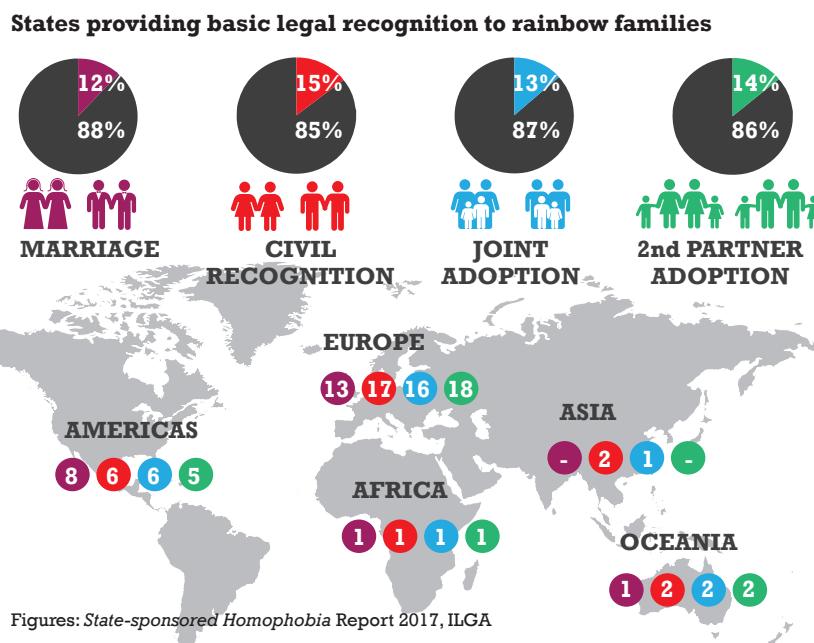
## CHILDREN RIGHTS MATTER

Children rights matter! No matter who their parents are. Rainbow families are as good as any other family to provide the loving, caring and nurturing environment that children need to thrive. Still, children with LGBTIQ\* parents too often cannot enjoy the same rights as children in traditional families. Societal prejudices and lack of proper legal protection are the main reasons for this.

By providing proper legal recognition to rainbow families all children will be able to enjoy their rights with no discrimination. Equal marriage, automatic co-parenthood recognition at birth and joint adoption are not only a matter of equality for LGBTQI\* people, they are also the essential foundations and starting point for providing children of rainbow families with the same legal status and protection of any other child. They are a key mean to safeguard the best interest of the child.

Even where such essential legal foundations are already in place, the work is not over: efficient non-discrimination and inclusive policies and a narrative that values diversity are still needed for equality to be effectively enjoyed in practice.

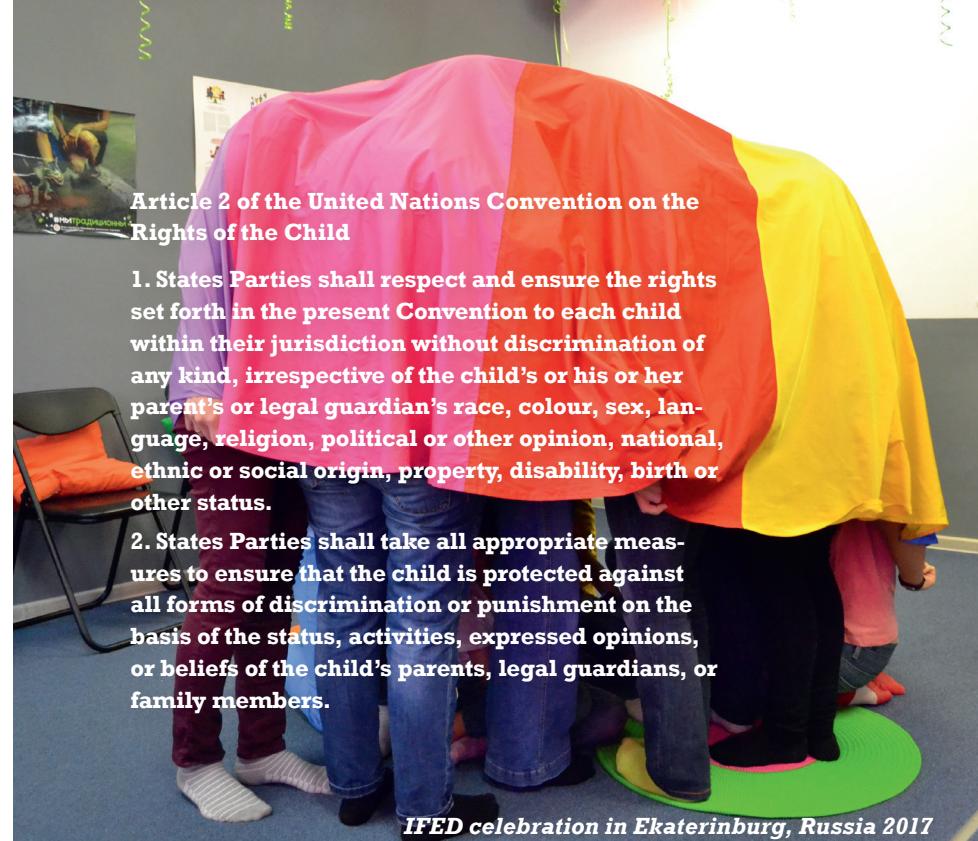
This is why the IFED motto for 2018 focuses on children rights, to contribute with added visibility and new alliances to ending discrimination against rainbow families and their children.



## Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

1. States Parties shall respect and ensure the rights set forth in the present Convention to each child within their jurisdiction without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.

2. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the child is protected against all forms of discrimination or punishment on the basis of the status, activities, expressed opinions, or beliefs of the child's parents, legal guardians, or family members.



IFED celebration in Ekaterinburg, Russia 2017

## WHAT IS 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 6th International Family Equality Day (IFED) on May 7, 2017, was commemorated in 44 countries and over 100 towns worldwide to promote equality for all families. Under the motto "Love Makes a Family," last year 8 new countries joined the IFED family: Argentina, Belize, Brazil, China, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Philippines and Thailand.

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.