



JOIN US AND BECOME A MEMBER

Becoming a member is easy:



Membership is open to everyone: individuals, associations, institutions, cities, companies.



Becoming a member is easy: it can be done on-line at IFED website: <https://internationalfamilyequalityday.org/become-a-member/>



Annual membership fees are flexible: you can choose how much to contribute starting from only 5 Euros, to as much you can commit to.

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

Email: info@internationalfamilyequalityday.org



IFED celebration in Germany, 2018

“ I invite you all to join in for next year’s IFED. This is an opportunity for all kinds of families to stand up, stand tall – and jointly fight this fight for a simple message of UNITY. Let’s gather together, with grateful hearts, to leave a legacy for the next generation by showing them that love – simply is love. ”

Maivon Whaid, IFED Co-President, Fiji



International
Family
Equality
Day



Every year, all over the world, **on the first Sunday of May**, different families, their communities, friends and allies come together to support family equality.

An occasion to **celebrate** the beauty of family diversity, embracing all families, whatever they size, shape and composition.

A tool to **raise awareness** and visibility of different families; to empower their members and activists; to forge alliances with neighbours, associations and institutions; to promote **equal rights** for all families.

Everyone can contribute and join the celebrations – IFED can be marked in millions ways, from small informal gatherings, picnics, parties, to country-wide marches and manifestations. IFED is widely celebrated both in places where rainbow families are legally recognized and in places with heavily discriminatory legislations.

Originating from the idea of an activist in 2010 and celebrated for the first time in 2012, it has grown exponentially and every year more cities and countries join the movement.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that all children, irrespective of their status, have right to their identity and family life, health care, education and a life free of violence, following the two fundamental human rights principles of non-discrimination and best interest of the child."



IFED celebration in Brazil, 2018

IFED 2018: 48 countries and 111 cities worldwide!

In May 2018, IFED also became an NGO to provide a stronger support and coordination to the IFED movement.

The NGOs objectives are:

Empowerment by enhancing visibility of LGBTIQ* families; supporting free and open IFED celebrations; providing capacity building to local associations, enabling different families to connect, network, support each other and share experiences.

Advocacy by promoting family diversity around the world; countering LGBTIQ*-phobia; facilitating forging of alliances within communities and across borders.

Social and legal acceptance by raising awareness about LGBTIQ* families; fostering more tolerant societies and promoting equal rights for all families.

“ The International Family Equality Day [...] is a remarkable example of how individual actions come together in a community and in a country, and then globally, to create a strong, vigorous message: diversity is to be respected and cherished. ”

Victor Madrigal-Borloz
UN Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity

FAMILIES: UNITED WE STAND!

This year IFED celebrates **unity** as a source of strength and motivation to stand up for equal rights for all families.

We stand united within our **families**, sharing love, care and commitment to create an environment where every member can feel safe and flourish

We stand united with all types of families, because every family deserves **equal recognition**, support and respect

We stand united with our **communities**, to celebrate and enjoy together the beauty and richness of family diversity

We stand united with our **allies**: cities, organizations, institutions, and all those working with us for a more open and diverse society

We stand united across the countries, to share the joy of our celebrations and to **support** those who can't yet safely be out to celebrate

By joining IFED you can:

Support global **advocacy** to empower rainbow families across the world to be out, proud and progress social change.

Become part of a **global community** of people committed to creating a more open and diverse society worldwide.

Join a global **network** of activists, institutions, associations and organizations exchanging ideas, information and **best practices** to promote equal rights for all families.

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.