IFED 2019: 50 countries and 117 cities worldwide!

Join us and participate to IFED in 2020 worldwide. We call on everyone to celebrate diversity in all its wonderful colors and forms.

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.

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
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Diversity in education means students feel welcomed, valued and connected – to each other and to the wider community. This won’t happen magically, it’s the role of educators to ensure an inclusive approach is embed in the curriculum. It demands intention with a purpose — and hard work – this then allows the next generation to be bought up to feel loved and having a sense of belonging!

Maivon Whaid, IFED Co-President, Fiji
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.

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.

**DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION**

A school where everyone can fit in and feel welcome is a better, fairer and safer place for all. It’s a community where no one feels inferior, singled out of left behind. It’s a place where respect and diversity are valued and everybody can develop and contribute to their best.

Our world is increasingly diverse and so is family. Different types of families are more and more widespread. The nuclear family with two heterosexual, married, biological parents is today only one among other possible models. Families with single parents, same sex parents, recomposed, adoptive, foster, extended, elective families... are part of the everyday experience of children. They are all equally valid and deserving equal rights and respect.

Schools, education systems and informal education must recognize, honor, welcome and value such diversity.

For this to happen the ideas and representations of family in the schools, textbooks, education materials, language and narratives need to go beyond stereotypes and to represent different family structures embracing the growing diversity of family life. In this way, diversity in education will contribute to the well-being of all children and to fairer, safer, richer and happier societies.

Children need to see their family represented and validated. When this doesn’t happen, the door is open to discrimination, exclusion and, sometimes, violence. This affects negatively not only the victims, but also actors and bystanders.

Parents need to work together and with the schools to create a genuinely open and respectful environment.

Teachers and educators need to be aware, attentive and supportive of all children and their families.

Administrators need to ensure that regulations, forms, procedures, communications allow for all families to be included.

Policy makers need to encourage and support adequate awareness rising and capacity building of education professionals.

In formal educational setting or not, it is important to recognize and respecting the differences from all individuals in order to create learning environments that are safe, inclusive and equitable for as many identities as possible.

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