

## IFED 2020: 62 countries and 152 cities worldwide!

Join us and participate to IFED in 2021 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](https://twitter.com/IFED_LGBT)

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INTERNATIONAL FAMILY EQUALITY DAY

#IFED2021

families: being our  
**AUTHENTIC**  
best



IFED celebration in Brazil



The love, the peace and the happiness that we find in our families is our authentic best, we deserve protection and respect.

Benny Odongo,  
IFED Board member, Kenya



SUNDAY  
2 MAY  
2021



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.

“ Our rainbow family mean we bonded and connected each other with love, compassion and support, it made all of us rooted with authentic self. ”

Matcha Phorn-in,  
IFED Board member,  
Thailand



IFED celebration in Lithuania

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.

## FAMILIES: BEING OUR AUTHENTIC BEST

In 2021 IFED wants to celebrate the beauty, uniqueness and value of every family, no matter their composition, origins or legal status.

We invite all families to be themselves, to be **proud** of who they are and of the family they have built no matter whom they love, how they came together or whether they conform or not to what is considered conventional in their community.

We share the **joy** we feel when our families can be themselves, **free from fear, prejudices and discrimination**, when all family members can grow and develop to their full potential.

We stand in **solidarity** with those families that cannot safely show themselves in public, that are deprived of **legal protection** and victim of violence.

We inspire all families to find the **strength, inspiration and support** they need to claim their fundamental rights and the recognition they deserve.

We **empower** all types of families to **connect** and do their best to build together a more diverse, inclusive and therefore fairer and stronger society.

We show to our **communities** that our families are real families, with the same struggles, the same challenges and the same willingness to do our best for our children and for all our family members.

We strengthen the **visibility** of diverse families, to show the authenticity of their love, the resilience of their members and the richness they represent for every society.

We remind **policy makers** of the importance of ensuring **legal and social recognition** to all families so to allow them to fully contribute to the society.

We thank our **allies**, working with us for a world where everyone can freely and safely be authentic and thus be at their best.

“ The joy I experience daily is possible because of my family and community’s freedom to live every day as our best and authentic selves. Protect your authenticity, grow it, teach it, and most of all, celebrate it! ”

Serena Johnson, IFED  
Secretary, USA