

Celebrating the Rainbow of families in our World!

International Family Equality Day

ILGA World Pre-Conference «Family Diversity» 3 May 2022, Long Beach

Speakers: Matcha Phorn-In, IFED Board Member from Thailand

Andrea Rivas, IFED Board Member from Argentina

Maria von Känel, IFED Board Member from Switzerland

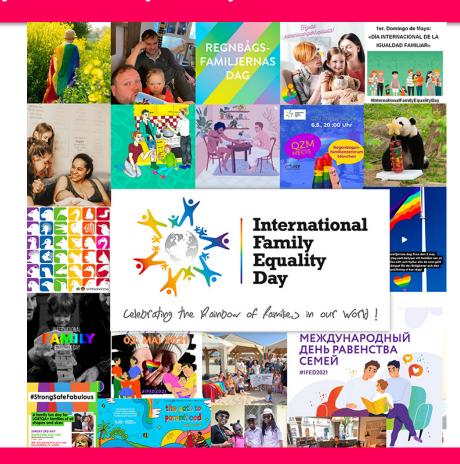
Juha Jämsa, Rainbow Families Finland (Sateenkaariperheet ry) & IFED Member



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IFED 2022: «Family Equality is Everybody's Business»

IMPRESSIONS #2022



In 2022 IFED was celebrated in 237 Towns in 71 Countries



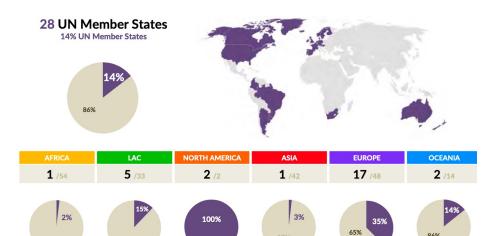
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RAISE AWARENESS

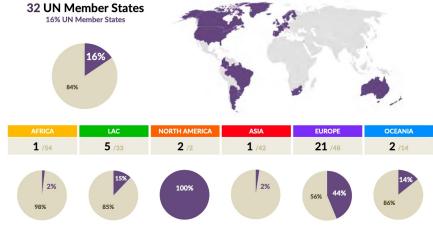
Joint adoption by same-sex couples

Second parent adoption by same-sex couples

Highlights



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ADVOCACY

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.



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EMPOWERMENT

The Council of Europe recognizes 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





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IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS



Safe spaces: Forum and Conferences





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POWER OF ALLIANCES

- Families
- NGO's
- Movements
- Politics
- Towns
- Goverments





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- Capacity building
- Created tool& Knowledge
- Advocacy
- Movement building





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Capacity building

COUNTRY EXAMPLE: THAILAND





Matcha Phornin, left, and her daughter Siriwan represent the LGBTI community. Thai Health Promotion Foundation

The 84-page This House Has Gender Diversity manual for parents who have LGBTI children contains eight chapters with content divided into four main parts. The manual is easy to read and summarises the latest information. To create this manual, a group of parents of LGBTI children from 60 families in Chiang Mai, Bangkok, Pattaya and Chon Buri met to discuss and share their experiences. Information from their discussions was studied by experts and scholars.



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Knowladged & Tools







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Movement Building COUNTRY EXAMPLE: THAILAND







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GET INVOLVED

- WE EXIST
- WE ARE UNITED
- WORLDWIDE COALITON
- NETWORKING
- STRATEGY IN
 COMMON TO FACE
 REGIONAL AND
 GLOBAL DANGERS
- WE SUPPORT EACH OTTER
- RESILIENCE





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The Committee on the Rights of the Child and a case of individual communication by a rainbow family

Speaker: Juha Jämsa, Rainbow Families Finland (Sateenkaariperheet ry) & IFED Member



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Rainbow Families Finland (Sateenkaariperheet ry) Juha Jämsa, Executive Director

The Committee on the Rights of the Child

- 18 independent experts that monitor implementation of the convention
- ratified by only 43 states so far
- allow individual children to submit complaints regarding specific violations of their rights
- entered into force in April 2014
- A.B. versus Finland (51/2018) Background



and a case of individual communication by a rainbow family

Rainbow Families Finland (Sateenkaariperheet ry) Juha Jämsa, Executive Director

The Role of an LGBTI Association

- The family was attending the peer support groups of Sateenkaariperheet while they lived in Finland
- We supported their appeals with statements in the Finnish courts
- After all the national remedies were exhausted, we found a competant lawyer
- gathered funding through crowd-funding
- helped the family to send an individual communication (a complaint) on behalf of the child to the Committee on the Rights of the Child



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While living in the Russian Federation the child is constantly subjected to severe violations of his rights:

Art.2: non-discrimination

Art.13: freedom of expression

Art.14: freedom of thought

Art.16: right to private life

Art.17: right to get information re health and well-being

Art.19: right not to be subjected to physical violence

Art.29: right to education



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The Significance of the Case

First time that a case concerning rights of a child in a rainbow family is considered by the CRC Committee

The Committee has previously paid attention to the harmfullness of the Russian "propaganda laws" for the children and young people in Russia

The decision of CRC Committee is not legally binding in a way than, for example, decisions of European Court of Human Rights (Strassbourg)



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The Significance of the Case

A country like Finland might change their decision, or at least revise the future procedures

At least rights of the children in rainbow families will be raised on a global UN level

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An international day for diversity and recognition of all families

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«YOUR ACTIVISM DOES MATTER»

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