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EUROPEAN RAINBOW FAMILIES MEET IN COLOGNE, GERMANY

The 2014 European Family Meeting organised by the Network of European LGBT Families Associations starts tomorrow, 1 May 2014 in Cologne, Germany. The event is hosted by Lesben und Schwulen Verband in Deutschland (LSVD), one of NELFA's founding members.

This is the third time since 2009 that European Rainbow Families meet for a long weekend of networking, family fun and capacity building workshops and lectures on LGBT family issues. This year the meeting is dedicated to schools, under the motto "Different Families, Same Schools".

NELFA is proud to announce the sponsoring of one Polish rainbow family to join the event. NELFA strongly believes in the importance of supporting rainbow families from countries where their social and legal situation is particularly challenging.

Maria Von Känel, NELFA's President said: "I am very excited to see so many families from all over Europe coming together in Cologne, to share their experiences, learn from one another and further strengthen our network in Europe. Our German members, LSVD, have put a wonderful programme together, combining both intellectually challenging debates with fun activities for the whole family".

Lisa Green, NELFA's Vice-President and LSVD member said: "We are very proud to be hosting this event in Germany. Our country has seen much progress in recent years as regards the protection of rainbow families, but more can and must be done to advance equality for all families".

Luís Amorim, NELFA Board Member and one of the parents attending the event added: "This meeting has been eagerly awaited by the whole family. My husband and our daughter enjoy meeting other families and their children, learning about other cultures and spending fun and inspiring moments together. NELFA Family Meetings are a must for us".

To learn more about NELFA's 2014 European Family Meeting: www.nelfa.lsvd.de/conference-2014

About NELFA:

NELFA is the European platform of LGBT families associations, bringing together LGBT parents and parents-to-be from all over Europe. NELFA currently represents 22 organisations in 15 European countries with more than 10.000 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe.

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