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NELFA PRESS RELEASE – INTERNATIONAL FAMILY EQUALITY DAY

4 May 2014 is International Family Equality Day (IFED) - Welcoming Family Diversity!

Rainbow families are growing, gaining visibility and increasingly enjoying social and legal recognition, but their levels of recognition still differ widely around the globe. In some countries rainbow families enjoy equal rights and social recognition, while in others, for instance some Eastern European, Latin American and most African and Asian countries, same-sex parents and their children have to live in hiding in order to avoid blatant discrimination, including the threat of violence.

Given this state of affairs, in July 2011 the first international symposium of LGBTQ family organisations took the opportunity to launch an official day for equality and recognition of all families: International Family Equality Day (IFED). Since then, each year on the first Sunday in May, various events worldwide celebrate IFED as a global appeal for the social and legal recognition of all loving families and as a symbol of worldwide solidarity.

The Network of European LGBT Families Associations (NELFA) is a Proud Founding Partner of International Family Equality Day (IFED). Other IFED Founding Partners are: Rainbow Families Council (Australia), Coalition des familles homoparentales (Québec, Canada), LGBTQ Parenting Network (Canada), Family Equality Council (United States) and Rainbow Family Japan (Japan).

IFED 2014 will be celebrated in more than 20 countries and 48 cities worldwide. You and your family can check IFED's website and facebook page and find more details about the events being planned this year:

www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalFamilyEqualityDay>



Europe

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Bellinzona (CH)
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Tokyo

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 23 organisations in 15 European countries with more than 10.000 members. NELFA is a member of ILGA-Europe.

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IFED website: www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org

IFED Facebook page: HYPERLINK <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalFamilyEqualityDay?ref=hl>

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