



**NELFA PRESS RELEASE - The IFED 2013 Report is out!
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**International Family Equality Day 4 May 2014
Celebrating the Rainbow of families in our World!**

Regardless of the different legal, political and social circumstances around the world, the large increase in the number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) people choosing to raise children is a global phenomenon. The International Family Equality Day (IFED) was launched as a sign of solidarity and strength and to promote equality for all families and for the first time, on 6 May 2012, several events were held simultaneously throughout Australia, Europe, Canada, Japan and the US. Families, friends, interested parties, experts from government agencies and other institutions as well as politicians and representatives of all political parties were invited to celebrate the rainbow of families around the world. This annual report introduces the organizations involved in IFED as well as the work done by the IFED Committee. The report highlights the activities that were held in the different countries to celebrate IFED 2013, it also serves as inspiration for the Third International Family Equality Day, which will take place on 4 May 2014.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless activists who tirelessly champion the visibility and equality of rainbow families around the world!

Goals & Future Projects

The IFED Committee encourages families to join the IFED network and to start their own traditions in celebrating their family pride and to continue with their ongoing efforts for full family equality. To that end, the Committee strives to identify and connect with existing LGBTQ family organizations worldwide.

Date: Sunday, 4 May 2014

Worldwide, International Family Equality Day

All countries that have held events to celebrate the IFED 2012, IFED 2013 will do so again in 2014.

Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, Greece, Israel, Japan, Lithuania, Spain, Switzerland and USA are already planning their IFED 2014 events.

Make sure to join us next year by organizing your own event!

If 4 May 2014 is not a suitable date in your country, there is no problem - simply choose a day near this date to celebrate IFED!

Special Thanks

Thank you to all the people who are actively involved in bringing visibility to family diversity in society. Thank you to all those who are prepared to stand up for the rights of rainbow families.

Thank you especially to all those rainbow families who change society through being visible.

Download IFED Annual Report 2013

<http://internationalfamilyequalityday.org/index.php/annual-report/annual-report-2013>

Order the hard copy of the IFED Annual Report 2013

Please email Maria von Känel: info@internationalfamilyequalityday.org

Happy reading.

Yours cordially,

The International Family Equality Day (IFED) Network

Canada, Coalition des familles homoparentales and LGBTQ Parenting Network

Europe, NELFA (The Network of European LGBT Families Associations)

USA, Family Equality Council

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