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## NELFA PRESS RELEASE – INTERNATIONAL FAMILY EQUALITY DAY

### **5 May 2013 is International Family Equality Day (IFED) - Celebrating the Rainbow of Families Around the World!**

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 types of 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: Coalition des familles homoparentales (Québec, Canada), LGBTQ Parenting Network (Canada), and Family Equality Council (United States).

IFED 2013 will be celebrated in 15 countries and 40 cities worldwide. You and your family can check IFED's website and find more details about the events being planned this year: [www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org](http://www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org)

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