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**NELFA PRESS RELEASE: INTERNATIONAL FAMILY EQUALITY DAY 2015 MOTTO:
“THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT”!**

**3 May 2015 is International Family Equality Day (IFED)
This year's motto: “THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT”**

On May 3, 2015, LGBTQ family organizations from around the world will join together for the fourth time to increase the international visibility of LGBTQ families.

All over the world, more and more children grow up in families where one or both of their parents are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or queer (LGBTQ). Yet, these “rainbow families” face very different situations. In some countries rainbow families enjoy equal rights and social recognition. In others, for instance some Eastern European, Latin American and most African and Asian countries as well as Russia, children and parents face direct discrimination and have to live under the threat of violence.

By highlighting that “THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT”, NELFA and its partner organizations aim to raise awareness among politicians and the general public about the need for equal treatment and recognition for all families. Society changes continuously, and new kinds of families have appeared beside more traditional ones. Among these are LGBT families, i.e. families with at least one parent who self-identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans. Despite the fact that 40 years of scientific research has demonstrated in an incontrovertible way that the children of these families grow up just as well as the sons and daughters of parents of different sexes, distrust and prejudice towards them is still strong.

The International Family Equality Day (IFED) not only raises awareness of sexual orientation and gender diversity within families, it provides an opportunity for LGBTQ parents and their children to celebrate our families and communities. The IFED is also a sign of solidarity between all families: “Together we are strong!”

Families all over the world are invited to join us in celebrating the International Family Equality Day on 3 May 2015!

IFED Annual Report 2014

In 2014, the IFED was celebrated in 22 countries and 48 cities worldwide. Our annual report introduces the organizations involved in IFED as well as the work done by the IFED Committee, and highlights the activities that were held in the different countries to celebrate this day.

<http://internationalfamilyequalityday.org/index.php/annual-report/annual-report-2014>

Get Involved

We are happy to announce that this year for the first time, Costa Rica, Russia, Poland and Albania will join us. You, too, can hold a local event as part of the International Family Equality Day! Community organizations who wish to participate please contact the IFED Network by email: info@internationalfamilyequalityday.org, or join our IFED Creative Network on Facebook.

Interested? Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/500398236747224/>

Network of International Family Equality Day (IFED)

As a sign of solidarity and strength and to promote equality for all types of families, the LGBTQ family organizations LGBTQ Parenting Network (Toronto, Canada), Family Equality Council (USA), NELFA (Europe), Coalition des familles homoparentales (Montreal, Canada), Keshetfamilies (Israel) and Rainbow Families Japan (Japan) have taken the opportunity to establish ongoing international cooperation in areas such as research, visibility and advocacy and the development of resources and programmes for LGBTQ families worldwide.

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The IFED Committee is composed of representatives from the various LGBTQ family organizations (Family Equality Council, LGBTQ Parenting Network, Coalition des familles homoparentales, NELFA, Keshetfamilies and Rainbow Families Japan). Communication takes place via a mailing list (listserv) and quarterly video conferences, during which cooperation and joint projects are discussed. A website serves as a common platform. It introduces the involved organizations as well as ongoing and completed projects in connection with IFED and provides opportunities for networking.

IFED Website: <http://www.internationalfamilyequalityday.org/>

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

IFED Facebook Creative Network: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/500398236747224/>

IFED International Mailing List: E-Mail queries to info@internationalfamilyequalityday.org

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