

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia - MAY 17

**A Worldwide Celebration
of Sexual and Gender Diversities**



**ANNUAL PHOTO ALBUM WITH SNAPSHOTS
FROM AROUND THE GLOBE 2020**



“Rainbow Flashmob” in Hamburg, Germany

Around the world, members of sexual and gender minorities and intersex people face stigma, discrimination and persecutions and nowhere is there yet full acceptance and protection for all LGBTQI+ people.


Still, in often extremely hostile environments human rights defenders manage to show resilience and power by fighting for their rights and using their visibility for change. As such, this May 17, despite many limitations brought by the global COVID 19 pandemic, communities carried on with their celebration of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

This year, almost all mobilization efforts occurred online, as an impressive number of organisations of sexual and gender minorities, intersex people, and their allies took to social media to organise online conferences, concerts, cooking classes, drag shows or bingos, and many other events, from Australia to South Africa and Brazil.

Webinars advocating for the respect of Human Rights of all sexual and gender minorities and Intersex people were understandably a very important part of the celebrations, from Nigeria and Zimbabwe to Honduras, Ukraine and Sri Lanka.


Several very important reports were released on the Day to underline the legal, political and social state of the world for sexual and gender minorities, and especially the impact of COVID19 on our communities.

But while the online mobilisation reached historic outreach figures, we must not forget that the digital divide once again often excluded the most marginalised from taking part in the online #IDAHOTB2020 #IDAHOBIT2020 buzz.



Despite the situation, not everything happened online. With due respect for safety measures, activists from Thailand to Mexico and Germany gathered in public places to proudly demonstrate that sexual and gender minorities will not be silenced, in times when the COVID19 pandemic is being used in many places to roll back Human Rights for sexual and gender minorities.

Around the world, from Poland to Italy, many buildings lit up as beacons of vigilance for sexual and gender diversities. Rainbow flags flew over hundreds of police stations, embassies, schools, and other public buildings, from Belgium's City Halls, to Chile's Ministerial buildings, embassies and city halls.



Political declarations were, of course, also prominent. From the UN Secretary General to Canada Prime Minister Trudeau or Argentine President Alberto Fernandez, and with countless UN agencies and experts chiming in, powerful voices around the world rose up to remind that people from sexual and gender minorities are severely affected by the consequences of the COVID19 pandemic, and that the world must care for the most vulnerable.

Beyond this, many messages also reminded the world of the

incredible dedication of many LGBTQI+ people who are combating the pandemic daily, either as health care workers or activists supporting their communities.

This shows that sexual and gender minorities are not victims of the situation, they are the “everyday heroes” who tirelessly save lives and fight for a better world.

The major learning from #IDAHOTB2020 #IDAHOBIT2020 is simple: the resilience, creativity and commitment of LGBTQI+ communities can show the world a different way to create societies rather than competition and greed. Instead of scapegoating them and creating moral panics, leaders around the world would be smarter to get inspired by how sexual and gender minorities are facing up to the huge challenges that they face daily, which COVID19 has only exacerbated.

The intensity of the mobilisation can be witnessed by scrolling down the May17 Twitter timeline. It bears witness that communities took this year’s theme very seriously and have indeed been #BreakingTheSilence !

Note: This album provides a few snapshots from the many events that were recorded. This is a somewhat random selection of what we saw on our social media. This selection is of course far from perfect and it underlines the digital divide and the strong differences in freedom of expression worldwide. Nevertheless, we hope that these few pictures bear testimony to the creativity and courage of the hundreds of organisations who were involved in celebrations around the world. It would be impossible to mention them all. As a matter of fairness, we chose not to mention any individual organisation. Our Twitter feed @may17org provides more detailed coverage of events and organisers.





Brussels station



Birmingham, UK



Canada Tower, Toronto



OVERCOMING THE STRUGGLES OF LGBTI COMMUNITIES

22 MAY 2020 | FROM 19:00-20:30

This webinar will focus on the LGBTI challenges under COVID-19 – A perspective from LGBTI persons in rural communities in KwaZulu-Natal as well as Using podcasts as a platform to amplify LGBTI voices

Stream Live on Facebook:
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DÍA INTERNACIONAL CONTRA LA HOMOFOBIA, LA TRANSFOBIA Y LA BIFOBIA

Las poblaciones LGBTQ+ han sido excluidas en gran medida del discurso del desarrollo

Para crear sociedades y economías más inclusivas es fundamental eliminar la discriminación y la violencia homofóbicas y generar concientización sobre los retos que enfrentan las personas LGBTQ+

 Grupo BID





Brussels city hall



Congress building of the State of Sinaloa, Mexico

So. 17. Mai 2020 | 17 - 19 Uhr
**INTERNATIONALER TAG GEGEN
 HOMO-, BI-, INTER- UND TRANSPHOBIE**
IDAHOBIT DIE WEB-SHOW

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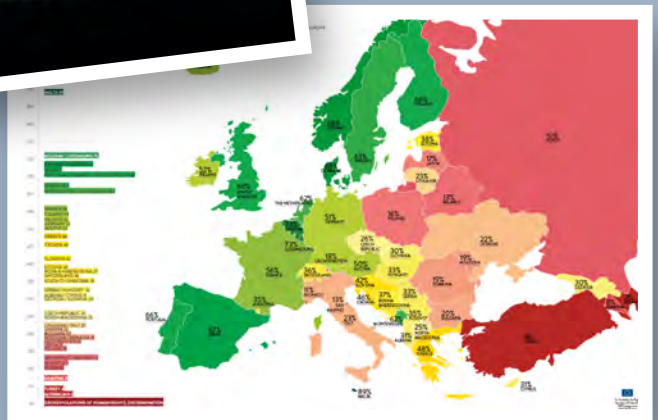
Cleveland Fire Brigade

"Pirate" road posts mark Tel Aviv streets for May 17



Ministry of Foreign Affairs Italy

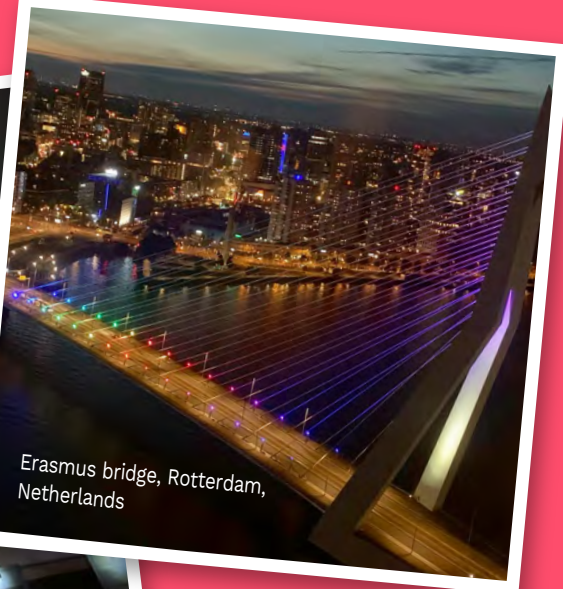
Ilga Europe released its annual much awaited Rainbow map

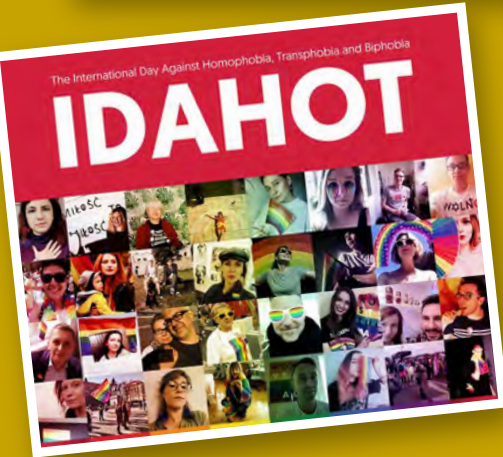


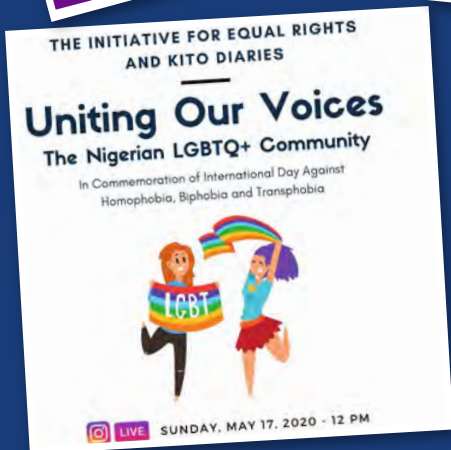
Mexico



Erasmus bridge, Rotterdam, Netherlands







Drag Walk Berlin



Leeds, UK

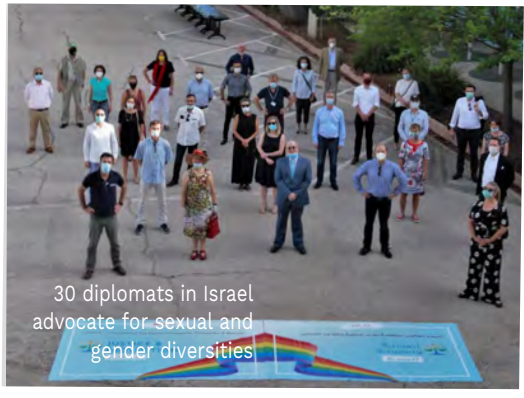


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LGBTivive
17.05 15h+

Festival pelo Dia Mundial contra a LGBTIfobia
Marcha Online Brasil contra LGBTIfobia e o Covid-19

- manifestação
- celebração
- formação
- servoLuta
- fiqueEmCasa

30 diplomats in Israel
advocate for sexual and
gender diversities





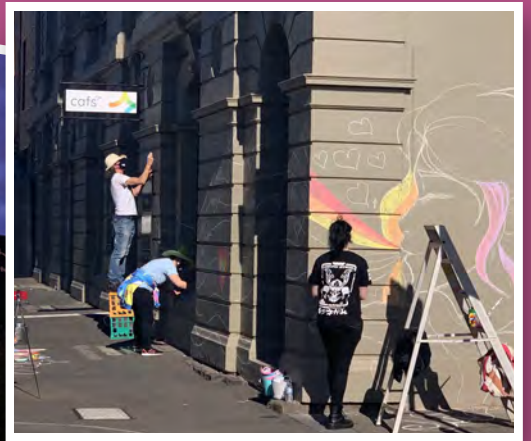
German Postal Services HQ light up in Rainbow colors



Montreuil, France



Paderborn, Germany



Wall paintings were one of the popular safe ways to mark May17 here in Australia



Lancashire, UK, Police forces



Many diplomatic missions in Lithuania join a chorus of support




Commonwealth Secretary General Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC delivers May 17 speech










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MAY 17

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There is a high rate of unemployment in the LGBTQI community and a lot survive on indigenous jobs but with the lockdown people are now relying on abusive friends or family and there is also a high risk of HIV and STIs as unprotected transactional sex has become another option to generate income.

Health psychosocial support limited as there is limited access to few organizations and these organizations have lack of financial capacity and human resources to cater to needs How do we break the silence when we are locked up???



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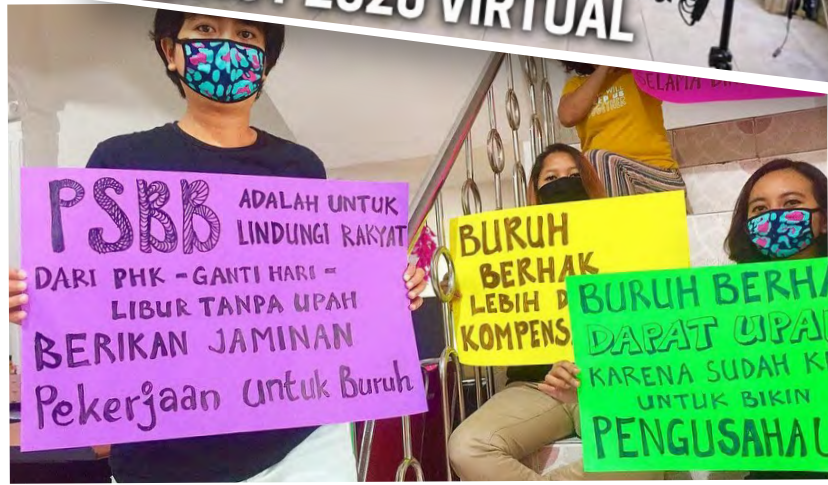
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IDAHOT 2020 VIRTUAL



UN LGBTI CORE GROUP STATEMENT: IDAHO BIT DAY

IT IS CRITICAL THAT DOMESTIC & GLOBAL RESPONSES TO COVID-19 ARE MINDFUL OF THE INTERSECTING NEEDS OF LGBTI PEOPLE. GOVERNMENTS MUST ENSURE THAT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AT THE CENTER OF ALL COVID-19 RESPONSES & THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.

RESPONSE PLANS MUST IDENTIFY & PUT IN PLACE TARGETED MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF THE VIRUS ON MARGINALIZED GROUPS, INCLUDING LGBTI INDIVIDUALS.

At the UN, a large group of States issued a Statement in favour the universal respect for Human Rights





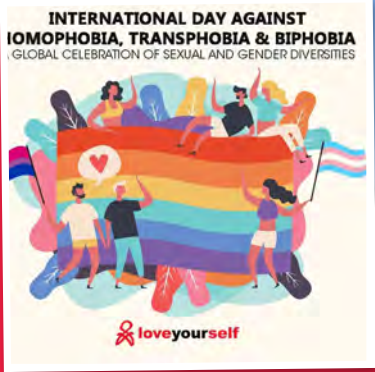
Countless rainbow flags were raised in honour of IDAHTB / IDAHOBIT - Here in Canada



European Union Commission



Palace of Culture, Warsaw, Poland



Government building, Kosovo



Serbia



In Italy, Chemists distribute May17 badges to be worn on face masks

The posters created for May 17 were a popular feature all over the web.



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