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# Which non-profit organisations work in the LGBTI field?



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Child in a demonstration in favour of LGBTI community rights. Photo: Marina Liotta (FELGTB), Flickr.



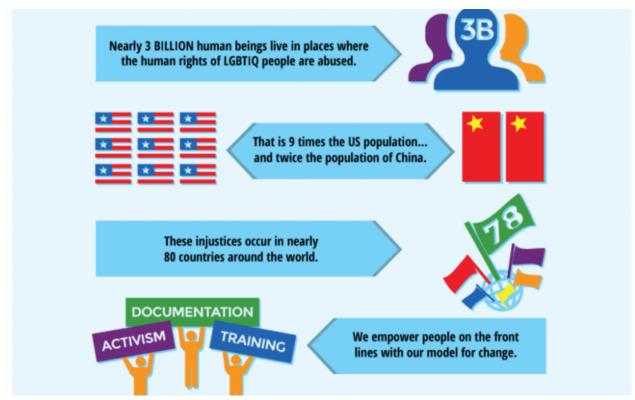




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Computer graphics about the situation of LGBTI rights in the world. Image: OutRight Action International.

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Demonstration against violation of LGBTI rights. Photo: Arribalasqueluchan, Flickr.

There are many different organisations around the world standing for human rights and fighting to recognise the LGBTI community.

In Catalonia there are many different organisations working in the **LGBTI field**. One of their goals is standing for the rights of the **lesbian**, **gay**, **bisexual and trans-gender community**. An illustrative example would be <u>AMPGIL</u> (Parents of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Trans-genders Association), a Barcelona-based non-profit organisation focused on the preparation of weekly meetings and supporting parents both face-to-face and via phone. Apart from that, they also organise seminars, speeches, cultural and educational activities, reports and campaigns to raise awareness about the situation of the LGBTI community. Moreover, they closely collaborate with other LGBTI non-profits and public bodies.

Some other organisations working in the same field are <u>LGBTI Families</u>, <u>Lambda</u>, the Catalan Coordinator for Gays and Lesbians and the <u>LGBTI Call</u>. Further in the North of the country, close to Girona, we can find the <u>Catalan Front for Gay Liberation</u>, also based in other cities. Near the sea some miles away from Barcelona we find the "<u>Tarragona knows</u>" community and the <u>H20</u> organisation. Last but not least, the province of Lleida has two main non-profits: Eagle and the GayLleid Association.

Is it well-known that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June the world celebrates the **International Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day**. In the previous month, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, there is another event: the <u>International Day Against Homophobia</u>. <u>Transphobia and Biphobia</u>. All around the globe there are many non-profit organisations that are also making an effort in the last few years in order to fight for LGBTI rights. Some of them are the following ones:

 Amnesty International: is a global movement of more than 7 million people in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end abuses of human rights. Quite often, they also denounce violation of LGBTI rights.



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- Immigration Equality: since 1994, they have advocated for and represent lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-positive immigrants seeking safety, fair treatment and freedom. This American-based organisation is currently offering legal assistance and fighting to obtain asylum in the United States for the LGBTQ community.
- OutRight Action International: it is formerly known as the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights
  Commission. OutRight seeks to advance human rights and opportunities for LGBTIQ people around the
  world by developing critical partnernships at global, regional and national levels. In addition, they serve as a
  bridge between local communities and high-impact external levers of power.
- <u>IGLYO</u>: the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender, Queer and Intersex Youth & Student Organisation (IGLYO) is a pan European network, working with over 95 LGBTQI youth and student organisations. The main feature of this organisation is that it is run for and by young people.
- International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA): ILGA is a worldwide federation
  of 1.200 member organisations from 125 countries campaigning for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and
  intersex rights presented in six different regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Nort-America and
  Oceania. Since 1978, ILGA enjoys consultative status at the UN ECOSOC Council.
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother
  publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organisation. PFLAG
  envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive
  of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

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