International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

MAY 17

ANNUAL PHOTO ALBUM WITH SNAPSHOTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE 2022
Every year, the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia provides a moment to collectively voice the stories, the concerns, the hopes, the demands and the dreams of all people with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and sex characteristics. It is also a moment where all allies can voice their support, a moment when we can all come together, across our differences but united in the same vision of a fairer and better world.

In 2022, although the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia was still under the sign of COVID-19, it was great to see many offline events at local level, where LGBTQI+ communities, schools, healthcare centres, police stations, sports clubs, companies and local authorities of all sorts took action to observe the Day. In many cases IDAHOBIT provided the first opportunity for an LGBTQI+ support action since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in many parts of the world, and this generated much momentum and a vibrant atmosphere.

Political voices, even at the highest levels of the United Nations and several States, joined forces to give the Day a wide resonance throughout public opinion. In the face of the Russian invasion, many of these voices expressed their solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and especially with Ukrainian LGBTQI+ persons.

This year, the global annual theme “Our Bodies, Our Lives, Our Rights” resonated for all those whose bodies are policed by medical and/or administrative authorities. Particularly Women, Trans and non-binary people and Intersex people are in the frontlines of the battles for recognition, freedom and autonomy, with ableism and racial discrimination adding to the challenges that some of our community members must face.

The social media storm that the Day generates bears testimony to the strength of our movement and the force of our supporters. Yet, the conservative and hateful backlash that it also generated is a strong signal that we cannot drop our defences. We had reports that on the day of May 17 itself a young man was beaten to death in Senegal only on suspicion of being gay. And this happens every day somewhere in the world, often going unreported. In the face of the ever increasing conservative crackdown on our bodies, our lives, our rights, the fight must continue. We hope that this photo album pays tribute to the vibrancy of our mobilisations, and brings momentum for more action in the months to come.

Note: This album provides a few snapshots from the many events that were recorded. They bear testimony to the organisers’ creativity and courage. Hundreds of organisations were involved in celebrations around the world. It would be impossible to mention them all. Our Twitter feed @may17org provides more detailed coverage of events and organisers.
Activists in Thailand called for equal marriage rights.

A voguing battle marked the Day in Rome, Italy.

Air France and KLM fly high for LGBTQI+ visibility.

Airbus. Many companies celebrated the Day with staff events and public displays of support to the LGBTQI+ communities.

Alberta, Canada: wildfire patrol got creative.

Around the world, IDAHOBIT provides a great opportunity for educational action.

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In countries where LGBTQI people are outlawed, IDAHOBIT provided a much needed moment for celebration, as here in Uganda.

Artists took it to the streets on IDAHOBIT, including in Botswana!

Former Tennis champion Billie Jean King marked the Day this year again.

Gay Men’s choir Los Angeles.

DAMJ The Tunisian Association for Justice and equality & OUTCAST IDAHOT22 event poster: “Transition”

City of Caracas paints rainbow crossing and City of Melbourne, Australia, inaugurated a special Love Bus.

ILGA Europe released its much awaited annual Rainbow Maps.

Hundreds of political figures spoke out this May 17, as here in Minnesota, USA.

Mobilisation around the world.
In Myanmar, brave activists marched for LGBTQ rights. Intersex organisations also marked IDAHOBIT in Argentina at the Presidential Palace on #IDAHOBIT2022. LGBTQI Activists and people with disabilities took part in an IDAHOBIT fashion show in Rwanda. Many #IDAHOBIT2022 events were under the sign of solidarity with Ukraine.

One of the special IDAHOBIT flights from KLM landed in Suriname. Pride marches also happened in smaller cities, like in St Brieuc, a small French town. People from 7 Nepalese provinces rallied in Kathmandu for IDAHOBIT. Liverpool, UK, shows love.
Celebration of #IDAHOBIT2022 in Rwanda by @UshahidiNetworK

Brussels queer choir produced their very queer version of This is Me.

As here in Laos, LGBTQI+ organisations organised hundreds of debates worldwide.

Many marches marked IDAHOBIT 2022. Here in El Salvador.

May 17 can also be traditional. Here in Colombia.

May 17 vibrates across all of Australia each year (Katoomba - Lona Logan).

This year's biggest LGBTQI+ protest for IDAHOBIT might have been in Seoul, Korea.

Many police forces showed solidarity and support. Featured here is Cardinia, Australia.

One example in many of IDAHOBIT creativity.

Many voices from the community were heard around the world, as here in Kenya.

The first French Trans march since the outbreak of COVID19 was scheduled for IDAHOBIT.

NewZealand Parliament.
Embassies

Around the world, many Embassies marked the Day with community events, declaration, photo shoots.
Displaying rainbow colored lights is one of the very popular ways to mark IDAHOBIT.
Major global political voices marked the Day again this year.
Posters

Much creativity went this year again in creating visuals for the Day. The official global annual theme “Our Bodies Our Lives Our Rights” was strongly taken up by many actors.
Sports

Countless sports club, from huge to tiny, marked the Day, with a huge impact on public opinion and LGBTQI+ sports communities.

Blackpool Football Club’s Jake Daniels comes out as gay

FC Barcelona is one of the many football clubs to raise its voice against discrimination each year on May 17.

Vancouver is one of the many NHL clubs who voiced their support.

Metcalf's Jake Daniels talks about being the UK’s first male professional footballer to come out publicly since Justin Fashanu.

Messi and PSG team mates wear rainbow colors for IDAHOBIT.

Rugby legend All Blacks spoke up powerfully.

UK Racing driver Richard Morris.

National Hockey League.

Today we are wearing the colors of the rainbow to show solidarity to the LGBTQI+ community and to raise awareness of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia, and Interphobia, which is observed on May 17. #AMENQuMaMa18

FC Bayern Munich

@FCB

On this International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia, and Interphobia, FC Bayern is once again making clear that the club stands for a world without exclusion, in any kind!

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Today is International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Today and everyday, we are committed to do our part to make hockey a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for all.

@HockeyIsForEveryone

And help make rugby a welcome place for the Rainbow community.

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United Nations

Once again this year, most UN agencies marked the Day with special announcements and events.
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