ILGA – the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association - is the world federation of national and local organisations dedicated to achieving equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people.

Established in 1978, ILGA enjoys consultative status at the UN Ecosoc Council.

It speaks and lobbies in international fora on behalf of more than 1,200 member organisations from 132 countries, who are based in our six regions: Pan Africa ILGA, ILGA Asia, ILGA-Europe, ILGALAC (Latin America and the Caribbean), ILGA North America and ILGA Oceania.

We are funded by governments, private foundations and the invaluable contributions of hundreds of private donors. Together, they all chip in to help us fight for those who face discrimination on the grounds of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics.

We represent LGBTI civil society within the United Nations and other international organisations.

We support our members and other organisations in promoting and protecting human rights.

We raise awareness and inform institutions, government, media and civil society through advocacy and research.
Our impact

2016 in numbers

1,228 member organisations from 132 countries representing 6 regions:
1 world conference, gathering more than 3,000 participants from 132 countries,
20 regional conferences,
3 regional conferences attended by more than 150 activists/organisations.

5 major events, including two meetings of the UN Human Rights Council,
8 new publications released,
1,300 persons visiting our website every day,
10,039 Facebook page views (vs. 8,160 in December 2015),
14,248 Twitter followers (+52% increase from December 2015),
238 LinkedIn followers (+50% increase from December 2015),
42 relevant uploads to our YouTube channel,
40 news articles published on Global-e (90% increase),
15 media releases and statements issued.

72,000,000 estimated offline and online readership of ILGA publications, including coverage in 20,000 media outlets across 150 countries.

North America 103
Europe 332
Latin America & Caribbean 300
Asia 139
Africa 105
Oceania 49
August 1978. Coventry, United Kingdom.

Representatives of organisations from Australia, Britain, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Scotland and the USA gathered together at a fringe meeting of the annual conference of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality: the (then named) IGA was born.

Many legal, political and social changes that have happened for rainbow communities in the past 40 years seemed unthinkable back then.

We have been there ever since.

ILGA is committed to help shaping a world where the human rights of all are respected.

Where the everyone can live in equality and freedom.

Where global justice and equity are assured and established regardless of the people's sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and sex.

Our vision