

International Resources for LGBT Individuals

Australia

Gay Immigration Rights Task Force Australia

GLITF aims to achieve equality in the immigration system for gay and lesbian couples and assist couples making residency applications where one partner is not an Australian citizen.

Canada

LEGIT is a national organization that offers information, experience and support for same-sex couples who are in the process of immigrating to Canada.

France

ARDHIS

Association for the Recognition of Residency and Immigration Rights for Homosexuals and Transgenders in France.

United Kingdom

Love Exiles UK

A group of British-American gay and lesbian couples and Americans living in the UK with foreign partners.

United States

Human Rights Watch

Human Rights Watch is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. A report on bi-national same-sex couples will be released shortly.

Immigration Equality

US group focusing on immigration issues for binational gay and lesbian couples, immigrants with HIV/AIDS, and sexual-orientation-based asylum seekers. The web site has information on the Uniting American Families Act (UAFSA), which would enable gays and lesbians to sponsor their same-sex partners for US residency.

International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission

The mission of IGLHRC is to secure the full enjoyment of the human rights of all people and communities subject to discrimination or abuse on the basis of sexual orientation or expression, gender identity or expression, and/or HIV status.

Love Sees No Borders

A web site dedicated to promoting awareness of the plight of same-sex binational couples in the United States.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights

Provides legal counseling to LGBT immigrants and same-sex binational couples. NCLR hosts free legal clinics and helped Immigration Equality draft the UAFSA.

Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples

An international resource for same-sex couples, supporting the diverse community of committed gay and lesbian partners.

Out4Immigation

A grassroots organization formed and run by volunteers who have all been affected by discrimination in the US immigration system.

Through Thick and Thin

A film on immigration struggles of gay and lesbian couples in America.

European Union

Citizen's Signpost on www.europe.eu

An advisory service which gives guidance and practical advice to citizens on specific problems they encounter in the EU and its Internal Market.

National Solvit Centres

An on-line problem solving network in which EU Member States work together to solve without legal proceedings problems caused by the misapplication of Internal Market law by public authorities.

Recognition of Same-Sex Couples and Families

Dr. Kees Waaldijk Dr. Waaldijk, senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Universiteit Leiden in the Netherlands, was the author of the first Dutch academic article on same-sex marriage in 1987. The article was used in the same-sex marriage test case that was decided by the Dutch Supreme Court in 1990. He served as a member of the Dutch Government's Commission of legal experts advising on the opening up of civil marriage to same-sex couples (1996/97). He wrote an affidavit for the Supreme Court of Canada, about marriage and partnership laws in across Europe.

Freedom to Marry

Gay and non-gay partnership working to win marriage equality in the United States.

ILGA

International Lesbian and Gay Association.

Marriage Equality USA

Working to secure the freedom and the right of same-sex couples to enter into legally-recognized civil marriage, having all the federal and state benefits and responsibilities which that entails.

Alternative to Marriage Project

Advocates for equality and fairness for unmarried people, including people who cannot marry.

Additional International Resources

Campus Pride

<http://www.campuspride.org/aboutus.asp>

Campus Pride represents the only national nonprofit organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students. The organization is a volunteer-driven network "for" and "by" student leaders. The primary objective of Campus Pride is to develop necessary resources, programs and services to support LGBT and ally students on college campuses across the United States.

GLBT Discussion and Support Group – For International Students and Scholars

<http://www.isss.umn.edu/programs/disgroup/glb.html>

A confidential group for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered or questioning, International Students and Scholars who would like to discuss issues which affect GLBT International Students and Scholars is being formed.

GLBT groups on the University of Minnesota campus

<http://glbta.umn.edu/uofm/>

This is the program office for University of Minnesota LGBT individuals. It specifies all of the different majors that can be taken pertaining to LGBT research.

International resources from Indiana University

<http://iub.edu/~glbt/international-resources/>

International resources by country via Indiana University. Part of the Division of Student Affairs, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Support Services office serves as a resource and information center for campus and community individuals, groups, events, and activities. The office provides a welcoming environment for individuals seeking to grow in their understanding of GLBT issues. Overseen by the GLBT Student Support Services Advisory Board, our office also works in conjunction with IU's student groups, offices and many communities, state and national organizations.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators Rainbow Special Interest Group (SIG)

<http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/student.htm>

The Rainbow SIG is comprised of diverse members of NAFSA whose goals are to counsel international students and study abroad students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered; to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered professionals in international education; to combat homophobia, heterosexism and transphobia within NAFSA.

Queer Peace International

<http://www.queerpeace.org/links.html>

Queer Peace International is an organization that facilitates networking between sexual and gender minority organizations, individuals and their allies. We are committed to working across the global North/South divide to build capacities, share skills, develop transformative practices, and to guide – and intervene in – international development programming.

Resources for International GLBT students

<http://glbta.umn.edu/international/welcome.html>

This website is the result of input from students, staff, faculty and alumni from across the University of Minnesota, all supportive of GLBTA identities (broadly understood!) and all supportive of making connections across countries, continents and cultures!

Study Abroad for GLBT Students

<http://studyabroad.msu.edu/forms/glb.html#Some>

Explore GLBT travel guides and internet resources. Talk with other GLBT and allied people about their experiences in certain countries or regions to gather as much information as possible upon which to make your choices and decisions. Once in your host country, find out what local newspapers, e-magazines or online resources may be available

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association

<http://www.ilga.org/index.asp>

You will be able to find everything you could possibly need on here regarding LGBTQ issues. This site provides information on LGBTQ issues around the world.

Love Exiles Foundation

<http://www.loveexiles.org/home.htm>

Many same-sex couples choose to immigrate to a country that recognizes their relationship for immigration purposes. They face the challenges of leaving behind their homes, communities, families, jobs and careers to start a new life. The Love Exiles Foundation supports GLBT couples who have chosen or are considering exile in order to be together. Love Exiles has local groups in Germany (Köln), the Netherlands (Amsterdam), and the UK (London).

Stories about GLBT students and their experiences

Indian GLBT student

<http://glbta.umn.edu/international/story.html>

Japanese GLBT student

http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/vol5_2/52paradise.html

Russian GLBT student

http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/vol5_1/51success.html