

25 YEARS



Every day, LGBTIQ people's human rights and dignity are abused around the world in ways that shock the conscience. The stories of LGBTIQ struggles and resilience are astounding, yet remain unknown – or willfully ignored – by those with the power to make change. Without a groundswell of pressure, particularly from countries where LGBTIQ equality has progressed, these attacks on individuals' fundamental identities will continue unabated.

THAT'S WHERE OUTRIGHT ACTION INTERNATIONAL COMES IN.

With expertise, connections and experience gained over two and a half decades, OutRight fights to protect and advance LGBTIQ peoples' dignity and human rights as part of the global human rights movement. We empower people on the front lines, hold leaders accountable and measure our impact through positive change in people's lives.

For the past 25 years we have worked to make a difference in the lives of millions around the world. Our staff works alongside LGBTIQ individuals across four continents in the Global South to help identify community-focused solutions and guide policymakers toward lasting change. We vigilantly monitor and document the conditions of LGBTIQ people's lives to spur action against human rights violations when they occur. We train partners to document and advocate against these violations themselves. We also provide trainings to others, such as journalists and police, to promote justice and fairness in their engagement with LGBTIQ people. We bring together advocates and activists from across the globe to share experiences, strategies and successes that make each other's work stronger.

OutRight is the only LGBTIQ organization that has a permanent presence to advocate at the United Nations in N.Y. for human rights progress for LGBTIQ people. We have a major stake at the UN on human rights and hold special consultative status there, which allows us to bring to light the concerns of LGBTIQ people globally at this important world forum.

> Josephine Mandeng is an activist with Alternatives-Cameroun. We worked with her and others in 2010 on a project to document human rights abuses in the country and it has made a difference. "From 2010 to today, lots of things have been done! In 2010, we were looking for lesbians who had been victimized but they were too afraid to speak. But now they come." To read more about Josephine and other activists we work closely with, go to: www.OutRightInternational.org/how-we-work/activists



In 2015, marking our 25th anniversary, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission introduces a new name--OutRight Action International. Our mission remains as steadfast today as it was when we were founded in 1990. We stand for human rights for all LGBTIQ people, everywhere. The name change reflects our longstanding commitment to advancing the human rights concerns of all LGBTIQ people, which had not been explicit in our former name. Our new shorter, and, we hope, more memorable name comes with our determination to push toward a world that upholds human rights for LGBTIQ people everywhere.



U.S. activist Julie Dorf launches

then known as the Internation

Gay and Lesbian Human Righ

Commission, or IGLHRC.

1990

We attain consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council giving us and our partners unprecedented access to decision makers in the global body. We hold the third Latin American Human Rights Advocacy Institute and our first Institute in Asia. We testify before the U.S. Congress about efforts to export homophobia from the U.S. and the resulting anti-



2010

homosexuality bill in Uganda.



Inter-American Court of Human Rights condemns Chile for stripping Karen Atala, a lesbian mother and judge, of custody of her three daughters on the basis of her sexual orientation. With partners, we co-author a brief for the Court.

We convene 30 Liberian activists to develop an immediate strategy to protect LGB1

submitting a shadow report to the United Nations, finding that "lesbian, bisexual and transgender people living in Zimbabwe are confronted by systemic discrimination on a

Liberians. We also assist Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) in writing and



After 2 years of joint support for humanitarian assistance to vulnerable LGBTI people in Iraq, we work with partners to raise awareness of desperate plight with the publication of two groundbreaking briefings.

Executive Director Jessica Stern addresses the firstever U.N. Security Council meeting on violence against LGBTIQ people, urging world governments to act immediately to protect those targeted by extremist persecution and cruel acts in Iraq and Syria.



2015

We launch the first episode of a commissione graphic novel, "Yousef and Farhad", about the struggle for acceptance by two fictional gay men in Iran. Publication kicks off digital campaign: #LoveForAll.

We win the first sexual orientation asylum case in the United States, for a

Brazilian man after documenting more

he U.S. State Department to include

persecution of LGBT people in annual

country reports on human rights.

than 1,200 murders of LGBT people in

hat country over a decade. We persuade

the 16th century.



We work on a campaign to ensure

that Amnesty International changes

its mandate to include abuses

against LGBT people.





We launch the Felipa de Souza and exile after proudly declaring her love for another woman in visibility.

We work with South Asian first meeting between LGBT make life-saving AIDS drugs community leaders and the readily available to those who

President of Romania agrees

to pardon gay men and

lesbians imprisoned under

that country's sodomy law

through our advocacy. We

conduct an intensive training

in New York City for activists

from Argentina, Hong Kong,

Hungary, Nicaragua, South

Africa, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

We ensure that sexual rights are included We establish a network in the official discussions at the UN Fourth of pro bono attorneys to World Conference on Women in Beijing. giving lesbian issues unprecedented

We begin intensive

and the Middle East,

and produce the first

ever resource guide

addressing asylum based

on sexual orientation.

regional work in Africa

work on LGBT issues in South Africa and increase collaboration with activists in Korea, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines. We launch a campaign with other U.S. activists to persuade the

2000

the Beijing conference.

We mobilize an emergency response network to help win the release of four HIV prevention workers in India after they are imprisoned for five weeks for doing life-saving work.

As part of the Pink Triangle Coalition, we convene a conference in

enthusiastically received at a UN sponsored 5-year anniversary of

Berlin on the Nazi persecution of "homosexuals". Our publication

on how sexuality is used to attack women's organizing is

We conduct a human rights

Rico, Paraguay, Mexico, South

Africa and India and start a

harm reduction program with

AIDS activists in Thailand.

training with activists in Puerto

We release a report on the consequences of state-sponsored homophobia in Botswana. Namibia. South Africa. Zambia and Zimbabwe We work with the U.S. State Department to promote immigration and asylum policies that are supportive of LGBT issues.

We work with Nepal's Blue Diamond

arbitrarily imprisoned HIV workers

organization's legal status. We bring

Rights Commission to support the

sexual orientation.

dozens of activists to the UN Human

Brazil Resolution on human rights and

Society to win the release of 39

and fight attempts to revoke the

Our documentation of transgender abuse in El Salvador helps win a temporary reprieve in a U.S. asylum case from that country.

We hold our second Latin American Human Rights Advocacy Institute - this time for Central American lesbian and bisexual women and Spanish-speaking Caribbean emerging leaders in the activist world. We bring the firstever delegation of LGBT activists to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights.

We succeed in gaining the release of

11 gay men imprisoned in Cameroon.

We publish Voices of Nigeria, which

Nigerian LGBT citizens in general and

specifically after the government's

documents the experiences of

attempt to pass the "Same Sex

Marriage Prohibition Act."

2005

We launch our first Latin American Human Rights Advocacy Institute

We recognize Archbishop Desmond

Tutu with an OUTSPOKEN! award.

elebrating his leadership as a global

ally of the LGBT community. This was

nis first direct address to a major LGBT

athering in the U.S. and he apologizes

on behalf of the faith community for

marginalizing gay people.

pardon of Steven Monjeza and Fiwonge Chumbalanga of Malawi arrested, held without bail and tried for loving outside of gender norms - while continuing to provide technical assistance to the country's young LGBT movement.

We help secure the release and



affirming the universality of human rights, U.N. Human

In a groundbreaking achievement

Rights Council passes the first-ever resolution on human rights violations based on sexu orientation and gender identity We document increased anti-LGBT human rights violations violence and discrimination – ir the aftermath of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.



On Human Rights Day, we co-organize a panel at the United Nations featuring Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, sports stars and three LGBTI human rights defenders to draw attention to homophobia and transphobia on the eve of the Olympics in Russia.



With your support we have helped secure the release of people unjustly imprisoned on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, documented grave violations of human rights, and amplified the voices of LGBTIQ activists as they hold their governments accountable. Together, our movement is growing, but we cannot do this invaluable work without your support.

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TODAY TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM AND THE PRESSURE FOR CHANGE.



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