



**New Funding for Global Pride Events**  
**InterPride's Solidarity Fund expands and makes grants to 9 emerging LGBTI**  
**Pride-related events in 8 countries**

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The International Association of Pride Organizers is excited to announce its 2015 Solidarity Fund grant recipients. This year, the Solidarity Fund will provide \$12,000 to support 9 projects in 8 countries. Funds will be used to support art exhibitions as part of Sophia Pride Week in Bulgaria, a public gathering for LGBTI communities on World AIDS Day in Kigali, Rwanda, support for the Hong Kong Pride Parade, and a performance as part of Delhi Queer Pride in India. Public events are also being supported this year in Ulan Bataar (Mongolia), Riga (Latvia), Nairobi (Kenya), Cape Town (South Africa), and Tirupati (India).

The mission of the Solidarity Sub-Committee of InterPride's Human Rights Committee is to distribute the funds collected from our membership and sponsors to organizations that are helping create change and promote a better understanding of LGBTI communities. Grants are awarded annually to community-based events around the world, with a focus on places where public LGBTI events often face challenges and hostility. "In much of the world accessing funding support for public actions and events is an enormous challenge and we are thrilled to be able to expand our support this year", said Dallas Barnes, Co-Chair of the Solidarity SubCommittee of InterPride.

"The Pride movement looks different from country to country, but one thing that unites these events is the importance of building community and finding support among people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities", said Doug Kerr, the other Co-Chair of the Solidarity Subcommittee.

Meera Raghavendra of Women's Initiatives in Tirupati,, India said "Our organization is quite happy to be a grantee of InterPride's Solidarity Fund, and be a part of Inter Pride association of Pride Organizers." Funds will be used by Women's Initiative to conduct three public events in three southern states, Kerala, Andra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu around issues that LGBTI communities face in these states.

InterPride is proud of the support of our member organizations for the Solidarity Fund and its mission. For more information on any of the funded grantees this year, please visit our website for details.

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