

## Equality for some... but not for all.



### May the 5th - Commencement of The Children and Family Relationships Act - Signed into Law by Simon Harris

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**May 5th 2020 - Ireland. A monumental day as *SOME* LGBT+ parents now have the same rights as heterosexual parents. It is a huge step in the right direction. However many people will not meet the strict criteria to be recognised as families and in these cases only one person in an LGBT+ family can be a legal parent - leaving an unknown outcome for families in the event of bereavement, illness and more. Despite the progress being made, we are #stillnotequal**

Equality for Children is a grassroots campaign launched in October 2019 - campaigning for equality for all children of LGBT+ families in Ireland. It was started by a collective of concerned parents and allies who were tired of waiting for their families to be given the recognition they deserve.

Ranae von Meding, CEO of Equality for Children says, "We're tired of sitting idly on an unfulfilled promise by the State which has spanned years, and we're calling out for help in making our point. Many people think that because we have marriage equality, that everything is sorted out - but it is not.

"We saw how YesEquality brought people together in 2015, because **love wins**. Now we're calling on the people of Ireland to get behind us to make magic happen once more," she added.

'The protections promised in 2015 by the government under the **Children and Family and Relationships Bill** dictate a very particular LGBT+ family makeup. They are finally coming to fruition today and for that we are grateful. However it is not enough. Around 40% of children will be covered by this bill. That leaves the other 60% with no legal connection to one of their parents. 5 years after marriage equality, and that simply is not good enough.'

The campaign has garnered support from people who are willing to help across social media, fundraising, lobbying, design and more, but the task group are asking people to support them through donating or joining them in the fight for true equality.

“As it stands today, there are still many LGBT+ families in which only one parent can be a legal parent, which of course is perilous in the event of bereavement, illness and more,” Ranae commented.

“The reason why this campaign is so important is because many children of LGBT+ parents are still on the dangerous sidelines of grey legislation. We are #StillNotEqual, and our children ultimately suffer the most, unless something changes. True equality will not be achieved until it extends to all children in Ireland,” she added.

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