

Pride Equality (PE) Special Initiatives:

Fanny Ann Eddy Achievement Awards (FAEAA)

Fanny Ann Eddy Achievement Awards (FAEAA) in Sierra Leone was founded on 29th September 2012 by Valentine Solomon Norman, the son of late Fanny Ann Eddy in recognition of Fanny Ann Eddy as the founder of the LGBTI human rights struggle in Sierra Leone and continued advocacy for the promotion and protection of LGBTI human rights countrywide.



The initiative of the award is to create a platform for LGBTI issues to be visible through quiz competitions and debates in learning institutions like schools, colleges and universities in Sierra Leone to spark up a debate on LGBTI issues into mainstream human rights agenda.

Sex Workers Advocacy Taskforce (SWAT)

Sex Workers Advocacy Task force (SWAT) is an initiative that brings sexual reproductive health (SRH) services including HIV counseling and Testing services closer to Gay, Men who have sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender (GMT) sex workers. The initiatives has outreach officers and peer educators who reach out to peers with HIV prevention and safer sex messages including condom demonstration, distribution of condoms and lubricants to minimize the spread of HIV and other STIs. We also organize capacity building sessions on sexual health, sexual rights, safety and well being of GMT sex workers.

Journalists for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Rights

Journalists for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Rights are an initiative of Pride Equality that provides trainings to journalists to produce unbiased report on SOGI issues. The initiative was born out of the Pride Equality United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Sierra Leone joint training on monitoring and documenting human rights violation based on SOGI held on March 2012.

Pride Equality Partners

PE is working in partnership with the following local and international organizations :

- **Musical Television (MTV) Staying Alive Foundation (SAF)**
- **The Association for AIDS Research (amfAR)**
- **Queer African Youth Networking Center (QAYN)**
- **Rainbow Equality Forum (REF) Sierra Leone**
- **The Human Rights Working Group Sierra Leone**
- **Salone Jamboree**
- **Sierra Leone Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (SLYCHA)**
- **Global Rights**

If you are interested in following the progress or interested in partnership and or sponsorship or you want to be involved here's how:

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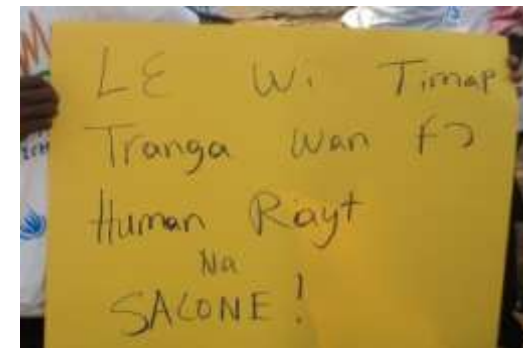
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Stop Discrimination, Embrace Diversity !



About Pride Equality (PE)

Pride Equality (PE) formerly WhyCantWeGetMarried.Com (WCWGMC) Sierra Leone is an organization that was founded in 2007 by a small group of activists committed to Human Rights and ending minority discrimination worldwide. PE is a non-religious, non-partisan and non-profit making organization aimed at promoting peace, equality, understanding and respect of all human rights across Sierra Leone. The organization strongly promotes, protects and provides services on human rights and access to sexual reproductive health services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) young people across Sierra Leone. We challenge all forms of discrimination especially, those dealing with the rights of LGBTQI people.



Pride Equality's Vision Statement

Pride Equality (PE) thrives to make the recognition of the rights of young Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) youth a reality in Sierra Leone.

Pride Equality's Mission Statement

Pride Equality aims to serve as a primary catalyst for the empowerment of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) youth. Our mission is to work together to reduce discrimination, stereotype, homophobia, trans-phobia and patriarchal norms for the attainment of equal rights for all.

PE's Objectives

- To campaign against violence, hate crimes and exploitation in the lives of LGBTQI people in Sierra Leone;
- To promote understanding and respect of the human rights of LGBTQI people;
- To help promote LGBTQI human rights and gender equality;
- To undertake sexual health education to minimize sexually transmitted infections in the LGBTQI community including LGBTQI sex workers and injected drug users;
- To advocate and lobby the government to include LGBTQI issues in the national development agenda;
- To work to end homophobia and trans-phobia;
- To advocate for same-sex marriage;
- To advocate for the fundamental human rights of LGBTQI sex workers;



Pride Equality Organizational Values

- Equality and diversity
- Active youth participation
- Individual freedom and liberties
- Dialogue between stakeholder
- Integrity, accountability and transparency

PE's ACHIEVEMENTS

- Production of the HIV&AIDS book for LGBTQI youth titled "Tearing Down Walls, Building Up Hope" A Youth Empowerment Toolkit.
- PE successfully provided treatment on STIs and HIV&AIDS services to 50 MSM/Gay men, 20 bisexuals, 15 Lesbians and 5 Transgender youth in Sierra Leone.
- Our involvement in the development of the National AIDS Commission (NAC) National Strategic Plan (NSP) laid to the issues of MSM to be now incorporated in the HIV Policy under the Most At Risk Population (MARPs).
- We have successfully build partnership with other Human Rights organizations and media practitioners who are now advocating on equal rights for all.



- The establishment of regional groups and student networks.
- Successfully trained 35 LGBTQI youth on sexual and reproductive rights, sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) issues, and documentation and reporting of human rights violation based on SOGI issues.
- The establishment of telephone hotline to report cases on STIs and human rights violations.
- Development of an interactive website and social networking.