


# CANADA AT WORLDPRIDE



**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2023**

➡ Several Dignity Network Canada member organizations attended WorldPride held in Sydney, Australia in February and March 2023. Egale Canada, Fierté Montréal, Pride Toronto and Rainbow Railroad, along with staff from the DNC secretariat participated in the human rights conference and other events through the festival.

Canadian civil society representatives at Canadian-Australian Chamber of Commerce WorldPride welcome reception with High Commissioner Mark Glauser and Consul General André François Giroux.



➡ Government of Canada offices in Australia were also very active in supporting WorldPride through a range of activities and events, including the following:

- Sponsorship of the Human Rights Conference.
- Activating a Canada booth at both the Human Rights Conference and the Mardi Gras Fair Day.
- Facilitating the participation of indigenous Two Spirit Canadian artists in WorldPride cultural programming.
- Supporting Canadian civil society leaders to attend both the WorldPride Human Rights Conference and the Queer Displacements Conference.
- Hosting a welcome reception in partnership with the Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce.

➡ As part of the consulate's WorldPride month activities in Sydney, representatives of the LGBT Purge Fund, also a Dignity Network Canada member organization, delivered a training session on the LGBT Purge to employees and guests at the Canadian Consulate General (as well as diplomats from Canberra and Wellington, NZ). The Consulate General also organized a senior-level diplomatic luncheon where the ED of the LGBT Purge Fund, Michelle Douglas, delivered remarks about Canada's historical discrimination against 2SLGBTQI people in the federal workplace.





Dignity Network Canada Global Advisory Board member Jannat Ali and Executive Director of Fierté Montreal Executive Director Simon Gamache at the Canadian-Australian Chamber of Commerce welcome reception.



Keynote speaker Kimahli Powell from Rainbow Railroad at Canadian welcome reception.



Government of Canada's booth at the WorldPride Human Rights Conference Exhibition space.



Kim Vance-Mubanga of Egale Canada presenting at the WorldPride Human Rights Conference.



Kimahli Powell of Rainbow Railroad hosting discussion on the impact of the global refugee crisis on displaced LGBTQIA+ people at the WorldPride Human Rights Conference.



Canada's Minister of International Development giving virtual keynote address at WorldPride Human Rights Conference.



Members of Dignity Network Canada Global Advisory Board, DNC Executive Director Doug Kerr, GAC Chief of Protocol Stewart Wheeler, staff from the Canadian Consulate & High Commission.



Canadian author Danny Ramadan at the Queer Displacements conference.



Dignity Network Canada Executive Director Doug Kerr and Australia's Ambassador for Gender Equality Stephanie Copus Campbell.



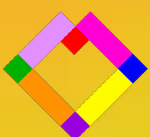
Executive Director of Wabanaki Two Spirit Alliance John Sylliboy with NZ / Aotearoa takatāpui leaders Louisa Wall (NZ Ambassador for Gender Equality), Elizabeth Kerekere (NZ Member of Parliament) and Kevin Haunui.



Pride Toronto representatives Chris Canseco, Bobby MacPherson, Sherwin Modeste, and Kevin Beaulieu, Interpride's WorldPride Committee Co-Chair.



Lacey Hill, of Oneida Six Nations, performing at Koori Gras, a celebration of indigenous queer culture at the Mardi Gras festival.



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