

**Project name:** All Families are Equal

**Project promotor:** Open media group

**Partners:**

- Rainbow Families
- Dikkedokken Film Fellowships, Norway

**Project implementation period:** 1.1.2021. – 31.12.2022.

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**Project summary:**

Croatia is a country with a relatively good legal framework on the rights of the LGBTQI + community, and foster care in LGBTQI + families is guaranteed by a decision of the Constitutional Court in December 2019. However, it still does not happen or happens very rarely after public pressure. The hidden power of social welfare centers, probably caused by prejudice, fear of superiors as well as a relatively justified fear of reactions in public space, needs to be removed. The idea of the project is to show to the general population in the most sensitive area of discrimination that LGBTI + people have common needs and desires and that the prevailing social construct of "otherness" is unjustified. The project "All families are equally" wants to reduce discrimination against members of the LGBTQI + community by ensuring the institutional conditions and social acceptance of foster care in LGBTQI + families. The project team will conduct training for employees of social welfare centers and their directors, an unorthodox public campaign based on the reactions of various people on social networks and electronic and Internet media, and establish a network of civil society organizations, experts interested in supporting foster care in LGBTQI + families. Many will benefit from the project: social welfare centers, the general population, LGBTQI families and communities.

The goal of the project "All families are equal" is to increase the percentage of the population that accepts the adoption of children in LGBTQI + families. Also, the project plans to establish multi-sectoral cooperation between the relevant ministries and civil society organizations dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights of LGBTI + people. Cooperation between human rights organizations and state bodies can lead to significant changes in the conduct that determine the content and quality of everyday life, and enable the state administration to start implementing and promoting non-discriminatory policies towards everyone.

The partnership in the project is carefully complex. OMG, the project applicant has experience in leading multi-year projects and public campaigns dealing with human rights. Rainbow families specialize in the human rights of LGBTQI + families and have already been involved in foster care. They have a network volunteers who are willing to get involved. Dikkedokken Filmlaug from Norway

is an association with experience in the production of documentaries and enough connections to organize a relevant study trip to Norway and bring to Croatia experts who can share their experiences.