

Municipios amigables con su gente

The project links promoting LGBTI people's rights with their informed, active participation in municipal consultative bodies, through 'LGBTI citizen agendas'.

Project beneficiaries

Like the project Centroamerica Diferente (see it) , involving Guatemala and 4 other central American countries, the key players in this project are LGBTI people themselves, in an attempt to reduce stigmatisation and discrimination against them. Also involved are the leaders and members of the collectives – even informal ones – present in the three municipalities concerned (all three are district capitals), civil servants and the wider population.

Aims

This project aims to support dialogue between local civil society organisations in order to boost the process of decentralisation, promote participation and reduce discrimination linked to sexual identity and orientation. In order to achieve this, broad, large-scale participative consultations are set up, as part of the process of decentralisation. They aim to define social priorities within a complex matrix of occasionally contradictory prerogatives.

To achieve these objectives, civil society organisations must be strengthened, to enable adequate participation in public consultative bodies. Furthermore, the LGBTI communities of the three municipalities will develop a common agenda on extending LGBTI rights and present it to citizens for (potential) adoption. Lastly, guidelines on best practice regarding non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation will be drawn up and distributed to local administrations.

Location

The activities will take place specifically in three major municipalities (all three are border regions but in different contexts) with significance to Guatemala: Jutiapa (Jutiapa district), San Marcos (San Marcos district) and Puerto Barrios (Izabal district).

Duration

24 months (start date 1st March 2015)

Partners

Associazione Globularia (project leaders), Terra Nuova, RE.TE (Turin-based NGO), ARCIGAY Italy, Asociación Lambda (Guatemala), Pinkriot ARCIGAY Pisa, Movimento Pansessuale ARCIGAY Siena.

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