

**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND
TRANSPHOBIA FACT SHEET**

**About the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer
(LGBTQ) Community**

- Although members of the LGBTQ community in Canada enjoy many civil rights, discrimination remains a problem.
- Under the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code, there is no protection against discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression.

About International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

- The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO) was first celebrated on May 17, 2005.
- May 17 is the anniversary of the date that homosexuality was removed from the International Classification of Diseases of the World Health Organization (WHO).

About the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP)

- NSRAP was founded in 1995 and incorporated as a non-profit society on February 17, 2000.
- NSRAP works collaboratively throughout the province to advocate for the rights of LGBTQ Nova Scotians and to provide a voice for those who would otherwise go unheard.

