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| **Program Information** | |
| **Date & Time** | Tuesday, June 25, 2019 – 9–10:30 AM EDT |
| **Promo page URL** | <https://interactive.america.gov/iip_event/celebrating-pride-lessons-in-building-inclusive-lgbti-communities/>  or  <http://bit.ly/drl-pride2019> |
| **Event Page URL** | [Facebook.com/StateDRL](https://www.facebook.com/StateDRL/) |
| **Language** | English |

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| **Description** |
| **Celebrating Pride: Lessons in Building Inclusive Communities**  In June 2019, we celebrate LGBTI Pride Month by showcasing outstanding examples of diverse, inclusive communities. Pride movements across the globe have made tremendous progress over the past 30 years. Many communities have discovered the benefits of recognizing an individual’s LGBTI status as an inherent aspect of one’s identity. Diversity is strength — and this month our virtual program provides guidance on how the power of community organizing in support of LGBTI rights can support the freedoms and aspirations of diverse communities everywhere.  Join us for a global interactive virtual event where we’ll focus on how pride movements can work better together and support each other’s activities. We’ll take viewers’ questions and respond live on air with our panel of expert speakers.  For more information, contact GPA New Media Producer Loren Hurst at hurstlw@america.gov. |

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| **Social Media Posts** |
| **FACEBOOK**  Happy LGBTI #Pride Month! Hope you can join us on June 25 at 9 a.m. EDT on @FacebookLive to celebrate stories of diversity and inclusion around the world. We will feature #HumanRights advocates from @USEmbassySA and @namibia.usembassy, as well as a panel of experts based in the U.S.  --  We invite you to join us for an interactive webchat with LGBTI activists and community leaders from around the world, who will share their experiences and perspectives on the meaning of LGBTI #Pride Month! This virtual program will celebrate the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people, including LGBTI individuals, while also addressing the continuing human rights challenges LGBTI persons face. Join us as we celebrate #Pride2019 on Tuesday, June 25, at 9 a.m. EDT! #FreetoBeMe #PrideMonth  --  Join us for an interactive webchat to understand the significance of #Pride Month and the importance of fundamental freedoms and human rights for all. LGBTI advocates and community leaders from the U.S., South Africa and Namibia will share their perspectives and answer your questions about pride. Join us in celebrating #Pride2019 on Tuesday, June 25, at 9 a.m. EDT! #LGBTI #Pride  --  Freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association are vital components in a functioning democracy. Although human rights defenders have made significant progress in ensuring respect for these rights and freedoms, LGBTI persons still face violence, official discrimination and criminalization around the world. We invite you to join us for an interactive webchat celebrating Pride Month, where we will discuss the importance of respecting and protecting human rights for all, as well as the continuing human rights challenges LGBTI people face. Please join us LIVE on Tuesday, June 25, at 9 a.m. EDT. #PrideMonth #HumanRights  --  Community solidarity is key to ensuring the human rights and fundamental freedoms of marginalized communities, including LGBTI persons. As we celebrate LGBTI Pride Month, join us for an interactive live discussion with LGBTI advocates and leaders from around the world. The panelists will share their experiences and answer your questions about the meaning of pride and how each of us can show solidarity and respect. Join us LIVE for the discussion on Tuesday, June 25, at 9 a.m. EDT. #Solidarity #PrideMonth  **TWITTER**  Join our #Pride2019 virtual interactive on June 25 at 9 AM EDT as we discuss the meaning of #Pride and respect for the rights and freedoms of all people—especially members of the #LGBTI community! <http://bit.ly/drl-pride2019>  (Character count: 224)  --    Participate in our interactive webchat on June 25 at 9 AM EDT, as we celebrate #Pride and discuss efforts to oppose violence, official discrimination and criminalization of LGBTI persons. <http://bit.ly/drl-pride2019> #FreetoBeMe #Pride  (Character count: 234)  --    Join us on June 25 at 9 AM for an interactive @FacebookLive discussion celebrating #Pride2019 and continuing efforts to safeguard fundamental freedoms for all, including the #LGBTI community! #FreetoBeMe <http://bit.ly/drl-pride2019>  (Character count: 231)  --  To celebrate #Pride2019, join us for a LIVE chat on June 25 at 9 AM EDT! #LGBTI activists from @USEmbassySA & @namibia.usembassy, plus a panel of US experts, will discuss the continuing efforts to protect the human rights of LGBTI persons. <http://bit.ly/drl-pride2019>  (Character count: 267) |
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