

# Joint Statement by Embassies of Argentina and the United Kingdom marking International LGBT+ Pride Day in Paraguay.

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The co-chairs of the Equal Rights Coalition (ERC), Argentina and the United Kingdom, join together to commemorate International LGBT+ Pride Day.



Argentina Ambassador Oscar Peppo (left) and British Ambassador Ramin Navai (right) pictured in front of the “La Serafina” cultural centre.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights enshrines in its first article that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”. More than 70 years later, discriminatory attitudes based on sexual orientation and gender identity are still strongly entrenched in all regions of the world.

As co-chairs of the ERC, we want to take a moment to commemorate International Pride Day and draw attention to the challenges still faced by people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, expressions and sexual characteristics in Paraguay and across the world. 28 June is a day to denounce the human rights violations that these individuals face every day, but it is also a day of pride, hope and a celebration of diversity.

To mark the occasion, we paid a visit to ‘La Serafina’ cultural centre. La Serafina was founded by local organisation Aireana that works for lesbian rights, and is a physical space for sharing, learning and exchanging information, culture, and knowledge. The community holds meetings, talks, discussions, debates and training as well as other educational and recreational activities.

Since its creation in 2016, the ERC has worked to unite governments and civil society in pursuit of a common goal to promote the human rights of all people

and ensure their inclusive development, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sexual characteristics. We must leave no one behind.

Let us double our efforts towards a more open, inclusive and diverse society!

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