#### "Mémoire de Luttes"

a free audio-photographic virtual exhibition on the opening of marriage and adoption to same-sex couples in France in 2013.



# Press Release – Free photographic virtual exhibition

Retrospective exhibition on the opening of marriage and adoption to same-sex couples in France

# « Mémoire de Luttes" online exhibition (Memory of Struggles) A free awareness-raising tool for LGBTQIA+ Memory.

2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of marriage and adoption to all in France. To commemorate the occasion, social entrepreneur and artist Didier Reynaud is delighted to announce the launch of a free virtual photography exhibition. The virtual exhibition is now available in English.

Comprising over 30 photos, this exhibition retraces the months leading up to the adoption of this law in France. What should have been an easy matter turned out to be extremely complex, and society was very tense at the time. There were numerous anti-marriage demonstrations for LGBTQIA+ couples and many unfortunate political recuperations.

However, LGBTQIA+ people showed solidarity and unity, and proved for a year that nothing would set back the progress of rights. What's more, LGBTQIA+ people have demonstrated on numerous occasions, all the while showing a great deal of humor and, of course, love.

To pay tribute to them, Didier Reynaud, via his ecological, transition and Human Rights agency "Conseil Equitable", decided to launch this virtual project to celebrate these 10 years in an original, inspiring and innovative way.

### Why Memory of Struggles?

That year was a particularly difficult one and it seemed essential not to forget this page of history. Finally, we are partnering with an association that we will be funding to help create a project to collect and transmit LGBTQIA+ archives.

This exhibition is being produced with 12 partners, as far afield as Canada. The partners come from the world of LGBT media, LGBTQIA associations and even the world of ecology. At the end of the exhibition, part of it will be carbon offset, and eco-responsible souvenirs have been designed for the occasion.

The aim of the exhibition is to pass on our memories and combat isolation. Thanks to its virtual format, it allows everyone to fully immerse themselves in or discover this era.

It is now receiving a great amount of media coverage in France and has even been recognised as a useful tool in the fight against LGBTQIAphobia by the Délégation Interministérielle à la lutte contre le racisme, l'antisémitisme et l'homophobie (DILCRAH) (Interministerial delegation for the fight against racism, anti-Semitism and homophobia). It will also be on display at certain pride marches and in town halls.

It is supported by a number of personalities who testify in the exhibition, including Louis-Georges Tin, the founder of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. Recently, the first secretary of the French Socialist Party, Olivier Faure, also testified.



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You can find the exhibition on the Conseil Equitable website: <u>www.conseil-equitable.com</u> or visit the gallery on Artsteps, the well-known online gallery platform.

On our website, you can find a description of the partners, a wealth of information about the exhibition, our press review and a toolbox that we have made available to journalists and associations to help them publicise the exhibition.

A photo tracing the evolution of LGBTQIA+ rights around the world will also be on display shortly.

In the face of LGBTQIAphobia, in this month of Pride 2023, let's share the memory of our struggles and bring the Mémoire de Luttes exhibition to life.

## A few words about **Conseil Équitable**

Conseil Equitable, a multi-activity agency committed to social and ecological transition and the promotion of human rights, now has a completely redesigned website in English. Conseil Equitable is active in four areas: consultancy and foresight, project development, courses and training, as well as art and communication.

## **Useful links**

The agency's website, where you can find the integrated gallery and information about the exhibition (partners, press review, souvenirs & shop, toolbox).<u>www.conseil-equitable.com</u>

Direct link
 <u>https://www.artsteps.com/view/6420c803dc86fffb4dcc7853?fbclid</u>

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- -On mobiles and tablets, download the free Artsteps app (available on App Store and Google Play)
- #MémoiredeLuttes #MemoryofStruggles





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