



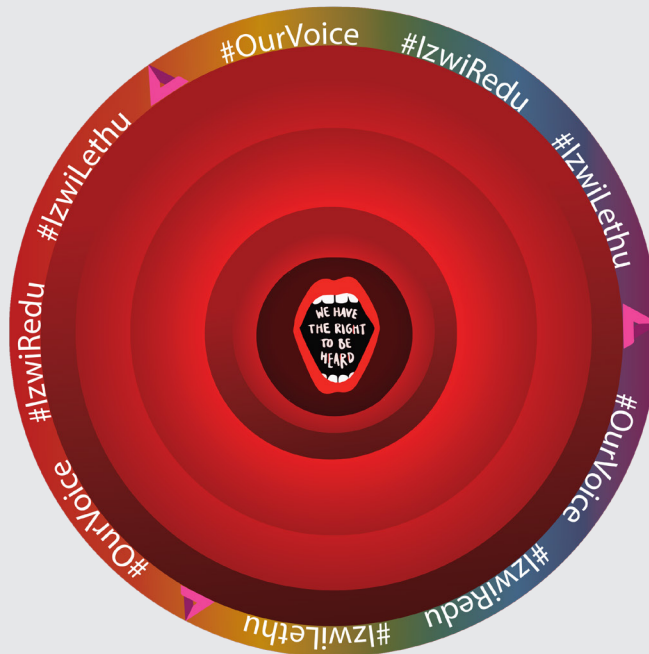
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Stronger Together

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GALZ In the First Quarter

GALZ in the first quarter of 2018 dwelt on the planning and review of its projects performance and implementation. The exercise included internal and external processes with staff, community and donors supporting previous and current projects. The Organizational budget and work plans were developed and finalized with all staff.

The process required the management to assess the political, social and economic environment taking into ac-



Participants at the members' introductory meeting

count the New dispensation after change of government leadership in November 2017.

Implementation of 2018 plans are already under way although other funders have not disbursed funds yet.

in numbers

3,623

page views on www.galz.org

64

New twitter followers

97

New followers on Facebook

Social Media reach, January to April 2018.

The Odyssey

GALZ's journey can also be characterised as a transformation journey at two levels viz: internal transformation and external transformation. It is important to recognise that

GALZ has transformed. Clearly, something has happened in GALZ and it is change. Change which was critical in shaping who GALZ is today.



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Occasions:

- May 13, 2018 : Mother's Day
- May 17, 2018 : IDAHOT
- May, 2017: LBT Inclusion in political spaces

Bulawayo activities:

- May 5, 2018
- Back to School Social
- May TBA, 2018
- Multi-Stakeholders Dialogue
- LB-IPV Management Session
- LILO Identity

Applications:

- International Conference on Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence and Increasing Access
- <http://www.evawintl.org/abstracts.aspx>

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LGBTI Sector Meeting

GALZ held an LGBTI Sector meeting in Bulawayo on the 9th and 10th of February 2018. 20 participants attended the meeting from eleven (11) LGBTI organizations and collectives. The meeting's agenda was to discuss the forthcoming elections and, the role of the sector regarding participation and security. The meeting further analyzed the events that happened in November 2017, which saw the resignation of the then President Robert Mugabe and discussed potential opportunities for the sector. From the deliberations, it was clear that there was need to foster unity wi-

"Change comes when we stand together"

thin the sector, as the issue of backbiting was a cancer destroying the sector from within. The meeting presented a much-needed space for organizations to create an ena-

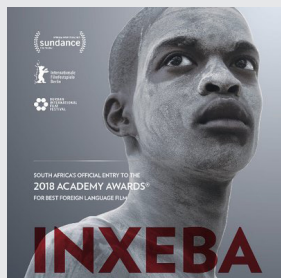
bling environment for sincere and progressive conversations. Zimbabwe has witnessed an increase in organisations serving LGBTI communities across Zimbabwe. GALZ intends to foster the growth of LGBTI groups in Zimbabwe through its affinity group programme. The GALZ Affinity Group Programme is a community-building and social empowerment exercise. Its goal is to upgrade services to LGBT people who are members of the association and to ensure that all vital services offered by GALZ are readily accessible to all members throughout the country.

Services

STI Screening and Treatment
Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

Confidential counseling and psychosocial support
HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC)

Safe Space
Social Events
Legal Advice



INXEBA Film Screening

A pilot screening of Inxeba as a precursor to the Annual Rainbow 263 Film Festival scheduled for May 2018, was held at the GALZ Bulawayo Office on the 19th of February 2018. Forty members were in attendance. Inxeba is a South African movie centered on Traditional Xhosa initiation and issues of sexuality. In South Africa, the movie has received a lot of backlash with Xhosa cultural activists and has also been rated as pornographic; and was subsequently banned from showing in national cinemas. Members who watched the movie found the storyline relatable as most people struggle with keeping their sexuality a secret. Members who saw the film highlighted that the movie was an inspiration as it calls all to take an active role in telling the story of LGBTI people in the African context. Look out for Inxeba at the Rainbow 263 Film festival

Prevention taskforce

The Regional Coordinator attended the Provincial Prevention Taskforce meeting convened by the National AIDS Council at their Bulawayo offices on the 20th of February 2018. Participants attended the meeting from 8 organisations that form part of the Prevention Task Force (Mpilo Hospital, UBH, Hope Alive, CeSSHAR, Youth Advocates Zimbabwe, SAYWHAT, GALZ and NAC).

programs in the province. GALZ intends to use the space to advocate for continuous mainstreaming of LGBTI appropriate services and interventions. The participation of GALZ in the Prevention Taskforce has resulted in the opening up of opportunities for two young MSM members who have now been co-opted into the Taskforce on Prevention amongst young People.

The HIV Prevention Taskforce is a think tank which brings together experts to advise and strategize on effective HIV prevention

Partners Meeting

GALZ with the support of SAIH successfully hosted a one day partner meeting on the 8th of March 2018. In attendance were ten partner organisations funded by SAIH in Zimbabwe to implement new projects running for the period 2018–2021. The meeting was an opportunity for organisations to share plans according to project applications submitted to SAIH, stating priorities and discuss possibilities for further coordination of activities. Under this funding cycle, GALZ will be implementing the 'All Access' – Equal opportunity and non-discriminatory access to education for all project which will focus on students within tertiary institutions.

ships that tie in to the GALZ strategy of strengthening the capacity of other CSOs to effectively work on LGBTI issues in Zimbabwe hence the importance of bringing partners together to find ways of working together to strengthen advocacy efforts. Areas for collaboration that were highlighted during the meeting included:

- Capacity strengthening and co-facilitation in SOGIE sensitization workshops.
- Information sharing
- Supporting research for evidence based and informed advocacy
- Linking and learning
- Human rights literacy
- Platform establishment for joint efforts

One of SAIH's goals is to build partner-

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Palliative Care Training

GALZ LBT Coordinator and ten members attended Palliative Care Training at Island Hospice on the 24th of January 2018. A total of twenty-one participants took part in the training, representing two organisations, mainly GALZ and Pakasipiti.

The training aimed to help participants gain an understanding of the work of Island Hospice in providing palliative care, understanding what palliative care is and how the knowledge attained can be shared with communities and; understanding the importance of communication in palliative care through upholding confidentiality, non judgement/and acceptance, individualization, self-determination. Family and friends have at times shunned members of the LGBTI community after contracting HIV, however, the community has managed to take care of each other through peer-to-peer support and positive image support groups to cater to those who are affected. Thus, palliative care is important for individuals to have a better understanding of the care they provide to others.



International Women's Day – WOMXN UP EXPO

GALZ, in collaboration with Pakasipiti and TIRZ held the International Women's Day celebrations at the GALZ Offices on the 10th of March 2018. 51 people attended the event, titled Womxn Up Expo. The aim of the WomxnUp Expo was to showcase the progress of women and celebrate their achievements, as well as to promote positive visibility of women. The event included exhibition markets, performances and a panel discussion. The discussion aimed to elicit conversation on the status of women in Zimbabwe. Where have we come? What is our now? Where are we going? What is "pro-

gress", and what it looks like?

- *One lesbian member shared she was the first queer Zimbabwean rapper scheduled to go perform in America at the end of the year.*
- *Another member shared that her achievement was she had stopped smoking and had been clean for three months*
- *Another lesbian shared her achievement was founding a company that works on production and distribution of day-old chicks*

Expressing the importance of commemorating women's day in solidarity, a panelist shared: "I used to hear about sex workers and I would cringe and ask why, but now I just relate, you're a woman, you're doing what you need to survive. We are becoming more aware of each other's circumstances and our needs, and even though it is a slow process we are getting there. We are all uniting and standing against a patriarchal system that has failed to view us as equals for the longest time. More like realigning and identifying who our real allies are."

Protective Barriers

Please be advised that dental dams, condoms and lubes in assorted flavors (grape, strawberry and banana) are now available for your safe pleasure.



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