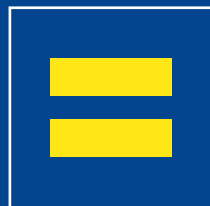




GLOBAL INNOVATIVE ADVOCACY SUMMIT

SUMMIT REPORT
2017



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THANK YOU,



LEVI STRAUSS & CO.

DEAR FRIENDS,

In April 2017, we were excited to welcome 30 remarkable Global Innovators from 28 different countries across five continents to Washington, D.C. for HRC's second annual Global Innovative Advocacy Summit. We received close to 200 highly qualified applicants for this year's Global Summit and selected 30 of the most qualified and diverse. This year's group of established and emerging leaders increased the size of this network to nearly 60 since our inaugural Global Summit last year.

Global Innovators are engaging in a variety of advocacy work — from corporate engagement to strategic litigation to building community through the arts. Advocates from last year's group are currently running for elected office in Chile, passionately leading marriage equality efforts in Taiwan and holding their government accountable as transgender women are facing horrendous violence in El Salvador. Each of them — from 2016 to 2017 — is an inspiration, a profile in courage.

Yet from Chechnya to Bangladesh to Indonesia, this year proves that too many LGBTQ people around the world live in places where there are few to no legal protections, draconian civil or criminal penalties for being LGBTQ and sometimes threats of violence or death. For members of our global community, the Trump administration's anti-LGBTQ, anti-immigrant and refugee, anti-Muslim and anti-democratic policies and rhetoric provide little relief or solace.

That is why HRC remains committed to advancing equality globally. In fact, without a champion in the White House, our work in support of global equality is more important than ever before. At the Global Summit, these leaders shared their approaches to advocacy, learned from each other and HRC, and returned home with renewed energy to continue their important work.

Now — more than ever — we must be listening to each other and combining our strengths to fight for the human rights of LGBTQ people everywhere. Love will trump hate. These are more than words that inspire us on a t-shirt or sign, but a profound belief in the power of WE and the dignity of all. These words drive our action - to reach across borders and divisions, create coalitions and mobilize the majority that we know believes in a world where no one should have to live in fear because of who they are or who they love.

I want to thank Ty Cobb, Director of HRC Global, Jay Gilliam, Senior Global Programs Officer, and the talented and hardworking team at HRC Global for hosting another successful, informative and energizing Global Summit. I also want to thank HRC President Chad Griffin for his vision to move HRC's work beyond our borders and his steadfast support of it. I can't wait to see the continued great work coming from this group of Global Innovators over the next year.



Mary Beth Maxwell

Senior Vice President for Programs, Research and Training
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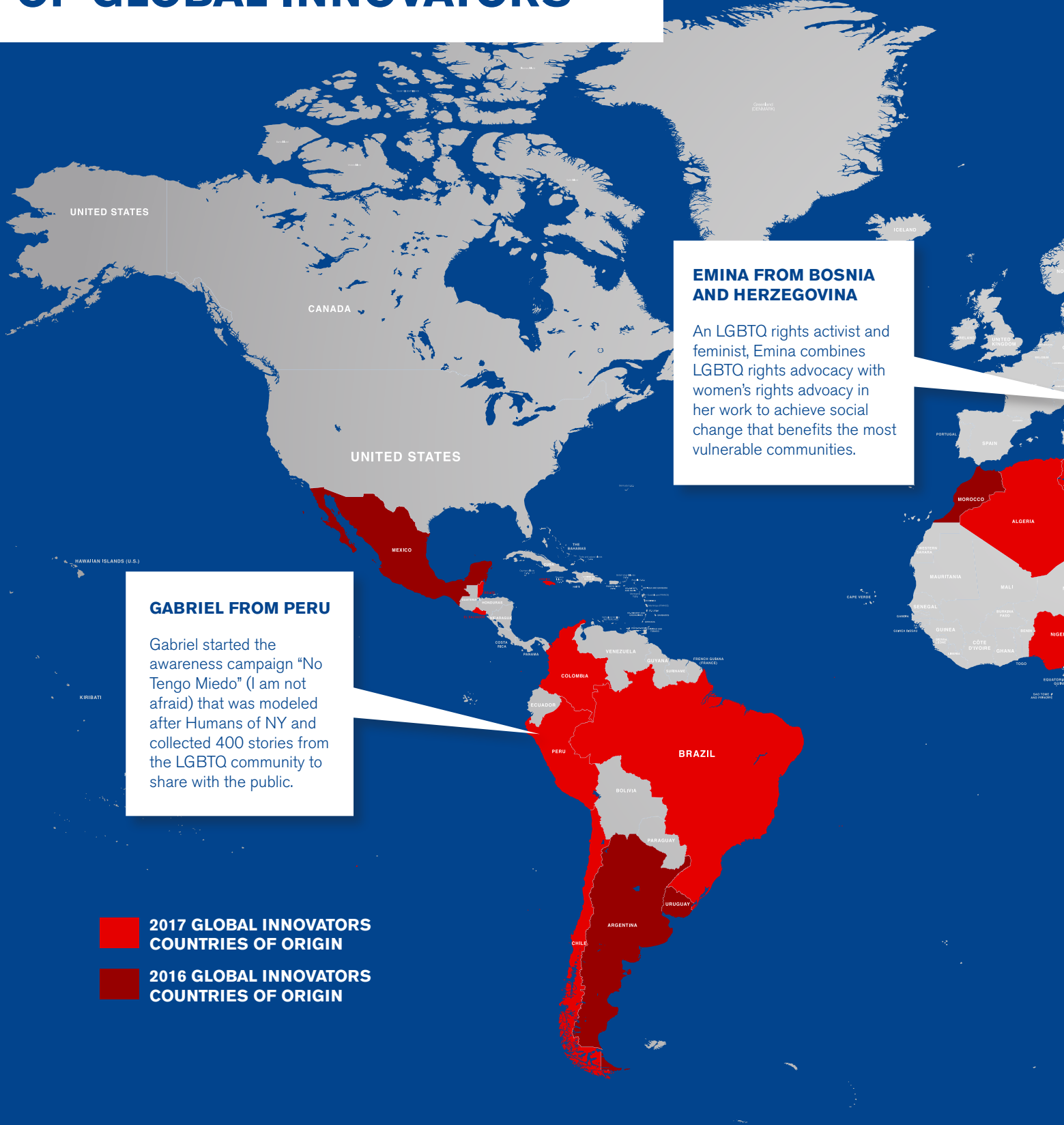
THE GLOBAL SUMMIT PROVIDES A FORUM TO EXCHANGE IDEAS FOR ADVANCING LGBTQ EQUALITY, A NETWORK OF NEARLY 60 GLOBAL INNOVATORS TO CONTINUE SHARING LESSONS-LEARNED IN THEIR ADVOCACY WORK AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH KEY POLICYMAKERS AND SUPPORTERS OF GLOBAL EQUALITY.

Inspired by the incredible work being done across five continents, HRC launched its Global Innovative Advocacy Summit in 2016. The inaugural Global Summit brought together twenty-six established and emerging advocates for the exchange of ideas and practices for advancing LGBTQ equality. The 2017 Global Summit brought together 30 new established and emerging global LGBTQ advocates in a dynamic environment, Global Innovators and HRC staff showcased projects and approaches that have improved the lives of LGBTQ people in their countries and communities.

QUICK FACTS:

- Same-sex sexual relations are criminalized in 72 countries.
- Same-sex sexual relations may be punishable by death in up to 10 countries.
- So-called “anti-propaganda” laws inhibit LGBTQ advocacy in three countries.
- Nearly 300 transgender people were reported killed around the world between October 2015 and September 2016.
- Most countries do not have national legislation to protect LGBTQ people from discrimination in education, employment, housing and in other areas.
- Owing to stigma, discrimination and violence, LGBTQ youth experience higher rates of HIV incidence, mental health challenges and susceptibility to bullying in schools around the world

MAPPING A MOVEMENT OF GLOBAL INNOVATORS



GABRIEL FROM PERU

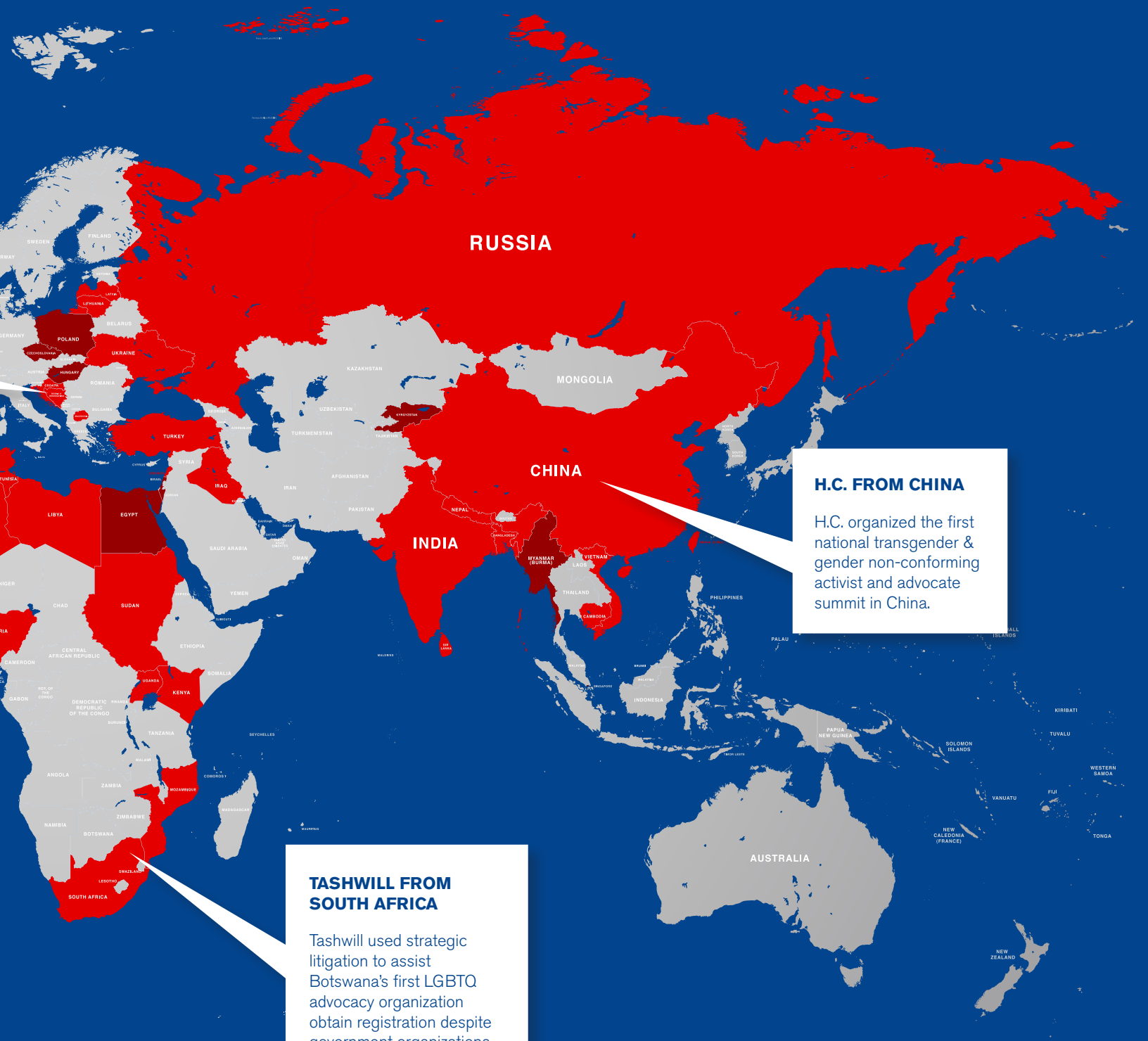
Gabriel started the awareness campaign “No Tengo Miedo” (I am not afraid) that was modeled after Humans of NY and collected 400 stories from the LGBTQ community to share with the public.

EMINA FROM BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

An LGBTQ rights activist and feminist, Emina combines LGBTQ rights advocacy with women’s rights advocacy in her work to achieve social change that benefits the most vulnerable communities.

- 2017 GLOBAL INNOVATORS COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
- 2016 GLOBAL INNOVATORS COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

Global Innovators represent 47 different countries of origin.



RUSSIA

MONGOLIA

CHINA

INDIA

H.C. FROM CHINA
H.C. organized the first national transgender & gender non-conforming activist and advocate summit in China.

TASHWILL FROM SOUTH AFRICA
Tashwill used strategic litigation to assist Botswana's first LGBTQ advocacy organization obtain registration despite government organizations.

GLOBAL INNOVATORS 2017

GLOBAL INNOVATORS HAILED FROM 28 COUNTRIES ACROSS FIVE CONTINENTS. IN IDENTIFYING GLOBAL INNOVATORS, HRC CONSIDERED SEVERAL ELEMENTS, SUCH AS GEOGRAPHY, CULTURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DIVERSITY, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER AND GENDER IDENTITY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE ADVOCATES BROUGHT A TRACK RECORD OF INNOVATIVE ADVOCACY. THE SECOND COHORT OF OUTSTANDING GLOBAL INNOVATORS CAME READY TO TELL THEIR STORIES OF INNOVATING AND ADVOCATING FOR EQUALITY.

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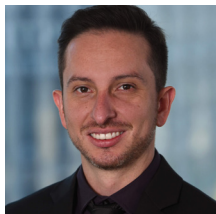
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Commission (Kenya)*



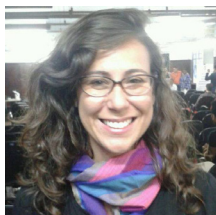
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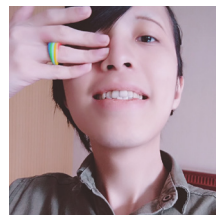
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Independent Activist



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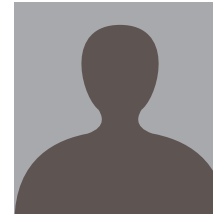
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Rasan Organization



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*Stand Up For
Jamaica*



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*Association of LGBT
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for Freedom and
Equality (AFE)*



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Independent Activist



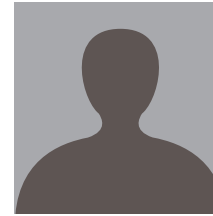
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Subversive Front



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CORE Nepal



NIGERIA
Owen*
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Initiative*



PERU
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Soler**
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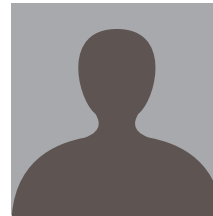
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Aida*
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Mawjoudin



UGANDA
Deus Kiriisa
he/him/his

*Voices Combating
Homophobia*



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ILGA Asia

* Certain innovators chose to remain anonymous due to privacy and/or security concerns.



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**THIS YEAR'S
GLOBAL
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SUMMIT**

OVER THREE DAYS, THE GLOBAL INNOVATORS SHOWCASED PROJECTS AND APPROACHES THAT HAVE ADVANCED EQUALITY, PARTICULARLY AROUND DAILY THEMES OF STORYTELLING, INNOVATING AND ADVOCATING.

DAY 1: Building public awareness of LGBTQ people through **storytelling**.

DAY 2: Using **innovative approaches** to expand support.

DAY 3: Advocating for laws and policies that advance LGBTQ equality.

With Global Innovators bringing their unique perspectives on advocacy and HRC sharing its experiences organizing in the U.S., the Global Summit is designed to maximize sharing, learning and impact:

Innovation Talks: Global Innovators gave Innovation Talks to showcase their innovative approaches to advocacy.

Panel discussions: Global Innovators participated in discussions with 3-4 other Global Innovators focused on particular topics and moderated by HRC staff. HRC staff also shared how HRC has organized over the past 37 years to promote equality in the U.S.

Small group learning: Global Innovators met in small groups throughout the Global Summit to connect and share more about their work.

Global marketplace: The marketplace brought Global Innovators together with other organizations that support the global equality movement.

“ THE GLOBAL SUMMIT WAS
FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND C
WHILE I WAS IN WASHINGTON
MUCH FOR BRINGING ME TO V



DEUS FROM UGANDA

Deus produces documentaries exploring the cultural and legal history of LGBTQ people in Uganda which help portray LGBTQ people as ordinary members of society to dispel fear and hatred.



KASPARS FROM LATVIA

Kaspars co-chaired EuroPride 2015, a regional event. He initiated a diversity program targeting global and local companies operating in Latvia.

**PHENOMENAL! THANK YOU
ARE THAT HRC PROVIDED
D.C. AND THANK YOU VERY
WASHINGTON, D.C. ”**

— Deus from Uganda



ABHINA FROM INDIA

A hijra woman and transgender and HIV advocate, Abhina created the LGBTQ dancing troupe 'Dancing Queens' to sensitize the public and policy makers on gender and sexuality issues and to raise funding for HIV positive transgender people.



CLARISSE FROM BRAZIL AND SRORN FROM CAMBODIA

Clarisse and Sorn both work to alleviate poverty among LGBTQ communities and have collaborated to develop an entrepreneurship training program to set up small businesses and a micro loan initiative.

STORYTELLING

→ APRIL 4-6 2017

→ WASHINGTON, DC

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30 LEADERS FROM
28 COUNTRIES



WE STAND WITH THOSE WHO SHOULD BE BEFORE

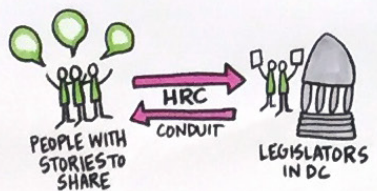
HRC'S STORY

THE EARLY YEARS (HOSTILE POLITICAL + SOCIAL CLIMATE)
* AIDS; HOMOPHOBIA
ANTI-GAY GROUPS REAGAN ADMIN

1980 * FOUNDED TO RAISE \$ TO HELP LEGISLATORS SUPPORT HRC + GAY RIGHTS (CLOSETED NAME)
ONE LITTLE HOUSE
~ MEMBERSHIP WENT TO SAFESPACES IN COMMUNITY (BARS) 1990-1995
* VOLUNTEER LEADERS

RECOGNITION IS POWERFUL!

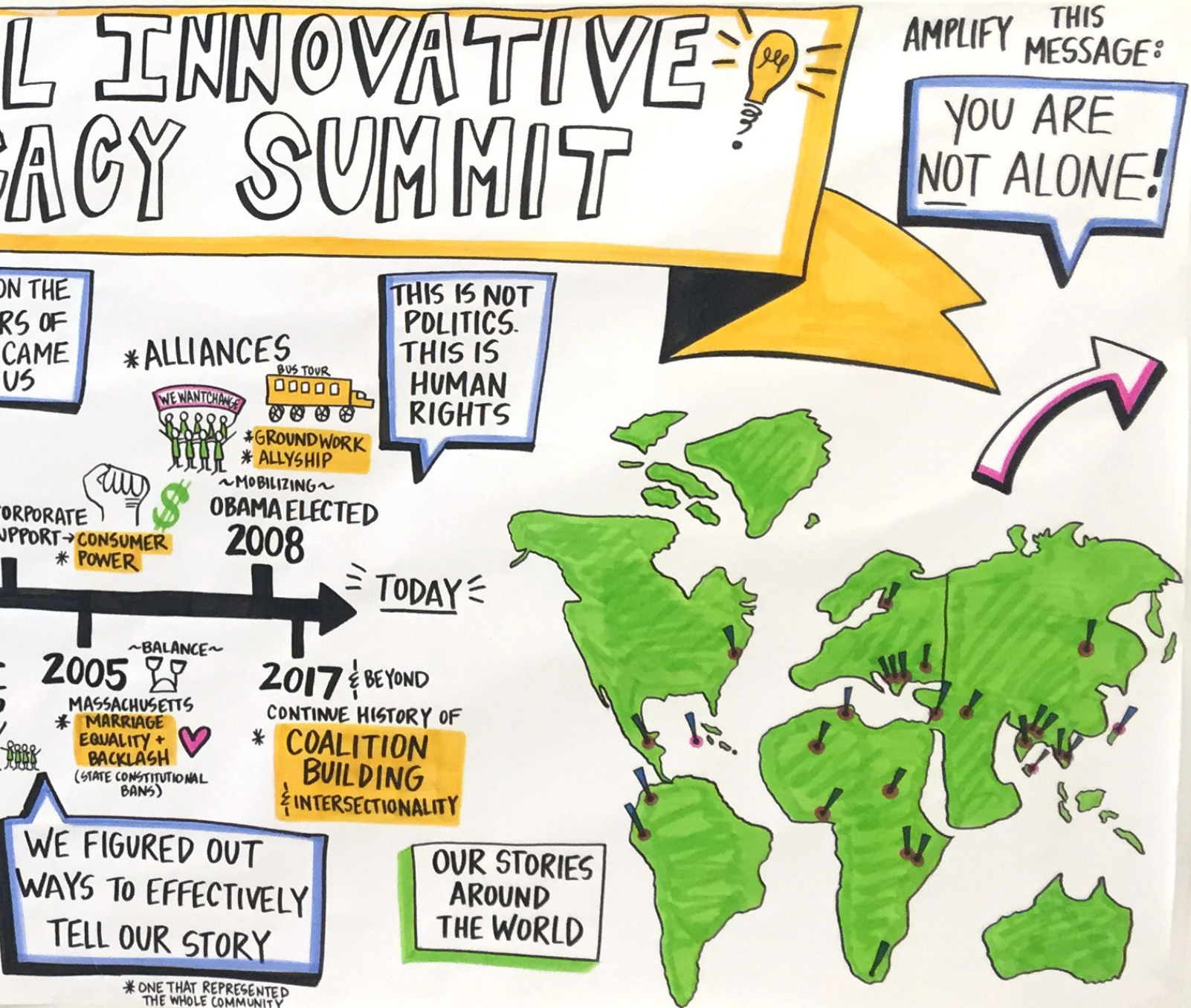
HARNESS THE PRIDE PEOPLE FEEL WHEN THEY ARE PART OF CHANGE



USE COMMON GROUND WHERE YOU CAN FIND IT

www.katherinehaugh.com
VISUAL BY: KATHAUGH

STORYTELLING IS THE FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL EQUALITY ACTION. STORIES ABOUT LGBTQ PEOPLE THAT MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF AND UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE TRANSFORMS STORIES INTO VEHICLES FOR CHANGE. WHEN ADVOCATES ARE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY TELL THOSE STORIES THROUGH ART, CREATIVITY AND THE USE OF POP CULTURE, WE SPEAK TO PEOPLE'S HEARTS AND MINDS.



INNOVATING

WE DECIDE TOGETHER

WE FEAR. WE LOVE. WE LAUGH. JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE

EQUAL

#HRCGLOBALSUMMIT

DAY TWO: INNOVATING

TRANSGENDER JUSTICE

WE ARE AT A SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN TRANSGENDER HISTORY IN THE U.S.



IDEA! INFORMAL VIDEOS OF PEOPLE TELLING THEIR OWN STORIES

YOUNG PEOPLE CAN NOW SPEAK FROM A PLACE OF HISTORY

1970s 1980s SHARED STRUGGLE

FORM GROUPS OF SUPPORT FOR STRENGTH + PROTECTION

PROGRESS IS NOT ALWAYS LINEAR

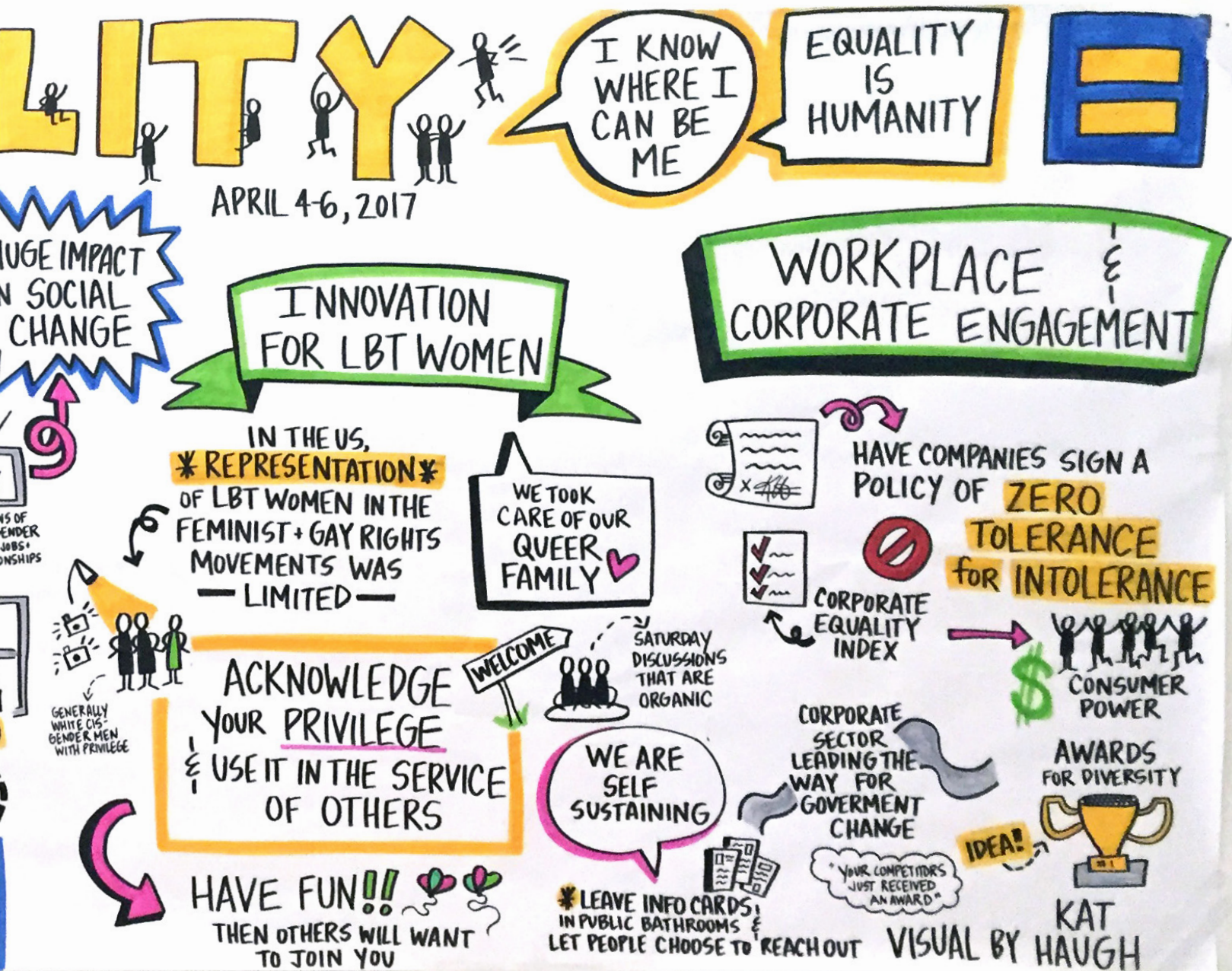
HOW TO AMPLIFY THE STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITIES?

INVITE OTHERS TO LOOK THROUGH A WINDOW INTO YOUR LIFE

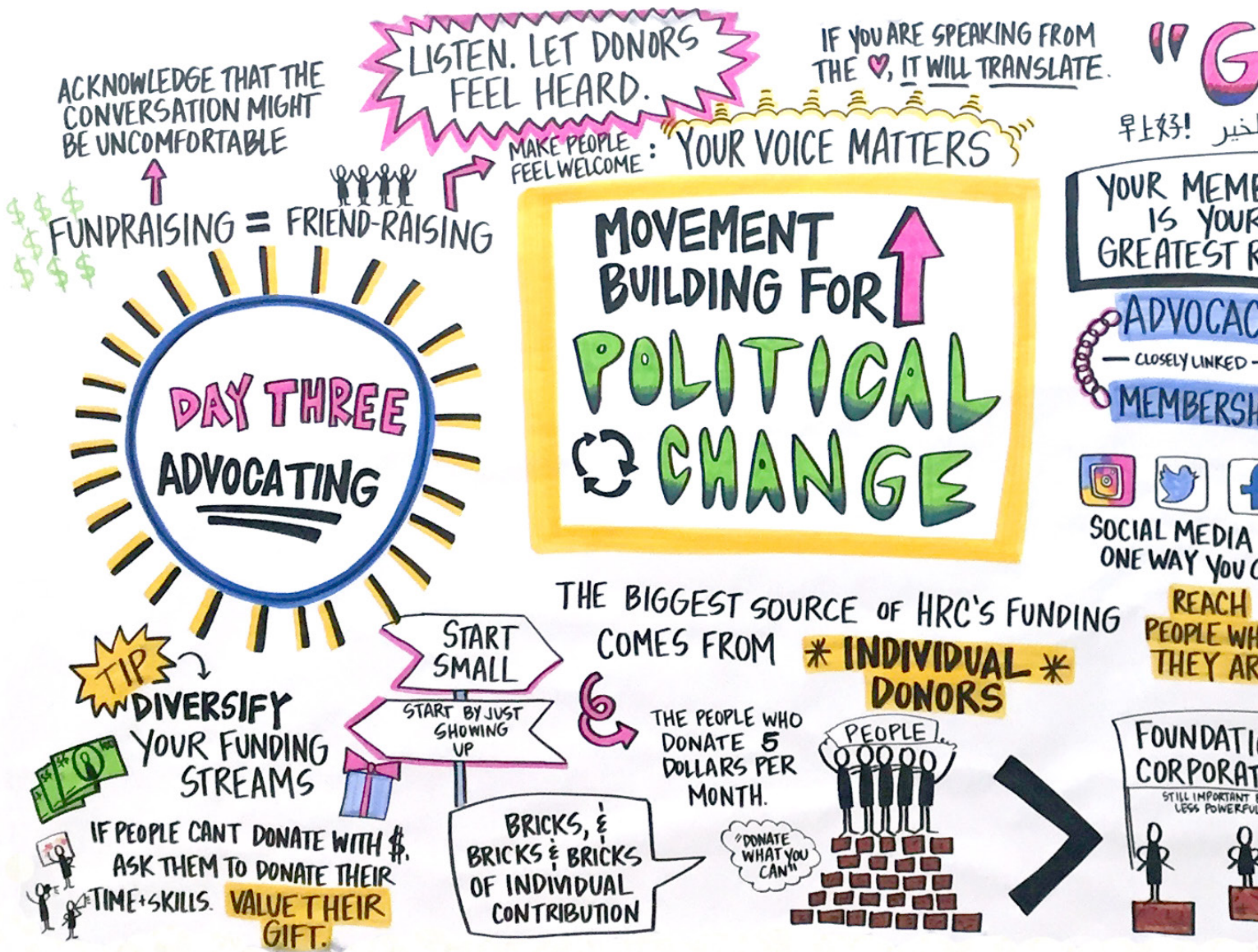
NO ONE ELSE BUT YOU CAN TELL YOUR STORY

WHEN YOU KNOW SOMEONE'S STORY, IT'S HARDER TO HATE THEM

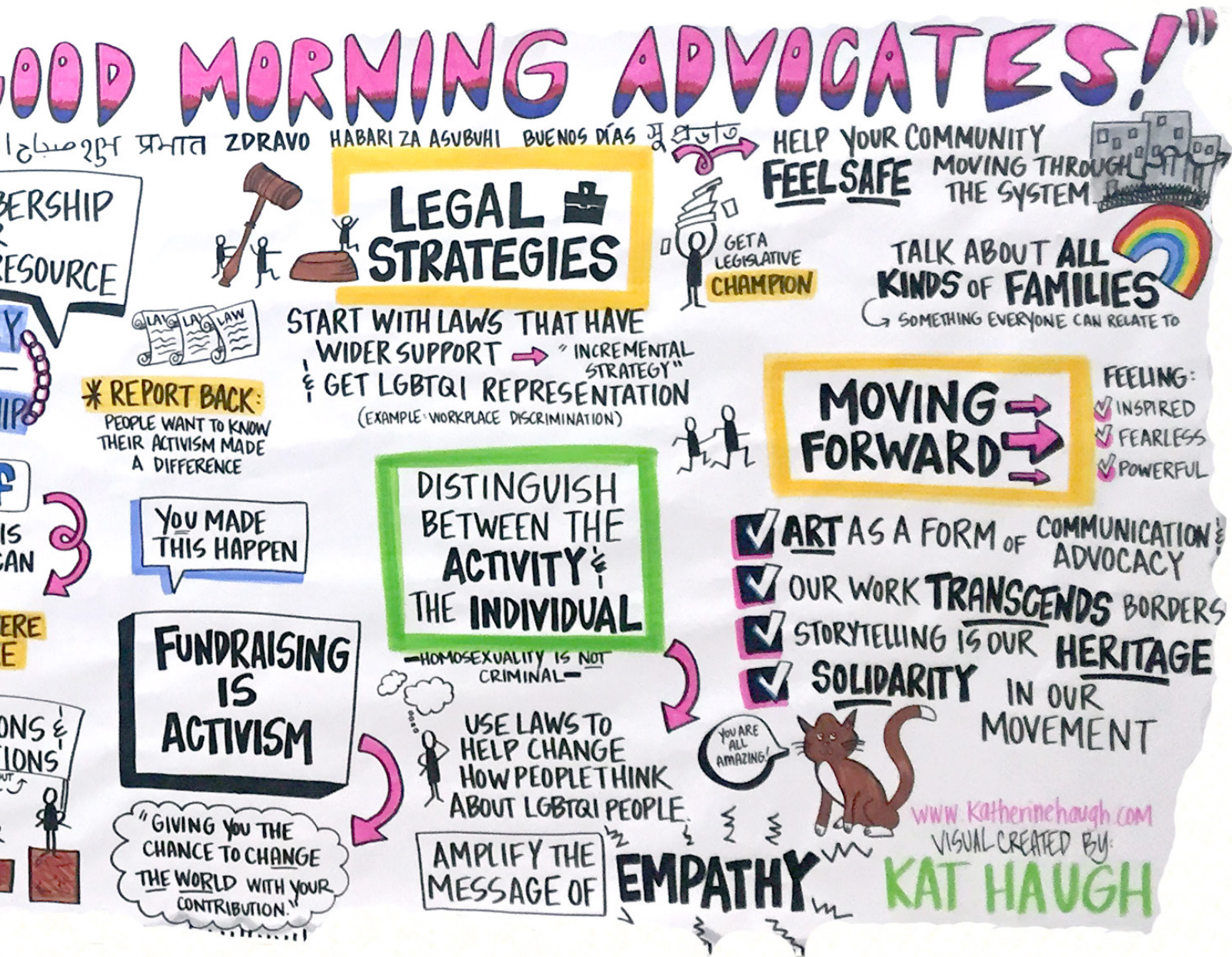
GLOBAL INNOVATORS WERE CHOSEN BECAUSE OF THEIR INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ADVOCACY WORK. SOME USED THE POWER OF CELEBRITIES, ALLIANCES AND THE GLOBAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE EQUALITY. ONE CREATED AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOOL FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE WHILE ANOTHER STARTED HIS OWN BUSINESS THAT LIFTS UP THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY THROUGH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT. WHATEVER THEIR APPROACH, THESE GLOBAL INNOVATORS USE CREATIVE WAYS TO PROMOTE GLOBAL EQUALITY.



ADVOCATING



GLOBAL INNOVATORS USE MYRIAD STRATEGIES TO ADVOCATE FOR EQUALITY. SOME BUILT LEGAL STRATEGIES THAT USE LAWS TO HELP CHANGE HOW PEOPLE THINK ABOUT LGBTQ PEOPLE. OTHERS WORKED WITH ALLIES TO BUILD A MEMBERSHIP BASE THAT EVENTUALLY CREATED A MOVEMENT. HOWEVER THEY DO IT, THESE GLOBAL INNOVATORS ARE STRONG LGBTQ ADVOCATES IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.



COMMITTING



GLOBAL INNOVATORS LEFT THE GLOBAL SUMMIT RENEWED AND RE-ENERGIZED TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK. HRC IS COMMITTED TO DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GLOBAL INNOVATORS BY KEEPING THEM CONNECTED, SHARING THEIR STORIES AND CONTINUING OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH THEM THROUGH HRC'S OTHER GLOBAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:

Global Partnerships in Innovative Advocacy:

Global Innovators may apply for on-the-ground capacity-building partnerships with HRC that will help alumni grow their equality movements through more effective advocacy, campaigning, organizing and outreach.



Global Partnerships in Pride:

Global Innovators may apply for sponsorship and in-kind support to Prides and related events in places where visibility can make a difference.

Global Fellows Program:

Global Innovators may apply to work alongside HRC staff as a HRC Global Fellow. HRC Global partners with organizations that facilitate short (up to two-months) and long-term (up to one-year) fellowships for international nonprofit leaders.

Global Stories:

Global Innovators are encouraged to share news and stories about their work so that HRC can amplify that work with our members and the media, including through a new partnership on a regular op-ed for our Global Innovators with the Daily Beast.

“ THANK YOU FOR A REALLY AM AND YOUR CONTINUED COMMITM ADVANCING EQUALITY FOR ALL. I H EXPERIENCE AND HAVE LEARNED THE GLOBAL INNOVATORS. ”



NJERI FROM KENYA

Njeri led her organization's engagement in incremental strategic litigation that created judicial precedence for LGBTQ equality in Kenya.



ANTONIO FROM MACEDONIA:

Antonio organized a national LGBTQ conference that brought together government officials and representatives of various political parties to support equality.

AMAZING GLOBAL SUMMIT WENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND HAD A REALLY REMARKABLE SO MUCH FROM HRC AND ALL

— Tashwill from South Africa



LAURA FROM COLOMBIA

Laura established an empowerment school that fosters and empowers trans leaders working in local and national institutions, social movements and on campaigns against transphobia.



SEAN FROM TAIWAN

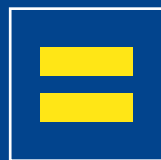
Sean is a member of the advocacy team pushing for marriage equality in Taiwan by lobbying parliament and mobilizing the community. He launched crowdfunding projects that raised money for marriage equality and HIV prevention.



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