

GiveOut launches first portfolio supporting LGBTQI activism around the world



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Across the world, LGBTQI people face serious human rights abuses from discrimination to torture and killings. Activists are doing vital work to protect and improve the lives of LGBTQI people, but they are under-resourced. They receive a tiny fraction of international development

aid - just four cents in every \$100.

GiveOut is a new charity that has been established to help address this problem. We bring resources into the global LGBTQI movement by enabling individual donors to give tax efficiently and regularly in one place, to support LGBTQI human rights activism

worldwide. Individuals donate to GiveOut, and we distribute these funds as grants to LGBTQI activist organisations around the world, ensuring that they have more of the resources they need to defend their communities and campaign for change.

At our 'Autumn Activate' event in October, we launched our first portfolio of grants. We identified the grant recipients through a rigorous process of consultation, due diligence and vetting, working with existing activist-led organisations.

Our aim is to have impact in a range of

ways including long term, flexible support, with our portfolio of grant recipients reflecting the diversity and complexity of the global LGBTQI movement.

From training grassroots activists in Southeast Asia and building movements in East Africa, to raising the visibility of trans communities in the Caribbean and campaigning for decriminalisation of same sex relations in Sri Lanka, a donation to GiveOut has impact across the LGBTQI movement globally. And with Gift Aid, GiveOut can claim 25p extra for every £1 given by individuals.

"At a time when resources for LGBTQI activism are scarce and fragile, support from those in our global LGBTQI community is needed now more than ever", said Rosanna Flamer-Caldera, the Executive Director of the Sri Lankan LGBTQI organisation Equal Ground, one of GiveOut's first grant recipients.

"Congratulations to GiveOut on an incredible first year and thank you to its donors for their support and solidarity with LGBTQI activists around the world."

➤ Turn over to see GiveOut's first full portfolio of grants

Sponsored funds launched supporting global trans activism and LGBTQI activism in Asia

GiveOut has launched two new funds, for global trans activism and for LGBTQI activism in Asia.

Under 'The Antonia & Andrea Belcher Trans Fund', sponsored by trans business leader Antonia Belcher and her wife Andrea, grants will be provided to support activism across the world to improve the lives of trans people.

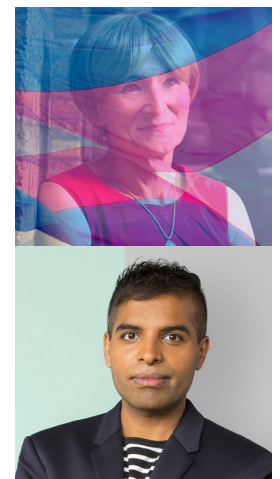
"To be the true me, I have had a lot of luck, an accepting and loving family and workplace – and I know only too well that for many others this is not the case. If I can help one soul to be free and true with this fund then I will be the proudest transgender woman alive. I hope my contacts and friends will share my aim by giving to this fund," said Antonia Belcher.

'The Suki Sandhu LGBTQI Asia Fund' is sponsored by Audeliss & INvolve founder and CEO Suki Sandhu, and will support LGBTQI activists campaigning for change across Asia.

"As a gay, Asian man who has grown up in the UK I realise that, despite the challenges I have faced, I have been incredibly lucky. There are many LGBT+ people across Asia being deprived of their freedom and facing terrible persecution simply for being themselves. I'm asking leaders to support LGBTQI rights, including by making donations to this fund," said Suki Sandhu.

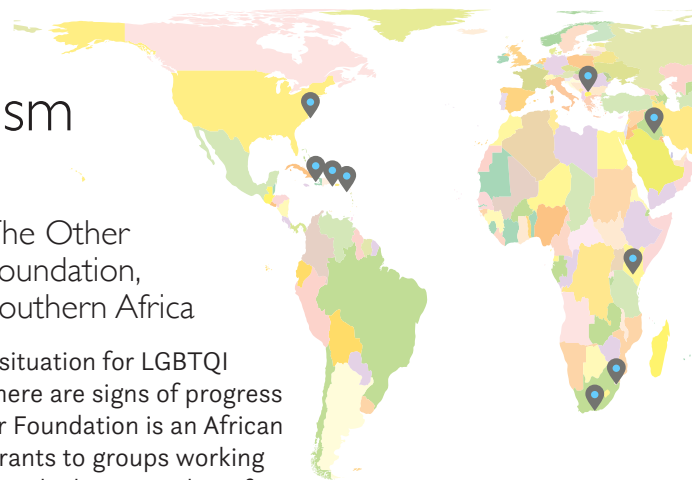
Each fund is expected to be worth £25,000 per year and to support either fund please specify 'Trans Fund' or 'Asia Fund' when donating.

Antonia Belcher (above),
Suki Sandhu (below)



HOW COULD YOU SUPPORT GIVEOUT? PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE

GiveOut's first portfolio supporting global LGBTQI activism



The Commonwealth Equality Network via The Kaleidoscope Trust, Int'l

Two-thirds of Commonwealth countries criminalise same-sex relations. GiveOut funded activists Zeleca Julien (Trinidad & Tobago) and Melusi Simelane (eSwatini) to attend the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London. Their advocacy was successful: the UK government expressed regret for colonial era laws that criminalise same sex relations, committed to supporting decriminalisation and announced new funds for LGBTQI human rights.



ASEAN SOGIE Caucus (ASC), Southeast Asia

In 5 out of 11 countries in Southeast Asia consensual same-sex sexual relations are criminalised. Even where they are not, the law often provides no protection for LGBTQI people, who face violence and discrimination. ASC is a network of activists working to promote and protect the human rights of LGBTQI people. GiveOut is supporting ASC to provide grants to grassroots LGBTQI activists and for workshops to build their advocacy skills.



TransWave, Jamaica

The trans and gender non-conforming community in Jamaica faces violence, discrimination and marginalisation. TransWave is Jamaica's first organisation dedicated to the health and wellbeing of trans and non-binary communities. GiveOut is supporting TransWave to increase the visibility and acceptance of the trans community, mobilising the community around Jamaica Pride, publishing a newsletter and creating engaging online and social media content.



UHAI EASHRI, East Africa

UHAI, the East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative, (EASHRI) is an activist-led fund for sex workers and sexual and gender minorities, based in Eastern and Central Africa. GiveOut is providing a core grant to UHAI, as the organisation provides vital support to the pan-African movement for equality and dignity through participatory grant-making, capacity building, convening support, advocacy, knowledge building and documentation.



The Other Foundation, Southern Africa

Despite the difficult situation for LGBTQI Southern Africans, there are signs of progress and hope. The Other Foundation is an African trust that provides grants to groups working to defend and advance the human rights of LGBTQI people in Southern Africa, recognising the particular dynamics of race, poverty and inequality, sex, national origin, heritage, and politics in the region. GiveOut is providing a core grant to The Other Foundation.



IraQueer, working in Iraq

Legal prejudice and societal stigma against the LGBTQI community make being out in Iraq dangerous, with LGBTQI people facing harassment, violence and even death. IraQueer sees ignorance, and a lack of visibility and effective advocacy as the main obstacles to LGBTQI acceptance. GiveOut's grant will support IraQueer's knowledge production project, including an online audio-visual-book of LGBTQI stories and the continuation of its radio podcast, which has so far attracted 6 million listeners.



OutRight Action International, for Advocacy Week, Int'l

OutRight Action International hosts global LGBTQI activists every December at the UN in New York for 'Advocacy Week', a week of high-level meetings and advocacy. GiveOut's grant will support activists to participate in Advocacy Week, working with country missions and other activists and to engage high-level decision-makers about the human rights situation of LGBTQI people globally.



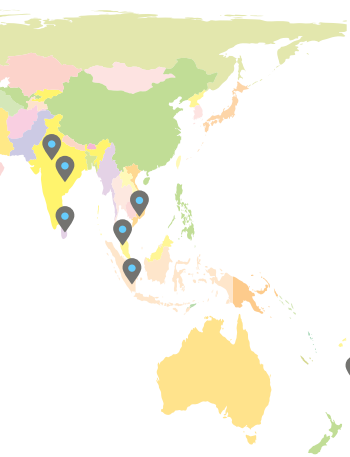
The International Trans Fund, International

The ITF is a grant-making fund made up of trans activists and donors. It provides grants to small, trans-led organisations all over the world doing important work in their local communities to destigmatise and decriminalise transgender identities and bodies. The ITF is an efficient, activist-led mechanism firmly rooted in local trans communities and activism. GiveOut is providing a core grant to the ITF to sustain and amplify its work funding trans activists.

GiveOut's core portfolio for 2018 includes all the beneficiaries shown on this page. Should funds permit, additional grants will be made.

(T) indicates grantees also included in The Antonia & Andrea Belcher Trans Fund

(A) indicates grantees also included in The Suki Sandhu LGBTQI Asia Fund



EQUAL GROUND Equal Ground,
Sri Lanka

LGBTQI people in Sri Lanka face discrimination at every level of society, with the Penal Code criminalising same-sex identities. But there is a window of opportunity, following recent Indian and Caribbean rulings, to decriminalise same-sex relations in Sri Lanka. GiveOut will support Equal Ground as it implements a research-based social awareness campaign to change public opinion towards LGBTQI people and pave the way for decriminalisation of same sex relations. This is expected to be a multi-year decriminalisation campaign and we are proud to offer donors the opportunity to support it. (A)



UCTRANS, Caribbean

Across the Caribbean, trans people face discrimination and widespread physical and sexual violence. But the trans movement has few opportunities to learn from each other. GiveOut is providing a grant to support group of activists from across the Caribbean establish the United Caribbean Trans Network (UCTRANS), which aims to unite the national trans movements and work to advance human rights, promote sexual and reproductive health, and increase the well-being of trans people in the region. (T)



Coalition for Sexual &
Bodily Rights in Muslim
Societies, Asia/MENA

CSBR is a network advocating internationally on behalf of their communities in Muslim societies. As a network, their focus is on connecting their member organisations and encouraging the interaction of faith-based organisations with bodily and sexual rights advocates. GiveOut's grant will support CSBR's core costs and the "Stories of Faith & Sexuality" program, which aims to strengthen activists' skills and confidence and to build cross-movement solidarity. (A)



Tonga Leitis Association,
Tonga

Leitis are a community of gender non-confirming people in Tonga, who are often shunned and even face incarceration. Tonga's Civil Offences Act criminalises cross-dressing and sodomy, which both carry prison sentences of up to 10 years. GiveOut's grant will support the Tonga Leitis Association to continue their national awareness raising and regional advocacy work, including sending a representative to the Pacific Islands Forum to argue for ending LGBTQI discrimination and criminalisation. (T)



SAATHII, India

Following the landmark Supreme Court ruling decriminalising same-sex relations in India, there is an opportunity to advocate for changes in the law to provide additional protections for LGBTQI people. Originally established to meet the needs of the growing HIV+ population in India, SAATHII is expanding its focus to support human rights activism. GiveOut's grant will support SAATHII in establishing its first LGBTQI activist fellowship programme, to empower grassroots advocacy at local level. (A)



Centre for Law and
Policy Research, India

In partnership with Akkai Padmashali and other trans activists, CLPR helped litigate on behalf of the trans community in India in the Section 377 proceedings that ended in the landmark Supreme Court ruling decriminalising same-sex relations. In India, Hijras – a community which includes trans and intersex people – face forced back-alley castrations, sexual violence, humiliation and homelessness, and are often coerced into sex work. GiveOut's grant will go towards CLPR's core costs, allowing it to continue its work providing free legal representation to trans people across India. (T)



The Amazon LeThi
Foundation, working in
Vietnam

In Vietnam, bullying and harassment of LGBTQI young people is rife in the school system, and teenagers and young adults feel helpless and lack the leadership skills needed to protect themselves or mobilise against intolerance. GiveOut is providing a grant to support the Amazon LeThi Foundation launch its Anti-Bullying Programme, to include research and training in schools to empower the future 'leaders of tolerance'. (A)



LGBTI Equal Rights
Association for West
Balkans & Turkey

The Western Balkans and Turkey is a hostile region for trans communities: trans people are not protected in law or policy, 80% of trans people have experienced discrimination or harassment in the last 12 months (compared to 49% of LGBTQI people overall) and over half of trans people have encountered violence. GiveOut is providing a grant to ERA to organise a three-day summit and training workshop designed to empower activists to better represent and advocate on behalf of trans communities. (T)

“Our supporters know that a donation to GiveOut has impact across the LGBTQI movement globally”
—Rupert Abbott,
GiveOut's Executive Director

How you can support us



- 1 Give monthly** to our core portfolio
- 2 One-off gift** with ongoing impact
- 3 Support a sponsored fund**
- 4 Get involved** Help us build GiveOut
- 5 Corporate support**

Our aim is to have impact over multiple years with our grant recipients, so we are seeking to build a community of core supporters who can give £200 per month.

Any amount you can give will be helpful. For example, a one-off gift of £1,000 could help campaign for decriminalisation in Sri Lanka, or training to grass-roots activists in Southeast Asia.

Support either The Antonia & Andrea Belcher Trans Fund or The Suki Sandhu LGBTQI Asia Fund - both of which are also supported by their namesake sponsors.

There are lots of ways your skills could help us. We'd love to hear from you if you can offer skills or expertise that may be helpful.

We offer a range of ways for business to support the LGBTQI movement including giving opportunities, in-kind support, employee engagement and sponsorship.

> To make a donation please either visit www.giveout.org/donate, or email us at info@giveout.org. With Gift Aid, GiveOut can claim 25p extra for every £1 you give.

> To support either of our two sponsored funds please specify 'Trans Fund' or 'Asia Fund' when making your donation

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Ensuring strong governance: additions to GiveOut's board

As a charity sending funds internationally, governance is of key importance for the board of GiveOut.

We are pleased to report that three new appointments were recently made: diversity, human resources and trans-inclusion specialist Rachel Reese, public policy and corporate communications

expert Iain Anderson and queer African feminist and social justice activist Wanja Muguongo.

"They are experts and leaders in their fields and bring to our Board the skills, and expertise that will help ensure that GiveOut is run effectively and responsibly" said Elliot Vaughn, who chairs the board.



Third Sector Breakthrough Award for GiveOut

We are delighted that GiveOut recently won the Third Sector Breakthrough of the Year Award 2018.

Judged by a panel of 37 charity professionals, the award recognises best practice and innovation in the UK charity sector.

GiveOut was commended as a ground-breaking model for bringing new re-

sources into the global LGBTQI movement.

"This award will help us connect with new potential donors. Thank you to our supporters, to Rupert, our team and board for all of their contributions," said Chris Darby, GiveOut's Treasurer.



Camm & Hooper join BCG as founding corporate supporters of GiveOut



THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP

Events management company Camm & Hooper and GiveOut have recently announced a new corporate-charity partnership.

Camm & Hooper will be providing GiveOut with free use of its Six Storeys venue in the centre of vibrant Soho and will also be fundraising for us and donating to support our grants.

The events company joins the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) as GiveOut's founding corporate supporters.

"We are thrilled to be able to support GiveOut, an extraordinary charity. The work they do

in championing LGBTQI human rights causes across the world is close to all our team's hearts as an international and people-led organisation," said Debra Ward, Managing Director at Camm & Hooper.

"Diversity and LGBT inclusion is a very important topic for us and our funding of this ground-breaking new charity demonstrates our commitment to this. In particular, BCG is excited by the potential to expand GiveOut in Europe and we are keen to support that," said Pascal Cotte, BCG's Head of Western Europe.