This 17 May, the Consell de Formentera is pleased to announce several initiatives in celebration of International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. Formentera premiere Alejandra Ferrer, deputy premiere Ana Juan and equality and LGTBIQ+ chief Vanessa Parellada gave a press conference in the Sant Francesc plaza in a show of local government's support for the community with a freshly painted rainbow-coloured bench.

A pedestrian crossing in Sant Ferran has also been painted in the colours of the LGTBIQ+ flag. President Ferrer pointed to ongoing discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, and said the newly painted benches and crosswalks were about making a statement: "As a government and as a people, Formentera supports the LGTBIQ+ community". And she asked islanders to show "respect for diversity — it makes us richer".

Similar actions will be performed in urban centres across Formentera, said Ferrer, who added that she hoped the visibility would ensure "our show of support rings out loud".

Building awareness

On Thursday 20 May, local government will take to social media to share a video featuring LGTBIQ+ islanders in dramatized scenes of real-life discrimination. Councillor Parellada took the opportunity to thank the hometown volunteer actors for participating in the educational video and "putting the cause first".

The Consell de Formentera will mark International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia with an official proclamation at local government's May plenary assembly.

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