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Funding LGBTQ+ Activism Around the World

Baker McKenzie has started supporting GiveOut, an international community foundation to fund LGBTQ+ activism around the world.

GiveOut, which was founded five years ago, is led by Baker McKenzie alumnus Rupert Abbott as a platform which enables individuals and businesses to support the LGBTQ+ movement. GiveOut pools the donations they receive to provide grants to LGBTQ+ organizations around the world, ensuring that they have more of the resources they need to defend LGBTQ+ communities, tackle inequalities and campaign for lasting change.

Since starting, GiveOut has raised £1.7 million, and helped more than 40 organizations around the world.

One of the ways we are supporting GiveOut is by signing up to their Pride With Purpose

campaign, where businesses are asked to mark Pride by supporting LGBTQ+ activists and their organizations defending LGBTQ+ communities and campaigning for equality in the most difficult places to be LGBTQ+.

The Firm is also proud to have sponsored the City for LGBT+ live crowdfunding event. City for LGBT+ is a live event bringing together the community and corporate allies for a fun, impactful evening of food, drinks, networking, engaging speakers and the opportunity to meet activists from around the world who are advancing LGBTQ+ rights.

Find out more about [GiveOut](#).

Read more Impact Stories from our ID&E Report [here](#).

Rupert trained and qualified at Baker McKenzie and credits the Firm with providing him with opportunities to learn about the power of the law in doing good.

“ Being at Baker McKenzie was a formative and impactful experience for me. The Firm was always supportive of their lawyers doing pro bono work and this was very important for me. I had the opportunity to work on the illegal incarcerations in Guantanamo Bay and also supported Prisoners Abroad, a charity supporting British nationals imprisoned overseas.

Fifteen years on and seeing the Firm now supporting GiveOut is especially meaningful for me. Over the past five years at GiveOut we have shown that if we come together and pool resources we can have an impact, we can improve, and in some cases, even save lives.



Rupert Abbott
Executive Director, GiveOut