

December 17, 2017

**RE: Call for candidates to the GALE Association Committee**

**Applicant: Emily Meadows**

### Campaign Text

Dear Voters,

I have been a member of the Global Alliance for LGBT Education since May 2014; I propose here my candidacy to serve on the GALE Association Committee.

#### *Academic qualifications*

I hold a Master of Health Sciences degree in Sexual Health from the University of Sydney, a Master of Education in International Counseling from Lehigh University, and am a current Doctor of Philosophy student in Comparative and International Education at Lehigh University. My research focus is on LGBTQ+ inclusive education on a global scale, and I am supplementing my doctoral work with a Graduate Certificate in LGBT Health Policy and Practice from the George Washington University.

#### *Background and experience*

I have thirteen years of experience working as an educator and counselor in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. My understanding of school systems on an international level is both broad and deep. I am American by nationality, but grew up around the world, so am acutely attuned to both the unique requirements of local contexts and the importance of tailoring strategic plans according to a global framework.

#### *Proposed contribution*

I am passionate about strengthening the rights of sexual minority students to relevant, equitable, and inclusive education. I am also uniquely prepared to work for and within a culturally diverse network. My contribution to the Association Committee would be to offer a current understanding of the academic literature on LGBTQ+ inclusion in education, particularly on a global level.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Meadows