

Convenience marriage app helps LGBT people in China appease parents and employers



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With pressure from families to marry and have children, China's LGBT community now has a new method of dealing with the burden of expectation. New app [iHomo](#) is a social network that matches individuals with others also needing a marriage of convenience. Created by someone who had to find an appropriate match for her own xinghun (marriage of convenience), iHomo is available on both iOS and Android and is currently free.

In order to access the network, users are sent an invitation code. The app is currently focused on increasing membership in order to make it easier to find appropriate xinghun matches. The founders plan to continue to expand the app into a fully developed range of online and offline services for China's LGBT community, including advice and support on pregnancy, law, pension and employment.

Many of the accessibility and inclusivity improvements being seen across smart cities worldwide are coming from individuals who created solutions to their own long-standing problems. From [tinted sunscreens](#) for a broad range of skin colors to [webcam mortgage advice](#) for deaf bank customers, increased inclusion is creating improved accessibility. What would help designers and architects increase accessibility from the start of a project, thus helping to avoid the need for retrofitting?

Website: www.ihomo.cn