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Spring is finally here!!!

Thank you to all of you who attended our Conference last month. We hope you all enjoyed the workshops and events following there after. There were over 2500 people in attendance which was a great success! Please be sure to take our conference survey to tell us what your experience was during the conference, we'd love to hear about it from each and every one of you! This month, there are quite a few community events being held. Be sure to make it to a Pride event, they are taking place all over New England during the next couple months!!

Day of Silence Event

Day of Silence at Southern State Connecticut University

10am—8:30pm

501 Crescent Street,

New Haven, CT 06515

10AM—2PM

Silent Demonstration on the SCSU bridge and other parts of campus (Please meet us on the SCSU bridge at 9:45 A.M. that joins Fitch St. with Wintergreen Ave.). A march will follow at 2 P.M. to break the silence.

2PM—5PM

Breaking the Silence Party to celebrate an awareness and acceptance of diversity in the Michael J. Adanti Student Center, Room 309.

5PM-6:30PM

Guest Speaker Marjorie Agosin, human rights activist and author of *Secrets in the Sand: The Young Women of Juárez*, in Engleman Hall, Room A120, discusses the injustices and abuse against the women of Juárez.

7:30PM-8:30PM

Community Vigil in the Buley Library Quad to commemorate the memory of Lawrence King, fifteen year-old Californian student shot and killed by a fellow student in class this year because of his sexual orientation and gender expression, and the thousands of victims of hate crimes nation/worldwide.

Dont miss these events!!!

- GSA Summit this month
- GSA Nite this month
- 15 Years of LGBT History at CCSU this month-Apr 25
- Northampton Pride in May
- Scoops of Rainbow—LMF- May 16
- New England Latino Pride— May 10 - May 18
- Hartford Pride June 7
- Boston Pride Week— June 6 - June 15

Upcoming Events

GSA Summit: All About The Media

Saturday, April 26th

Classical Magnet High School

10am - 1:30pm

How is the LGBTQIA Community portrayed in the media? What effects does this have on stereotypes? How does this effect the socialization that takes place in society? Join us in a discussion all about the media!

Open Mic Night

Tuesday, April 29th

Borders' Café Shop - West Farms Mall

5:30pm—8:30pm

The New Britain YWCA's Sexual Assault Crisis Service is holding an open mic poetry night which is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Peterson Toscano

Wednesday, April 30

Manchester Community College - Fireside Commons

11am - 12:30pm

Multi-character one-person comedy that explores queer history, homophobia, and sexual minority issues through the words and lives of lesbian & gay poets.

GSA Night

Wednesday, April 30th

Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective

5pm - 8pm

Feature Presentation of the Month: "Paris is Burning"

Northampton Pride

Northampton, Massachusetts

Saturday, May 3rd

12pm—5pm

Come march with us on our float!!!!

Queer Prom

Saturday, May 17

Greater Hartford Jaycee Community Boathouse

8pm - 12am

22 and under

\$10/person



Great Opportunity for Student Leaders!

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) is searching for its next team of student leaders! The Jump-Start '08-'09 National Student Leadership Team is a group of middle and high school students who support student organizing. Students receive training on strategic planning, coalition building, and leadership skills.

They are currently accepting applications from students who have prior leadership experience or seek to develop these skills. Students must fill out an application form, provide a recommendation from school, and a letter of support from a local organization.

Applications are due May 9th.

Contact: Benny Vasquez

GLSEN Director of Student Organizing

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GSA Curriculum—April Be an Activist!

What does activism mean?

What are some qualities of an ally?

What are some GLBTQI issues that you would like to change?

What does your school policy say about sexual orientation?

What are the current GLBTQI cases in court today?

What is the AB 537: School Safety and Violence Prevention Act?

Does CT state law protect against harassment for sexual orientation? For gender identity and expression?

What does the Marriage Equality Act propose?

Who are your state legislators?

What rights do civil unions deny? What rights do they grant?

What is Loves Makes A Family and why are they important?

What can you do to make change in your community? How will you do this and when?

Movie Suggestions:

Lets Get Real (35 min, 2004)

This documentary speaks on the issues that lead to bullying and taunting which include racial differences, perceived sexual orientation, religious differences, disabilities, and sexual harassment. We hear this from the youth who are targeted, to those who bully them, to those who stand up for them.



Paris is Burning (78 min, 1990)

This documentary was filmed in the mid-to-late 80s and it follows ball culture through the African American and Latino gay and transgendered communities who lived in it. The film also does a good job of exploring race, gender, and class in America.

Fundraisers

Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day is an event held in either late April or May where they give out free ice cream cones all day. Over one million cones are given away each year. Charitable organizations are often present at the stores each year and enjoy a significant amount of fundraising success.

Contact your local Ben & Jerry's and ask if you can set up a fundraising table outside. www.benjerry.com

In celebration of Earth Day, look into holding a recycling fundraiser where you can collect cans, bottles, toner cartridges, or old cell phones and

hand them in for money. www.fundingfactory.com

Earth Day is April 22nd





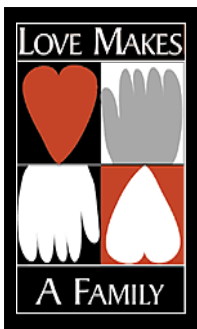
Scoops of Rainbow

What: An Ice Cream Social & Bowling Party in support of Marriage Equality.

When: 5:30pm to 9:00pm, May 16th

**Where: LMF office 576 Farmington Ave Hartford
860-525-7777**

Fee: \$8 to cover the costs of bowling for 2 hours (It comes with shoe rental, a lane, pizza, and soda)



**Come meet other High School students
to support a great cause.**

FREE Ice Cream will be donated by Maggie Moo's in West Hartford

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Years of
LGBTQ
History
In
Connecticut

Celebrate our Journey to The Light ('94)
Children From The Shadows II ('95)
A Multi-Cultural Perspective on LGBTQ Youth ('96)
Expanding the Definition of Family ('97)
Gettin' Too Big for Our Niches ('98)
It Takes a Whole Village to Raise Our Children ('99)
Risk to Resilience ('00)
Kin-Centric Circles ('01)
Creating Possibilities ('02)
Been There, Done That ('03)
Opening Minds, Opening Doors ('04)
Over the Rainbow and Out of The Box ('05)
Building Inclusive Communities ('06)
Family Matters, A-Z ('07)
A Global Perspective on LGBTQ Youth ('08)

April 25, 2008
6:30-8:30pm
Elihu Burrit Library
CCSU