

# CenterListings

May 2011

## The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

208 West 13th Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(Between 7th & 8th Aves.)  
[gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org)

### Telephone

Main number: 212.620.7310  
Fax: 212.924.2657

### Building Hours

MON-FRI 9AM-10PM  
SAT 11AM-10PM  
SUN 11AM-9PM

### Center Community Services

Center Recovery  
Center Wellness  
Center Families  
Center Youth

MON-FRI 10AM-6PM

DROP-IN OR BY APPOINTMENT  
DIRECT DIAL 646.556.9300

### David Bohnett Cyber Center

MON-FRI 11AM-9PM  
SAT-SUN 12-9PM  
\$3 PER HOUR

### Pat Parker/Vito Russo Library

MON-THU 6-9PM  
FRI-SAT 1-4PM  
LIBRARY CATALOG ONLINE AT  
[GAYCENTER.ORG](http://GAYCENTER.ORG)

### The LGBT Archive

DROP-IN THU, 6-8PM; OR BY  
APPOINTMENT, CALL  
212.620.7310 X205

For more information about all listings visit [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

## CENTER EVENTS & PROGRAMS

To register for Center events and learn about all programs and volunteer opportunities, visit us online at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

## VOLUNTEERING

**MON, MAY 9, 6PM**  
**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Interested in volunteering? Get more information about volunteering at the Center and at other LGBT organizations. Registration required. Visit [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org) for details.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMS

### SAT, MAY 7, NOON-3PM Monthly Book Sale

Hundreds of titles ranging widely across topics and styles on sale at bargain prices. Throughout the year, authors and members of the community donate stacks of books, videos, and DVDs to the Center Pat Parker/Vito Russo Library. Extra copies of books and videos are sold at the book sale, a browser's delight and a source of revenue for the Center. Complimentary coffee provided by Starbucks.

### SAT, MAY 7, 9PM Dance 208 Fetish

DJ Bill Coleman makes your fantasies come alive! \$10 at the door; \$8 online at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### TUE, MAY 10, 6:30PM Authors Examining Race

Join us for a reading as authors examine the complex dynamic of race relations and its impact on their work. \$10. Register at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### TUE, MAY 10, 6:30-8PM PowerPoint Beginner and Intermediate Workshop

Fast-paced class designed to more than just familiarize you with Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, a program used for presenting ideas. From toolbars to transitions, we cover the basics to further your ideas and projects in business and in your personal life. Program review and exercises customized to teach you what you need to know. Instructor Myles J. Glynn. Free. Register at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### THU, MAY 12, 6:30PM This Ain't Your Mama's Tupperware Party

A benefit for the LGBT Community Center. It's better storage than ya mama could have dreamed about, and best of all, sales benefit the Center. Some nosh, cocktails, entertainment and lots of fun! \$5 suggested donation. RSVP at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### THU, MAY 12, 6:30PM A Queer Nerd

Join us as FAQNP launches the publication of its third issue, which examines how queer nerds travel, explore, and build community. The event will include readings from the issue and an opportunity to talk with the creative team behind the magazine. Free.

### FRI, MAY 13, 6:30PM

### Authors Malinda Lo, David Levithan, Jacqueline Woodson and Cris Beam on Race and Sexuality

Join us for a lively reading and discussion as these authors share their latest work and examine the intersection of race and sexuality.

### SAT, MAY 14, 11AM-1PM Microsoft Excel for Beginners Workshop

Use hands-on approach and real examples to explore Excel. Also review OpenOffice, gnumeric and GoogleDocs. Free. Register at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### MON, MAY 16, 6:30PM Does Supporting Queer Migration Erode Neighborhoods of Color?

Join *New York Times* columnist Christine Haughney as we examine the evolution of urban neighborhoods and how it impacts LGBT people and people of color. Free.

### TUE, MAY 17, 6:30PM Two Lawyers, a Coach and a Gay Dad

Come hear a new approach to challenging issues facing the LGBTQ community today: marriage, parenting, adoption, finances in a difficult economy, and partner rights issues,... Gaining weight? Losing sleep? We have the answers and the Ahhhh! Free.

### TUE, MAY 17, 6:30PM Out Front and Leading the Charge: It's Always About Race

The LGBT community has made significant strides in a quest for full equality. Despite these gains many activists assert that the movement's agenda is exclusionary and fails to address issues around class, health-care and employment disparities in our community. Tonight's program presents leaders who suggest the movement's failure to address these social issues is really a failure to tackle the fundamental issue of race. Program moderated by Glenn

Magpantay, Director of the Democracy Fund for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Free.

### THU, MAY 19 & 26, 7PM Queer Men's Erotic Art Workshop

Re-imagined, re-focused, re-invigorated and with a renewed sense of purpose. Harvey Redding's Queer Art Now with the Queer Men's Art Workshop. Reach beyond yourself to new heights of art making and display it to the world. \$20. More info at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### FRI, MAY 20, 6:30PM Center Women's Film Series Premieres Black Lesbians Elder Project: Impact

Be among the first to see this new, feature-length documentary that brings the critical work done by Black elder lesbians to the forefront of the Queer Movement. The film focuses on Black lesbians who were born prior to 1980, and explores the many intersections experienced by Black lesbians who lived during segregation, the civil rights movement, and the Black Power Movement among other key moments in history. The film also highlights a series of underground movements - some well known and many not known - that were led by Black lesbians during these years. Screening followed by a conversation with the filmmakers Tiona McClodden and Lisa Moore. \$10. Register at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

### SAVE THE DATE:

### SAT, JUN 11, 9PM Dance 208 - Shameless: A Women's Dance Party

The gorgeous queer women of NYC are at it again! Dance the night away with our Center Angels and listen to the spinning magic of DJ Fucci one of NYC's hottest DJs. DJ Fucci will be spinning all your favorite hits just for you! Sexy go-go dancers, drink specials, door prizes, fabulous raffle prizes! \$10 at the door, \$8 online. Register at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

## Celebrate Pride with the Center!

As always, the Center celebrates Pride in all five boroughs... and beyond. Mark your calendars for another fun and fabulous Pride season!

**Staten Island Pride** Sat, Jun 4

**Asbury Park Pride** Sun, Jun 5

**Queens Pride** Sun, Jun 5

**Brooklyn Pride** Sat, Jun 11

**Long Island Pride** Sun, Jun 12

**NYC Pride Rally** Sat, Jun 18

**Folsom Street East** Sun, Jun 19

**Trans Day of Action** Fri, Jun 24

**Dyke March** Sat, Jun 25

**Harlem Pride** Sat, Jun 25

**New York City Pride** Sun, Jun 26

**Bronx Pride** Sat, Jul 9

**Black Pride** Wed-Sun, Aug 10-14

**Hudson Pride (Jersey City)**  
Sat, Aug 27

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## CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**Direct dial: 646.556.9300**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**FRI, MAY 7, 8PM-12AM**

### Trans Prom

A night of music, dancing, and connecting. A great opportunity to experience prom while expressing your individuality in a safe and accepting environment. To help us plan, email [gip@gaycenter.org](mailto:gip@gaycenter.org).

**FRI, JUNE 10, 7-10PM**

### Women of Color Games Night/Noche de Juegos para Mujeres

A night of games and socializing for women who love the company of other women. Join us for fun, games and refreshments! Free! Gratis!

## Center Recovery

## CENTER RECOVERY GROUPS

All Center Recovery groups are by appointment only and are open only to registered Center Recovery clients. For info about becoming a Center Recovery client, visit [gaycenter.org/health/recovery](http://gaycenter.org/health/recovery) or call 646.556.9300 x295.

Center Recovery accepts Medicaid and private insurance (currently CIGNA, GHI, AETNA, Value Options & CHCS) in addition to out-of-net-work reimbursement and sliding scale payment options.

**MON, 11AM-12PM; TUE, 6-7PM; WED, 11AM-12PM; THU, 6-7PM; FRI, 11AM-12PM**

### Early Recovery

For those with fewer than 90 days abstinence.

**MON, 12-1PM**

### Sex, Sexuality & Recovery

Explores sexuality and substance use.

**MON, 1-2PM**

### Tobacco & Recovery

Smoking cessation and recovery.

**MON, 4-5PM**

### Women in Recovery

For female-identified clients only. Discusses issues relevant to women's experiences in recovery including, but not limited to, relationships, self-esteem, sexism, ageism and sex.

**MON, 5-6PM - NEW!  
40+ in Recovery**

For adults 40 years old and above, only, to discuss topics related to this age group and being in recovery.

**TUE, 11AM-12PM**

### Relapse Prevention

For those with 90 days or more abstinence.

**TUE, 12-1PM**

### Mindfulness

Examines habitual reactions to thoughts and feelings related to substance abuse.

**TUE, 3:30-5PM**

### Positive in Recovery

Explores thoughts and feelings about having HIV and staying sober.

**TUE, 5-6PM**

### Emotional Wellness

Examines difficult emotions that contribute to substance use.

**WED, 12-1PM**

### Crystal Meth

For those coping with crystal meth use.

**WED, 1-2PM**

### Young Adults (18-30 y.o.)

Discusses topics related to being a young adult in recovery.

**THU, 11AM-12PM**

### Managing Your Anger & Frustration

Examines alternative means of expressing frustration and anger that can lead to substance use.

**THU, 12-1PM**

### Relationships

Examines relationships with self and others in connection to substance use.

**THU, 1-2PM**

### Orientation & Engagement

Provides overview of services, rules, policies, and general information about the CCR treatment program, in order to facilitate engagement and commitment to treatment. Includes Q and A period.

**THU, 5-6PM**

### Creative Recovery

Uses art, writing, drawing and other creative processes to stimulate new ideas and attitudes to recovery.

**FRI, 11AM-12PM**

### Early Recovery: Weekend Recovery Planning

Develops relapse prevention strategies for weekends.

**FRI, 12-1PM**

### Health & Wellness

Provides information about the relationship between health issues and substance use.

**FRI, 3-4PM**

### Crystal Meth: The First 60 Days

Addresses the needs of those in their first 60 days of abstinence from crystal meth.

**FRI, 4-5PM**

### Sex, Crystal Meth & Recovery

Seeks to achieve a healthy integration of sex and intimacy in the context of recovery from crystal meth.

## FOUNDATIONS FOR LGBT RECOVERY

**MON, 7-8:30PM (Trans & Gender Non-conforming Focus)**

**THU, 7-8:30PM (General Population)**

### Connected in Recovery

Weekly support group led by and for LGBT people in recovery.

Drop-in. No registration required.

General meetings for LGBT

people. For more information, contact Joe Disano, 646.556.9300 x238, [jdisano@gaycenter.org](mailto:jdisano@gaycenter.org)

### In Recovery with Resources

Case management services to help you find the resources you need to remain in recovery, such as welfare benefits, referrals to LGBT-competent providers, job placements and more. Free. For more info or services, contact Miguel Castillo 646.556.9300 x476, [mcastillo@gaycenter.org](mailto:mcastillo@gaycenter.org)

### En Recuperación con Recursos

Manejo de casos para ayudarle con los recursos necesarios para continuar en recuperación de abuso sustancias y prevenir recaídas. Le podemos ayudar con servicios aplicaciones para servicios sociales, seguros medico, vivienda, empleo, referidos a proveedores LGBT competentes y mucho mas. Servicios gratuitos. Para registrarse contacte Miguel Castillo 646.556.9300 x476, [mcastillo@gaycenter.org](mailto:mcastillo@gaycenter.org)

## Center Wellness

Updates on group start dates at [gaycenter.org/health/wellness](http://gaycenter.org/health/wellness).

## WELLNESS | BEREAVEMENT HEALING | COACHING

**TUES, 7:30-9PM, JUN 7 - JUL 26**

### Coaching Ourselves Toward Emotional Health

All-gender interactive support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender-identified people to discuss personal emotional challenges and to develop skills for managing them. Challenges include experiences of anxiety, depression, excessive self-criticism, recurring distressing thoughts, and other mental health concerns. Members will be encouraged to share successful coping strategies, to develop non-judgmental self-acceptance, and to strengthen support networks. Not a substitute for adequate medical consultation and individual support where necessary. **Intake re-**

quired. Sliding scale. No one turned away for lack of funds.

**MON, 6-7:30PM, JUN 6 - AUG 15, NO JUN 20 & JUL 4**

### Bereavement Support Group

All-gender group to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender-identified people navigate their grief and healing processes after losing a loved one, to express and normalize feelings of loss, build contacts, and find resources and creative outlets for loss. **Intake required.** Sliding scale fee. No one turned away for lack of funds.

## GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT

Find GIP on the web!

[genderidentityproject.org](http://genderidentityproject.org)

Sign up for the GIP E-Newsletter at [gaycenter.org/GIP](http://gaycenter.org/GIP)

Find GIP on Facebook!

[facebook.com/genderidentityproject](https://facebook.com/genderidentityproject)

All Gender Identity Project groups are drop-in. Drop-in groups allow you to come to as many or as few sessions as you want. Please come on time and leave on time.

**TUE, 6-7:30PM, DATES TBD**

### Yoga for People of All Genders

Weekly drop-in yoga workshop for people of all genders. Part of Center Wellness' transgender peer-driven services. Weekly attendance not required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Drop-in. No registration required.

**WED, 7:30-9PM, JUN 1 - AUG 3**  
**Gender Drop-In: Feminine Spectrum**

Weekly drop-in group for those assigned male at birth who now identify as trans-femme, trans-women, women, trans-female, cross-dresser, drag queen, transsexual, femme queen, exploring, etc. to explore and discuss their feelings and concerns about gender, trans-identities and their histories. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

**WED, 7:30-9PM, JUN 1 - AUG 3**  
**Gender Drop-In: Masculine Spectrum**

Weekly drop-in group for those assigned female at birth who now identify as trans-masculine, trans-men, men, trans-male, boi, gender-queer, AG/Aggressive, transsexual, androgynous, exploring, etc. to explore and discuss their feelings and concerns about gender, trans-identities and their histories. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

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**1ST & 3RD WED, MAY 4 & 18, 7:30-9PM**

## **Trans Partners/Trans Amorous**

Twice monthly drop-in group to provide support and community for people of all genders to discuss and explore their attraction to and relationships with trans-identified or gender non-conforming individuals. Open to people currently or formerly in partnerships with trans-people and those exploring their attractions. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

**2ND WED, MAY 11, 6-7:30PM**

## **Trans Families & Friends**

Monthly drop-in group for family members and friends of someone who is transgender, transsexual, gender-different or gender questioning. Come together with other moms, dads, uncles, siblings, grandparents, friends and adult children of transgender individuals. Drop-in. No registration required. \$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

**1ST WED, MAY 4, JUN 1, 6-7:30PM**

## **T-HOT: Trans Hands-On Team!**

Looking for a place to connect with transgender and GNC people? Wish there were more trans and GNC events in NYC? Join us to develop, plan and conduct community events and outreach. Review basic skill development for effective leadership. Leaders who complete minimum requirements will be eligible for a leadership certificate and will be eligible to have their story featured as a community role model. No registration required. Free.

## **HIV and AIDS SUPPORT**

**WED, 6-7:30PM, JUN 1 - AUG 3**

### **Positive Care I: Newly Diagnosed HIV+**

Support group for newly diagnosed HIV+ men to provide emotional support to ease anxiety, fear, and isolation related to a new diagnosis and to help members begin to adjust to HIV in their lives. Open to gay and bisexual men and men of trans-experience. **Intake required; please call to schedule.** Free.

**MON, 6-7:30PM, JUN 6 - AUG 15, NO JUN 20 & JUL 4**

### **Positive Care II: Living with HIV**

Support group for men living long-term with HIV to provide emotional support to maintain and promote health and happiness. Provides space to discuss concerns around self-esteem, isolation, safer sex, stigma, etc. Open to gay and bisexual men and men of trans-experi-

ence. **Intake required; please call to schedule.** Free.

**WED, 11AM-12:15PM**

## **Yoga Positive**

Designed specifically for HIV+ men and women. Strong but gentle Yoga practice. Includes a short presentation about potential benefits to individuals with HIV. Free. Info at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

## **LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE**

*Serving Lesbians, Bisexual Women, and Transgender People. Sign up for the LCI email newsletter at [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org). To "like" LCI on Facebook, go to [facebook.com/lcithecenter](http://facebook.com/lcithecenter)*

**THU, 6-7:30PM, JUN 2 - AUG 4**

## **Survivors Group**

Group for lesbians, bisexual women and transgender cancer survivors to help navigate the challenges of living with, and after, a cancer diagnosis. Focuses on cancer's broad impact on our lives, from the stress of navigating the medical system and treatment decisions to its effect on sexuality, body image and relationships. Offered in partnership with SHARE. **Intake required; please call.** Free.

**MON, 6-7:30PM, JUN 6 - AUG 8**

## **Caring for Someone with Cancer/Caring for Ourselves**

Support group for lesbians, bisexual women and transgender (LBT) people caring for a partner, friend or family member with a cancer diagnosis, as well as women and transgender people offering care to an LBT person with cancer. Group aims to help navigate the challenges of caring for someone with a cancer diagnosis and focuses on juggling the emotions and responsibilities of care-giving with the critical importance of self-care. **Intake required; please call.** Free.

## **New Groups in Formation**

Ten-week support group for transgender and gender non-conforming people with cancer, and four-week life coaching group for LBT people with cancer. Call LCI at 646.556.9300 x258 if interested.

## **LGBT SMOKE FREE PROJECT**

*For information and screening, call 646.556.9300 x485.*

**NEW GROUP THIS SUMMER**

## **Not Quite Ready to Quit**

Three-hour workshop focuses on understanding nicotine addiction, increasing motivation, and eliminating roadblocks to making the decision to quit. In order to attend the Commit to Quit groups (see below), you must attend one of these Not Quite Ready to Quit workshops. Free, but pre-group

screening required. Call Adam Steiner 646.556.9287.

## **NEW GROUP THIS SUMMER**

**Commit to Quit**  
Six-week group helps you develop a quit plan, build a support system, and effectively handle relapse pressure after you have quit. One session of Not Quite Ready to Quit required. There is a fee for this group. Screening required. Call Adam Steiner 646.556.9287.

**WED, 7:30-9PM, THRU MAY 25**

## **Smoke Free Social Action Group**

Group discusses ways in which the LGBT community can help itself become smoke free. If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity that will help your community become healthier and smoke free, this is the group for you. For more information, contact Adam Steiner, 646.556.9287.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS**

**TUE, 6-7:30PM, JUN 7 - JUL 26**

## **Immigration Support Group - English**

Supportive space for LGBT immigrants (regardless of immigration status) to meet and discuss issues related to living in a new country. Group serves as a place for LGBT immigrants to get referrals to organizations that can help them adjust to their new life in New York and to meet others living in similar circumstances. Drop-in. No registration required. Free.

**TUE, 6-7:30PM, MAY 3-31**

**TUE, 7:30-9PM, JUN 7 - JUL 5**

## **Immigration Social Action Group**

In its fourth season and comprising members from over 25 different countries, group conducts outreach and organizes the Annual LGBT Immigration Fair in April. Drop-in. No registration required. Free. Gratis y no requiere registro previo. For more info email George Fesser at [gfesser@gaycenter.org](mailto:gfesser@gaycenter.org).

## **Grupo de Apoyo para Inmigrantes (En Spanish)**

**(Este grupo se hará en español)**  
El grupo que venia reuniéndose cada dos semanas en Manhattan, ahora se hará cada semana y se reubicará en **Queens Pride House** localizado en Jackson Heights, Queens en el 76-11 37th Avenue, suite 206. El grupo sigue siendo un espacio seguro donde Inmigrantes LGBT, (sin importar su estatus migratorio) - un lugar donde inmigrantes LGBT pueden recibir información sobre organizaciones que los ayuda a ajustar a su nueva vida en New York. *Las fechas para el verano a un sestán negociando. Llamenos para más información.*

*Este grupo es gratis y no requiere registro previo.*

## **CENTER FAMILIES**

*For more info visit [gaycenter.org/families](http://gaycenter.org/families) or contact *Shanequa Anderson, LMSW, MPA, CASAC, Center Families Coordinator, direct line 646.358.1749, or [centerfamilies@gaycenter.org](mailto:centerfamilies@gaycenter.org).**

**THU, MAY 5, 6-8PM**

## **Family Building Event**

**Egg Donation and Gestational Surrogacy**  
Presented by Reproductive Possibilities, LLC and IVF New Jersey, this informative seminar will cover the medical, surrogacy and emotional processes involved when building your family through third party reproduction. A same-sex couple who are parents through egg donation and gestational surrogacy, and an experienced surrogate will share their stories. Contact [centerfamilies@gaycenter.org](mailto:centerfamilies@gaycenter.org) for additional information. No need to pre-register!

**THU, MAY 5, 7-9PM**

## **Wannabe Dads and Moms**

A group for LGBTQ people exploring the possibilities of becoming parents through foster care or adoption. \$5 suggested donation.

**SAT, MAY 7, 14, 21, 3-6PM**

## **MAPP Class**

Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting classes for LGBTQ prospective foster and adoptive parents. Hosted by You Gotta Believe! Free.

**SAT, MAY 7, 10AM-1PM**

## **@ THE PLAYERS THEATRE**

### **The Little Mermaid**

Presented by Center Families and Literally Alive Children's Theatre. The Players Theatre, 115 MacDougal Street, between West 3rd Street & Bleecker Street in Manhattan. Subways: One block east of the West 4th Street Station, A, B, C, D, E, F and M trains. \$15. For reservations call Pamela Mendelsohn 212.620.7310 x275 or e-mail [centerfamilies@gaycenter.org](mailto:centerfamilies@gaycenter.org).

**WED, MAY 11, 6:30-8PM**

## **Parenting Partnerships**

A group for lesbian women and gay men interested in making babies together, and raising them cooperatively. \$5 suggested donation.

**THU, MAY 12 & 26, 6:30-8PM**

## **Planning Biological Parenthood for Women**

For women considering, preparing for, or currently in the process of conceiving through alternative insemination. \$5 suggested donation.

**TUE, MAY 17, 6-8PM**

## **Circle of Youth**

Resource group open to LGBTQ young people between 15 and 21

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years of age in the foster care system. COY's mission is to provide a comfortable environment in which foster, adoptive and kinship young adults/adolescents can come together to learn their rights, express their feelings, set a positive example and help each other achieve their goals. Free. For additional information, contact Jarel Melendez 212.966.6420.

## **THU, MAY 19, 6:30-8:00PM Pregnancy Support & Networking**

Group for pregnant parents-to-be to connect through sharing experiences and resources. \$5 suggested donation.

## **SUN, MAY 22, 12:30-2PM Genderqueer and Transgender Parenting**

Genderqueer and transgender parents and prospective parents meet, exchange information, and share stories while offering and receiving support. \$5 suggested donation.

## **SUN, MAY 22, 2:30-4PM Center Families Movie Day: Disney's UP®**

Children of all ages and their parents/caregivers are invited to join us for a screening and refreshments. Several childcare assistants will be available if you wish to leave the room to visit other Center activities. Suggested donation \$10 per household.

## **SUN, MAY 22, 3-4PM The Changing Environment in NYC Public Schools**

Presentation by Maya Cooper, Esq. of the Children's Services Education Unit at NYC Administration for Children's Services. Interactive discussion for parents, prospective parents, and any caregivers with children in any grade of the NYC Public School System. Ms. Cooper will cover the current environment of our schools and effective methods to ensure that your child's/children's needs are met. \$5 suggested donation.

## **SUN, MAY 22, 4:30-5:30PM LGBTQ Parents' Group**

LGBTQ parents create a social support network, share experiences, exchange resources, and contribute to the vision of future Center Families programming. \$5 suggested donation.

## **MON, MAY 23, 5-7PM Family Law Clinic By Appointment Only!**

An opportunity to have questions answered and concerns addressed by our resident legal expert. Cliff Greenberg has experience completing countless public and private same-sex adoptions, as well as second-parent adoptions, and he has more than 20 years of experi-

ence in family law. \$5 suggested donation. To make an appointment, contact Tracey Little, Foster Care Advocacy Project Coordinator, 212.620.7310 or e-mail centerfamilies@gaycenter.org.

## **TUE, MAY 24, 6:30-8PM TLC for Women**

Safe and nurturing environment for women who have been trying to conceive through alternative insemination for 12 months or longer to receive wellness and health related information and support. \$5 suggested donation.

## **WED, MAY 25, 6:30-8PM Planning Biological Parenthood for Men**

Opportunity to discuss the legal, medical, financial, social and moral aspects of surrogacy and egg donation faced by gay men. Also an opportunity to get together with other gay men considering fatherhood, share information, provide mutual support, and build a network of gay dads. \$5 suggested donation.

## **CENTER YOUTH INCLUDING Y.E.S.**

## **FRI, MAY 6, 6PM-8PM The New Agenda Concert: Fantasy and Freedom!**

The New Agenda takes the stage in their long awaited spring concert Fantasy & Freedom! Enter our fantasy world with dance performances to some of your favorite artists like Britney Spears, Lady GAGA, Kanye West, Madonna and many more. Through music, poetry, song, and dance The New Agenda explores Fantasy & Freedom from an LGBT point of view and takes you on a journey you'll never forget. With special guest appearances by Prince Milan - Vogue Evolution, Joseph Lee Edwards and Janese Zion. Free. **Please note: youth only event (ages 13-21).**

## **SUN, MAY 27, 6PM-8PM Youth Enrichment Services Graduation**

Graduation ceremony for participants who have aged-out of the Youth Enrichment Services program over the last six months. Graduates have an opportunity to reflect on their time spent in the YES program and experience tokens of appreciation, food, memories and laughter. Each graduate is given time to speak about what the YES program means to him/her and is provided with resources for life after YES. Free. **Please note: youth only event (ages 13-21).**

## **EVENTS BY OTHER GROUPS**

## **SUN, MAY 1, 2-4PM Vincent Tafarella Memorial Art Show**

Celebrate the life of renowned transgender artist Vincent Tafarella. A pioneer in the community, Vincent transitioned in 1955 and lived in New York City until his death on January 5, 2011. All welcome. Teresa Theophano, 347.244.6566, teresatheo@gmail.com

## **TUE, MAY 3, 7-9PM Sleeping In The Streets Or Walking Down The Aisle? Prioritizing LGBT Youth**

The Ali Forney Center hosts a forum on homeless LGBT youth. Cathy Renna moderates, with panelists Carl Siciliano, Lewis Fidler, Tobias Barrington Wolff, Kai Wright, and Nico Sifra Quintana. Cathy Renna 917.757.6123, cathy@rennacomunications.com

## **TUE, MAY 3, 6-8PM New York Community Center for Spiritual Living**

Rev. John Foran facilitates the discussion: Honoring Our Mothers. Interfaith group open to all. Suggested donation \$10. Revjohnforan@earthlink.net

## **THU, MAY 5, 6:15-7:15PM**

**Pride Toastmasters:  
Special Occasion Speeches**  
Have you ever been asked to deliver a speech? Did you feel somewhat out of your element? This will help. Membership is \$125 per year. Attend at least three free meetings before joining. 347.850.3253, info@pridetoastmasters.com, pridetoastmasters.com.

## **SAT, MAY 7, 12-2:30PM The Lesbian Widow: Reclaiming Intimacy in Your Life**

Create an environment of safety with the help of visualization, and try to come to terms with the loss of physical and emotional intimacy. \$23. Lori Hannibal, LCSW-R, 917.494.2606, LAH3961@juno.com

## **TUE, MAY 10, 6-8PM New York Community Center for Spiritual Living**

Rev. John Foran facilitates the discussion: Inviting God/Divine Spirit to be your Life Coach. See May 3 for more info.

## **THU, MAY 12, 6:15-7:15PM Pride Toastmasters: Speaking to Inform**

Have you ever given an educational presentation? Did you wish you had better speaking skills? Come and check out the LGBT Toastmasters club! See May 5 for more info.

## **THU, MAY 12, 6:30-8PM Why Vortex Healing Divine Energy Therapy is for You**

Lorraine Goldbloom offers free group healing and introduction to this powerful form of energy work. Free. 212.860.0418, vortexhealingnyc@gmail.com.

## **THU, MAY 12, 7-9PM Sundance Open House**

Everyone welcome to learn more about Sundance's outdoor activities - hiking, biking, kayaking, museum visits, theater, and more! Refreshments served. Free. membership@sundanceoutdoor.org

## **FRI, MAY 13, 6:30-9:30PM Contra Dance Party**

Tonight's caller is Ridge Kennedy, with live music by Squeezology. No partner or experience needed, everyone welcome! Beginner intro and pre-dance schmooze at 6:30. \$12. Tom 917.991.0579, Carol 718.972.3191, lcfcd.org/nyc

## **SAT, MAY 14, 5-7PM Moonfire Empowerment and Spirituality Network**

Teresa Nicole Brooks, a computer science professional/software developer, discusses the science and technology behind some of the more standard and documented ghost hunting techniques. All welcome. \$6. Amethyst 212.222.2467, amethystsylviachild@gmail.com.

## **SAT, MAY 14, 7-10PM Stand-Up for the Animals Comedy Show**

Learn about important animal issues in NYC and then laugh your buns off to the antics of some of the hottest stand-up comics around. Everyone welcome. \$25. nylavenderlounge@aol.com, AnimalCompassionRevolution.com

## **SUN, MAY 15, 1-2:30PM SAL Book Discussion Group**

All lesbians welcome to discuss contemporary and classic lesbian literature. Today's book: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. \$3; exact change appreciated. groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup.

## **SUN, MAY 15, 3-5PM The Power to Reinvent Yourself and Take Action**

Workshop encourages participants to stretch themselves beyond their limits and realize their power and potential. Facilitated by Jeff Vilensky, \$15. Advance registration required. jeffvilensky.com/nycworkshops.php.

## **TUE, MAY 17, 6-8PM New York Community Center for Spiritual Living**

Keeping a Sunday Sabbath, Making Time for a Divine Spiritual Experience. See May 3 for more info.

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**TUES, MAY 17, 7-9PM**

**Gabrielle Bernstein:  
Dialed Up**

Lecture designed to demystify the concept of co-creating with the Universe and teach the true purpose of the Law of Attraction. \$20 in advance; \$30 at the door. gabbyb.tv/speaking.

**THU, MAY 19, 6:15-7:15PM**

**Pride Toastmasters:  
The Motivational Speech**

Have you ever given a talk aimed at motivating others? Did you wish you had more tools at your disposal? See May 5 for more info.

**FRI, MAY 20, 7-9PM**

**Hormones and Gender-  
Confirming Surgery For The  
Trans Community**

Drs. Randi Ettner, Loren Schechter, and Fred Ettner of the Chicago Gender Center, present their multi-disciplinary approach to the care of M-F individuals. Free. 847.967.5122.

**SAT, MAY 21, 5:30-7:30PM**

**The Women's CoffeeHouse**

Lorraine Gibney speaks about Our Alien Connection. There is evidence to support this claim...not only books but recently unearthed relics. Free coffee and dessert. All welcome. \$5. rjordan28@nyc.rr.com

**SAT, MAY 21, 8-10PM**

**Boyfriend Material:  
"Regular" Guys are Hot!**

Take part in discussion groups with great guys who aren't obsessed with how the gay scene says they should dress and act, and just want to be themselves. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. 212.971.1084. bfmaterialny.com.

**TUE, MAY 24, 6-8PM**

**New York Community Center  
for Spiritual Living**

Turning Off the Noise: Finding Peace and Quiet in NYC, facilitated by Rev. John Foran. See May 3 for more info.

**THU, MAY 26, 6:15-7:15PM**

**Pride Toastmasters:  
Mastering the Toast**

Have you ever been asked to give a toast? Did you wish you could have done better? Come and check out our LGBT Toastmasters club. See May 5 for more info.

**FRI, MAY 27, 6:30-9:30PM**

**Bi Lines IV:  
A Multi-Arts Celebration of  
Bisexual Writing**

Honor the winners, finalists and nominees for the Bisexual Fiction and Nonfiction Lammy Awards. Hosted by the Bi Writers Association. Free (donations accepted). biwriters.livejournal.com/90741.html

**SAT, MAY 28, 5-7PM**

**Moonfire Empowerment and  
Spirituality Network**

Nutritional consultant Marcia Berry presents the lecture: Live Long and Prosper - How the Food You Eat Can Extend Your Life and Vitality. All welcome. \$6. Amethyst 212.222.2467, amethystsylviachild@gmail.com.

**TUE, MAY 31, 6-8PM**

**New York Community Center  
for Spiritual Living**

Rev. John Foran facilitates the discussion about life's journey and the power of decision. See May 3 for more info.

## RECURRING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to  
Unleash Power)** Individuals in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. General Meeting Mon 8pm. 212.966.4873, actupny.org, actupny@panix.com

**African Ancestral Lesbians  
United for Societal Change  
(AALUSC)** Community space for Lesbians of the African Diaspora regardless of language, class or culture. Discussions, workshops, cultural events for Black Lesbians by Black Lesbians. Thu 6-8pm. facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=53221651752, AALUSC1974@gmail.com

**American Veterans for Equal  
Rights New York (AVERNY)** GLBT American armed forces veterans. VA medical benefits assistance, parade marching, oral history project, rights advocacy, community projects, social events, dinners. Visit our website for schedule information or call 718.849.5665. www.averny.tripod.com, averny@nyc.rr.com

**Art Group for Gay and Lesbian  
Artists** 1st Tue 8-10pm, no Jun/Jul/Aug. 212.431.4532

**Bi Perspective** Social/discussion/support group for bisexual, bi-friendly, questioning men, women, couples who live, work or play in NYC. 1st Sun 3-4:30pm. Michael 908.469.0966; Bi Info Line 212.459.4784, nyabn.org/BiPerspective, michaeltalmo@aol.com

**Bi Request** Topic-focused, moderated discussion group, followed by optional dinner. Ad hoc social activities throughout the year. 1st/3rd Thu 6-8pm. Birequest@yahoo.com, BiRequest.org

**Bi Women of All Colors** Discussion/social group for bisexual, bi-curious, and transgender bi women. Welcomes bi-friendly women who identify as lesbian, same-

gender-loving (SGL), questioning or straight from all cultures and diversities. Discussion groups, dinners and brunches while providing safe spaces for women to share, eat, chat and make new friends. Sheela 917.583.1797, Donna 212.479.7886, or check the website for dates: <http://www.myspace.com/biwomenofallcolors>

**Big Apple Softball League** NY's only gay/lesbian softball league. 2nd Wed 6-8pm. 212.726.1518, bigapplesoftball.com

**Birds Of A Feather Creative  
Writing Group** Write about a wide range of topics, and create your own anthology. Learn to purge from your experiences in a healthy way. Open to all: LGBT members and beyond. \$6. 1st/3rd Sat 2-3:30pm. Patrice Compton millenny2@yahoo.com.

**Brotherhood of Leathermen of  
Color (BLOC)** Working coalition of Leathermen of Color and their friends. We produce and promote social events that provide relevant experiences, enhance our collective image, and improve our lives as gay leathermen. All welcome who share our vision! 2nd Sun 5-7pm. 347.709.BLOC (2562), blocorg.weebly.com.

**Buddhist Contemplative Arts  
Class with Open Sky** Simple art exercises that relax and ground you in the beauty of this moment. Open to beginners and experienced practitioners. \$15 covers all supplies. 1st Sat 1-2:30pm. OpenSkySangha.com.

**Buddhist Explorers Group NYC** Explore how Buddhist practice, meditation and ethical philosophy can enhance happiness, compassion, and physical/emotional/spiritual health. We view Buddhism as a lifestyle and ethical philosophy rather than a theology or religious belief or concept of God. All welcome. Free. 3rd Sun 2-3:30pm. DharmaFellowship.com; Mark de Solla Price 212.924.1845, mark@MarkandVinny.com,

**Butch/Femme Society** 3rd Wed 6:30-8pm. 212.388.2736, bfsnyc@aol.com

**Christian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,  
Transgendered & Others Fellow-  
ship** Group singing, prayer, bible study, discussion. 2nd/4th Tue 8pm. 212.529.2365

**Christian Science Group** Study/discussion group offering safe space to explore sexuality and all life's issues in spiritual context. Thu 8-9pm. 212.532.8379, nycscgroup.com

**Circle of Voices (C.O.V.)** Social discussions, event opportunities for LBT womyn of color and African

descent empowerment groups. Seeking visual/electronic artists, guest speakers, community contributors. \$6. Refreshments. 5th Fri 6-8pm. circleofvoicesinc.org

**City Cruisers, NYC Motorcycle  
Club**

Riding club for gay male motorcyclists. 1st Thu 8-9pm. citycruisers.com, info@citycruisers.com

**A Common Bond** Support group for ex-Jehovah's Witnesses who are LGBT. Meets at the Center 6 times a year; check website for schedule. acbnyc.com

**Contra Dance** American folk dance. Friendly atmosphere, everyone welcome. Live music, easy-to-learn dances. \$12. 2nd Fri 7-9:30pm. Brooks 347.275.7983, Carol 718.972.3191. lcfid.org/nyc

**Dignity New York** Celebrating the Eucharist, working for a time when LGBT people participate fully in all aspects of life within the Roman Catholic Church and society. **Steering Committee** 2nd Tue 8-10pm. 646.418.7039, dignityny.org, dignityny@aol.com

**Disabled Queers of New York  
(DQNY)** Social/support group for disabled gay men and gay men with chronic illnesses. Being a minority within a minority isn't easy, but DQNY will help you to feel good about yourself. Meets quarterly on Sun 6-8pm. Call or email for dates. 718.389.8180, atrocchia@aol.com

**Disclosure Network/New York  
(DNNY)** UFO to paranormal topics. Speakers plus Q&A. All welcome. 1st Sun 2-5pm. \$8. 917.701.9033, dnnny.org, Nicknyny1@gmail.com

**FIRE-FLAG, Inc.** Peer support for gay firefighters, EMS and related professionals. 2nd Tue 6-8pm, followed by social at Ty's. Tom 888.763.0479, fireflag.net, fireflag1@aol.com

**Gay & Lesbian Bible Study** Study books of the Bible one by one. Mon 8-10pm. gerig@columbia.edu

**Gay & Lesbian Independent  
Democrats (GLID)** Progressive, open political club discusses events, endorses candidates, promotes education on lesbian and gay issues. 3rd Wed 6-8pm. glid.org

**Gay & Lesbian Reading Group** Discussion of LGBT experience through reading novels, plays, poetry, non-fiction. Newcomers welcome. 2nd Thu 8-9:30pm. Jim 212.945.0709, jclarkmedia.com/gaybooks, jclark@jclarkmedia.com

**Gay & Lesbian Yeshiva Day  
School Alumni** Safe space to integrate Jewish and lesbian/gay identities in self-affirming, positive di-

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rection through discussion, socializing, activism. 4th Thu 8-10pm. 212.780.4656, glydsa.org, glydsa@hotmail.com

**Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men of NY (GAPIMNY)** Safe space for gay, bisexual and questioning men and transgender people of Asian/Pacific Islander heritage. **General Meeting** 3rd Fri 8-10pm. **Steering Committee** 1st Mon 8-10pm. 212.802.7423, gapimny.org, gapimny@gapimny.org

**Gay/Bi Dad's Group of New York** Support/social group for gay and bisexual fathers and others in child-nurturing situations. **General Meeting** 1st Fri 8-10pm. gaybidads.org, info@gaybidads.org

**Gay Men's Opera Club** Listen to and discuss recordings. 2nd Fri 8-10pm. Charles 212.691.5993

**Gay Officers Action League (GOAL)** Lesbian and gay criminal justice professionals. **Membership Meeting** 2nd Tue 8-10pm. 212.691.4625, goalny.org, goalny1@goalny.org

**Genderqueer, GNC, Gender Exploring Drop-In Group** Monthly group for those who identify as genderqueer, gender fluid, GNC, gender exploring, etc. Discuss personal gender identities and histories relating to family, dating/partners, community, identity, health, bodies, and related topics. People who were assigned male, female, or intersex at birth are all welcome. \$5 suggested donation, but no one turned away. 4th Thu, 8-9:30PM. 267.304.5888

**Grand Slam Bridge Group** Relaxed game of duplicate bridge promotes social ties. Partner not needed; everybody who arrives on time gets to play. 2nd/4th Sun 2-5pm, no Jul/Aug. 914.665.8862, 516.671.2095

**Greater New York Gesneriad Society** Learn about miracle houseplants in African Violet and Florist Gloxinia families. 3rd Sat 11am-2pm. 212.666.2395, nygesneriad.org

**Heritage of Pride/NYC Pride** Organizers of NYC's LGBT pride events (Rally, March, Dance on the Pier, Pride-Fest). 2nd Mon 8-10pm. 212.80PRIDE, hopinc.org,

**HI-five (HIV/AIDS) Support Group** Support group for gay men living with HIV and/or AIDS. Donations up to \$10 accepted. Sun 11:30am-12:45pm. Scott A. Kramer, LMSW, ACSW 347.620.LIFE, scottakramer@gmail.com

**HIV+ and HIV- affected Gay Men Support Group (ACRIA)** Thu 6:30-8pm, 212.924.3934, acria.org

**Identity House Walk-In Peer Counseling** Low-cost counseling for coming out, relationships, dating, all other life topics. Sat & Sun 6-8pm. info@identityhouse.org

**Imperial Court of NY** Social drag organization promoting self-respect and positive awareness while raising funds for community and AIDS service organizations. 1st Wed 7:30-10pm. 212.475.0838

**Indoor Gardening Society of America** Learn the joys of house-plant horticulture with the Metropolitan Chapter. 4th Tue 6-9pm, 3rd Tue Dec, no Jul/Aug. 212.877.9010

**I.C.E. (Inner Child Experience)** Offers progressive thinking and community wellness arts and crafts workshops. 4th Fri 6-8pm. theinnerchildexperience@yahoo.com

**Instigate NYC** Queer/trans led, anti-racist, anti-classist, pro-pervert BDSM/sex/kink infoshare. Open to all. Sliding scale. 3rd Sun 5-6pm. instigatenyc@riseup.net

**Italian Conversation Group** 2nd/4th Mon 6-8pm

**Knit and Schmooze** Sometimes your brain works better when your hands are busy. Bring needles and yarn. 1st/3rd Mon 6:30-8pm. Bernard berdd@earthlink.net.

**Las Buenas Amigas Lesbianas Latinas en Nueva York** Formed in 1986. US-born Latinas, immigrants from Latin America, working-class women, mothers, students, professionals, artists, activists. 1st Sun 3-5pm. 718.596.0342 x44, lasbuenasamigas.org, lba@lasbuenasamigas.org

**Latino PFLAG, NYC, parte de PFLAG FCA, NYC** Se reúne el tercer domingo de cada mes de 1-3pm. Las reuniones son confidenciales. Todos son bienvenidos, incluyendo padres, amigos, familiares y personas gays, lesbianas, bisexuales y transgéneras con o sin sus familias. Para más información contacté con las coordinadoras: Nila Marrone nilajoe@optonline.net, 914.787.8738, o Migdalia Santiago, florlatina123@yahoo.com, 718.749.8562

**Leather Pride Night Committee** Planning for annual charity auction in June to raise money for Heritage of Pride and other LGBT and s/m-leather-fetish beneficiaries. 1st Thu 8-10pm. 718.497.4994, leatherpridenight.org, lpnny@aol.com

**Legal Clinic** Offered by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Law Association Foundation of Greater NY. Free walk-in clinic provides general legal information, referrals. Tue, Sign-in 6-6:30pm. 212.353.9118, le-gal.org, info@le-gal.org

**Lesbian & Gay Teachers Association** General Meeting 1st Wed 6-8pm, no Jul/Aug. Jonathan 212.933.4544, Catherine 646.660.3303, lgta@aol.com

**Lesbian Sex Mafia (LSM)** Fetish social group for women only. 3rd Fri 8-10pm. 212.726.3844, lesbiansexmafia.org, lsmnyc@hotmail.com

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Social Workers (NAS NYC LGBT Committee)** General meeting and networking. 4th Wed, Jan/Apr/Oct, 6:30-8pm. 212.668.0050, lgbtnasw@yahoo.com

**Life Drawing** Monitored life drawing sessions, male models, short and long poses. Sat 11am-2pm, last Sat long poses. \$15. Bring own drawing material. All skill levels welcome. Steven Frim 201.815.0975

**Living Soulfully NYC** Men who have been to Easton Mountain Retreat, their friends, those curious about Easton Mountain meet for varied program of fun, fellowship, meditation, ritual, heart-to-heart connection. Usually 1st Sun 4-6pm. 800.553.8235. eastonmountain.com

**Males Au Naturel (M.A.N.)** Gay/bisexual men's nudist/naturist group for NY. Sponsors members-only, non-sexual, nude social events, parties at Center and other locations. Annual membership required for continued invites and discounted admission. Non-nude information session at the Center Jan 13, Apr 14, Jul 14, 7pm. 212.898.0383, males.org

**Manhattan Stuttering Group** Self-help support group for persons who stutter. 2nd/4th Wed 6-8pm. 201.823.1465

**Marriage Equality NY** Coalition of lesbian, gay and non-gay individuals and organizations committed to ending discrimination against same sex couples in civil marriage. 1st Wed 6:30-7:30pm. 877.772.0089, marriageequalityny.org, info@marriageequalityny.org

**MASt Metro NY** Community inclusive support group for those who identify as owner/master/mistress or property/slave. Open to all genders/orientations interested in this lifestyle, regardless of relationship status. 1st Sun 2-5pm, 2nd Sun Dec. mspetal@gmail.com

**Masters & Slaves Together NY (MASt NYC)** Support group for gay men interested or involved in Master/slave, Daddy/boy, other power-exchange relationships. Discuss concerns, share info, get to know the men behind the labels. 4th Sun 4-6pm. mast.net

**Mateando NYC** Social, cultural, human rights group for GLBT Argentineans and Uruguayans living in NY State and friends. 2nd Sun 2-5pm, no Jun/Jul/Aug. 718.766.7500 mateando\_nyc@yahoo.com, mateandonyc.org

**Meditation Class** Learn practical techniques in meditation, mindfulness for spiritual, personal growth. Led by woman Buddhist monk. Tue 6-8pm. \$5. woman\_monk@yahoo.com

**Men of All Colors Together (MACT)** Striving to create multicultural community. **General Meeting** 1st/3rd/4th/5th Fri 8-10pm. **Board Meeting** 2nd Fri 8pm. 212.330.7678, mactny.org, secretary@mactny.org

**Metro Gay Wrestling Alliance** Amateur freestyle wrestling practices. All welcome regardless of gender or sexual orientation, especially beginners. Sun 2-5pm. metrowrestling.org, mgwa@metrowrestling.org

**Moonfire Empowerment & Spirituality Network** Diverse workshops, discussions on empowerment, healing, spirituality, metaphysics, creativity, entertainment. 2nd/4th/5th Sat 5-7pm. \$6. All welcome. Amethyst 212.222.2467, amethystsylviachild@gmail.com

**Natural History Group** Lesbian and Gay Naturalists of NY. Field trips, programs. 1st Thu 8-10pm. 646.469.4149

**Network for the Realization of the Goddess (NRG)** Women's Dianic Wicca Spirituality Circle. Open to all women. Safe CR-like setting to learn. practice Goddess, Mother Nature-based rituals. 2nd Thu 8-10pm. 718.786.0145

**New York boys of Leather** Leather social organization providing leather boys a forum to have fun, learn, educate, socialize, and support each other and leather community. Ask front desk for assistance in room location. 2nd Thu 8:30-10pm. nybol.org

**New York Community Center for Spiritual Living** Weekly Spiritual Circle provides safe space for people to discover the God of their own understanding. Interfaith-based, non-denominational. Blends Western teachings with Eastern philosophies. Passionate and dedicated to helping you experience the Living Spirit in every area of your life. Tue 6-8pm. RevJohnForan@earthlink.net

**New York Fashion Model Drawing Meetup** Designers, illustrators and enthusiasts sketch fashions from live model. \$15 per session, reservations required. 3rd

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Sun 12-3pm. [meetup.com/NY-Fashion-Model-Drawing](http://meetup.com/NY-Fashion-Model-Drawing)

**NYC Gay Men's Shamanic Circle** Open circle for gay men performing shamanic journey work for healing on many levels, including ourselves, our community, the planet. \$10 suggested donation. 1st Sun 12-1:15pm. [nycgayshamans.net](http://nycgayshamans.net)

**NYC Married Men's Support Group** For men who identify as bi or gay and are, or have been, in a mixed orientation marriage. Contact facilitator before attending. Jeremy Lees, [jlees@verizon.net](mailto:jlees@verizon.net).

**NYC Open Gay Men's Pagan Magick Circle** Celebrate queer spirit, honor the Earth and the Gods, raise joyfully creative healing energy. As Eclectics, we acknowledge, support diverse traditions, including Wiccan, Faerie, Egyptian, Druidic, Shamanic. Newcomers welcome. 3rd Tue 8-10pm. [groups.yahoo.com/group/mag\\_pagan/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mag_pagan/)

**Other Countries: Black Gay Expression** Peer-facilitated writing workshop for black gay men to present their writing (fiction, non-fiction, drama, etc.) and receive/provide critiques. Those interested in presenting encouraged to confirm week prior, but walk-ins accepted. 2nd/4th Sat 6-9pm. [kevmcgr@pipeline.com](mailto:kevmcgr@pipeline.com)

**Out Professionals** Gay, lesbian professionals organization. More than 1,000 members. Workshops, lectures, seminars, socializing for social/networking contacts in NYC. 3rd Wed 6:30pm and more; check website. [outprofessionals.org](http://outprofessionals.org)

**Philosophy Forum** Inquire into teaching of thinkers past/present, East/West. 2nd/4th Sat 3-5pm; no Jul/Aug. Call before attending. Warren 212.477.2827, [paulinepark@earthlink.net](mailto:paulinepark@earthlink.net)

**Photography Club** Amateurs, professionals meet to show work, receive comments. 3rd Thu 6-8pm. [nycphotoclub.com](http://nycphotoclub.com), [info@nycphotoclub.com](mailto:info@nycphotoclub.com)

**PFLAG for Families of Color and Allies, NYC (PFLAG FCA, NYC)** All welcome, including parents, friends, family members and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, with or without their families. Meetings are confidential. For more info write or call coordinators. **New schedule starting in April: 3rd Sun 1-3pm.** Afro/Caribbean Coordinators: Anna Maria L. Thomas, 917.656.9816; Latino & Safe School Coordinator: Nila Marrone, [nilajoe@optonline.net](mailto:nilajoe@optonline.net), 914.787.8738; Latino Coordinator: Migdalia Santiago, [florlatina123@yahoo.com](mailto:florlatina123@yahoo.com), 718.749.8562; Advocacy Coordinator:

Linda Hellman, [linda.hellman@gmail.com](mailto:linda.hellman@gmail.com), 347.563.5985

**Polyamorous NYC** Discussion group designed specifically for individuals, couples and groups who are part of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi & Trans community and who have an interest in long-term, romantically committed, multiple-partner relationships. 3rd Wed 8-10pm. Justen 212.543.9494, [poly-nyc.com](mailto:poly-nyc.com), [info@poly-nyc.com](mailto:info@poly-nyc.com)

**Pride Toastmasters** Want to improve your speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a gay-friendly environment? Only LGBT Toastmasters club on the East Coast affiliated with Toastmasters International. Learn skills that enhance self-confidence and personal growth. Expect a fun and outrageous time, while improving your public speaking. Membership \$125/year. Attend at least 3 free meetings before joining. Thu 6:15-7:15. 347.850.3253, [info@pridetoastmasters.com](mailto:info@pridetoastmasters.com), [www.pridetoastmasters.com](http://www.pridetoastmasters.com).

**Prime Timers** Social club for mature men. General Meeting 2nd Sat 2-4pm. Board of Directors 2nd Sat 1-2pm. POB 1185, Lenox Hill Station, NYC 10021-1185. [nyprime69@yahoo.com](mailto:nyprime69@yahoo.com)

**Psychology Discussion Group** Grow with other men, women in atmosphere of support, challenge. Discuss homosexuality/creativity, gender/identity, masculinity/femininity, more. Experienced facilitator. Door closes 8pm. 1st Fri 8-10pm Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec. \$10. 718.473.0702, [ninthstreetcenter.org/schedule.htm](http://ninthstreetcenter.org/schedule.htm)

**Room To Write** Writing group open to all in LGBT community, novice or experienced. All subjects, styles of writing. 1st/3rd/5th Wed 7-9pm. 2nd/4th Fri 6-8pm, no Fri Jul/Aug. [roomtowrite@live.com](mailto:roomtowrite@live.com)

**SAL Book Discussion Group** Lesbian book group to discuss contemporary, classic lesbian literature. Newcomers welcome. 3rd Sun 1-2:30pm. [groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/salbookgroup)

**Scrabblers** All levels. Bring boards. English, Spanish, French, Italian. 2nd/4th Mon 8-10pm. 212.362.5889

**Sirens Motorcycle Club** Tri-state area premier women's motorcycle club dedicated to promoting motorcycling as a sport among women emphasizing skill, safety, solidarity, support, friendship. 3rd Tue 8-10pm. [sirensnyc.com](http://sirensnyc.com), [sirensnyc@hotmail.com](mailto:sirensnyc@hotmail.com)

**Sistahs in Search of Truth, Alliance and Harmony (SiSTAH)** Supportive/nurturing space for bi, lesbian, trans, same-sex loving

womyn of colour. Special focus on health, wellness, social, educational issues. 3rd Fri 6-8pm. 212.479.7886, 917.623.7889

**Sophisticated Aggressive Gents** Support group for women who self-identify as AG's/Butches/Studs/Aggressives for group discussions, advice, suggestions, networking, support. 2nd Fri 6-8pm. Paris 646.330.8641, [myspace.com/aggressivegents](http://myspace.com/aggressivegents)

**South Asian Lesbian & Gay Association (SALGA) Support Group** Social and political organization for LGBT people who trace their descent from South Asia. Support Group 2nd Sat 4-6pm. Mailing address: SALGA c/o The LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13 Street, NY, NY 10011. 212.358.5132, [www.salganyc.org](http://www.salganyc.org), [salganyc@hotmail.com](mailto:salganyc@hotmail.com)

**Stiff Competition** Socialize and play some popular and some unique party games. Rules taught, different games at each meeting. Seating limited, latecomers may not be admitted. 2nd/4th/5th Wed 7-10pm. \$5, exact change appreciated. 212.246.6214

**Stonewall Democratic Club** Special events, discussions on LGBT issues, candidate endorsements. 4th Wed 8-10pm. Tom Smith 212.330.6572, [sdnyc.org](http://sdnyc.org)

**STONEWALL Veterans' Association** Participants in legendary 5-night 1969 Stonewall Rebellion eligible for membership. Friends of SVA last Sat 4:15-6pm. 212.627.1969, 212.369.1969, [stonewallvets.org](http://stonewallvets.org), [sva@stonewallvets.org](mailto:sva@stonewallvets.org)

**SUGAR: LGBT Diabetics** Drop-in support group for LGBT people living with diabetes. Connect with others who face the same struggles. Share "food for thought" through personal experiences to help other members increase their quality of diabetic life. Spark discussions that lead to better dialogues between you and your doctors. 4th Wed 6:30-8pm. Suggested donation \$5.

**Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society** NY area gay outdoors club for men, women of all ages, abilities. Over 500 members enjoy outdoor non-competitive activities: backpacking, biking, boating, hiking, horseback riding, social outings, skating, skiing and more. All-volunteer Sundance run by members. Quarterly mixers. [sundanceoutdoor.org](http://sundanceoutdoor.org)

**Support Group for Single Lesbians** Support/social group for single lesbians meeting in caring, safe space. Fri 6-7pm. Pauline 718.762.3473

**TwentySomething** Social group for LGBT New Yorkers in/around

their twenties (ages 18-33). Semi-monthly meeting to socialize and discuss important LGBT topics. \$5. 1st Tue 8-10pm. [20somethingNYC.com](http://20somethingNYC.com)

**VegOut** NYC Vegan potluck for LGBT/queer-friendly vegetarians, vegans, friends. Bring dish to share (no meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy, honey) and \$5; \$12 without food. 3rd Sun 3-5pm, no Jun. [meetup.com/vegout-nyc](http://meetup.com/vegout-nyc), [vegoutnyc.org](http://vegoutnyc.org)

**Village Dive Club** Gay, lesbian scuba diving club. Meetings, social events, dive trips. [VillageDiveClub.com](http://VillageDiveClub.com), [VillageDiveClub@gmail.com](mailto:VillageDiveClub@gmail.com)

**Village Playwrights** Gay, lesbian playwrights, screenwriters present scripts for informal critiques leading to staged productions. 2nd/4th Wed 8-10pm. Emanuel 212.645.1514, [Phryxus@aol.com](mailto:Phryxus@aol.com), [village-playwrights.googlepages.com](http://village-playwrights.googlepages.com)

**West Village Trans-Legal Clinic Name Change Project** Free information, assistance to transgender identified people interested in obtaining legal name changes. Drop-in. 1st Mon sign-up 6-6:30pm 212.353.9118, [le\\_gal@earthlink.net](mailto:le_gal@earthlink.net)

**Women About, The Adventure Social Club for Lesbians** NY-based network for lesbians generating social, cultural, athletic activities in tri-state area since 1976. Quarterly meetings to plan events, mail newsletter. Yearly dues: \$15 singles, \$25 couples. PO Box 146, New York, NY 10011-0146. 212.642.5257, [womenabout.org](http://womenabout.org), [info@womenabout.org](mailto:info@womenabout.org)

**Zappalorti Society** Lesbian, gay, transgender psychiatric survivors organized for peer support, self-help, mental health advocacy. Sat 1-4pm. 917.286.0616, [bert\\_coffman@yahoo.com](mailto:bert_coffman@yahoo.com)

**Zen Meditation Group** Buddhist discussion and practice group from Open Sky Sangha. Dharma talks, group dialogue, meditation instruction and practice. Learn to tame your thoughts, discover your true nature and develop peace of mind. All welcome regardless of previous experience or background. 1st Thu 6-7:30pm. \$5. 212.989.3456, [www.openskysangha.com](http://www.openskysangha.com)

# CenterListings

## 12-STEP MEETINGS

**Adult Children of Alcoholics**  
SAT, 11AM-12:30PM Struggle for Intimacy

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212.647.1680, nyintergroup.org  
TUE, 6-7:15PM Women Now  
TUE, 7:30-8:45PM Westwingers  
WED, 6-7:15PM Women Together Step Meeting  
THU, 12-1PM Agnostics  
THU, 9-10PM Westwingers  
SAT, 6-7:30PM Women Together Closed Discussion  
SAT, 9:30-10:30PM S/M Sober Miracles  
SUN, 12-1:30PM High Noon  
SUN, 4-5:15PM Village Agnostics  
LAST SUN, 5:30-6:30PM Village Agnostics Step Meeting  
SUN, 6:45-7:45PM Living Today  
SUN, 8-9PM Living for Today Discussion

**AI-Anon**  
*Intergroup* 212.941.0094  
THU, 5:45-7:15PM Gay Men's Round Robin  
FRI, 7:30-10PM Gay Men Beginners & Regular  
SAT, 7:45-9:15PM GLAD Gay & Lesbian Discussion  
SUN, 5:45-7:15PM Sundays at the Center

**Cocaine Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212.929.7300  
SAT, 6-7:30PM Gay & Lesbian Open Meeting  
SUN, 11AM-12:30PM Serenity Sunday

**Co-Dependents Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* POB 1509, NY, NY 10159-1509, codanyc.org  
MON, 9-10PM CODA  
FRI, 8:30-10PM Co-Dependents Anonymous

**Crystal Meth Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* NYCMA, POB 1517, Old Chelsea Station, NY, NY 10011, 212.642.5029, info@nycma.org  
MON, 6-7PM Relapse Prevention  
TUE, 7:30-9PM New York Group #1 Beginners  
THU, 7:30-8:45PM Conscious Contact  
THU, 8-9PM Big Book Study Meeting  
FRI, 8-9:30PM Crystal Clear Beginners  
SAT, 11AM-12:30PM Saturday Solutions  
SAT, 8-9PM Meditation Meeting  
SAT, 9:30-10:30PM Relationships, Intimacy, Sex & Sobriety  
SUN, 11:15AM-12:15PM Sunday Solutions

SUN, 6-7:15PM Sunday Step Meeting  
SUN, 7:30-8:30PM Beginners  
**Debtors Anonymous**  
*Hotline* 212.969.8111, danyc.info  
MON, 7:30-9PM Lesbian & Gay Step Meeting  
WED, 11:45AM-1PM Step Writing to Abundance  
SAT, 11:15AM-12:45PM Writers Group  
SAT, 4:15-5:45PM Recovering from Fear of Success Group  
SUN, 12:15-1:45PM Creating Your Vision

**Incest & Sexual Abuse Survivors (Men)**  
FRI, 6:15-8PM  
**Marijuana Anonymous**  
*Hotline* 212.459.4423, manewyork.org  
WED, 8:30-9:45PM Marijuana Anonymous  
3RD WED, 8-9:15PM Marijuana Anonymous District 8

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
*Helpline* 212.929.6262  
*Area Service Committee* nycasc.org  
TUE, 5:45-7:15PM Narcotics Anonymous (Tue)  
FRI, 5:45-7:15PM Recovery at Dusk  
SUN, 2:15-3:45PM Serenity Sunday

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* oa.org  
MON, 1-2PM Just for Today Discussion  
TUE, 12:15-1:15PM Discussion  
WED, 12:15-1:15PM Format Varies  
THU, 12:15-1:15PM Big Book  
FRI, 12:15-1:15PM 12-Step  
SAT, 12-1:30PM Step Writing Workshop

SAT, 6-7:30PM Word of Mouth Open LGBT Meeting  
SUN, 11:15AM-12:45PM Recovery from Relapse  
SUN, 5-6:30PM Sex, Love & Abstinence  
SUN, 7:30-9PM Gay Men  
**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212.439.1123, sca-recovery.org/cities/newyork  
MON, 12-1:30PM 4th Step Writing Workshop  
MON, 4:15-5:30PM Step Writing Workshop  
MON, 5:45-7:15PM Unsafe Sex  
MON, 7:30-8:30PM Big Book Step Study Meeting  
MON, 9-10PM Sharing Towards Recovery  
TUE, 12-1:30PM Tuesday Round Robin

WED, 12-1:30PM Round Robin  
WED, 9-10PM Porn/Internet/Phone Sex  
THU, 12-1:30PM Round Robin  
FRI, 12-1:30PM Round Robin  
FRI, 5:45-7:15PM Beginners  
FRI, 7:30-9PM Healthy Sexuality  
SAT, 2:30-4PM Committed Relationships  
SAT, 6-7:30PM First Step Meeting  
SAT, 7:45-9:15PM Characteristics  
SUN, 12:30-2PM Intimacy Workshop  
SUN, 5:45-7:15PM Sex, Drugs & Alcohol  
SUN, 8-9PM Steps & Traditions  
2ND SUN, 3-5PM Intergroup  
**Sexual Recovery Anonymous**  
*Intergroup* 212.340.4650; sexualrecovery.org  
1ST MON, 6-8PM Intergroup  
SAT, 11:15AM-12:45PM Step Meeting  
**Survivors of Incest Anonymous**  
*Helpline* 212.501.HEAL; sianyc.org  
SAT, 4:15-5:45PM SIA Double Winners (survivors only)

**Underearners Anonymous**  
SUN, 11AM-NOON

## SAGE AT THE CENTER

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## SAGE Special Events

WED, MAY 11, 7-8:30 PM  
**Volunteer Orientation**  
SAGE has a huge variety of volunteer opportunities, including helping to make the second annual Harlem Pride Festival (June 25) a success. Find out how to get started! More info at 212.741.3592 or [bshankle@sageusa.org](mailto:bshankle@sageusa.org)

SUN, MAY 22, 2-5 PM, FREE  
**Gathering of SAGE Communities**  
A gathering for all members of SAGE's various communities – staff, members, clients, volunteers, donors, and community partners – to discuss SAGE's exciting and ever-evolving work at the local, state and national levels. Don't miss this important and very special event! Refreshments provided. Call 212.741.2247 for more information.

TUE, MAY 24, 6-8 PM, FREE  
**SAGEWorks Seminar @305 SEVENTH AVENUE**  
Age discrimination in the workplace is all too common, and SAGE is doing something about it through its innovative SAGEWorks program. The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, SAGE and Gay City News invite employers, community partners, and LGBT job seekers over 40 to learn about the program and employment opportunities for the LGBT community. For reservations and more info: 212.741.2214, [mdamato@sageusa.org](mailto:mdamato@sageusa.org).

SAT, JUN 4, 1-5PM  
**Social "Over the Rainbow"**  
\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door for SAGE members; \$15/\$20 for others. Dinner and wine included. Call 212.741.2247 to reserve.

## SAGE Recurring Events

**Daily Drop-in** Comfortable, casual space at the Center for LGBT seniors to relax and meet. Refreshments served. Mon-Fri 1-4:30pm.  
**Drop-In Groups** (no registration)  
**Morning at the Opera** Mon 10:30am-12:30pm  
**SAGErcize** Tue & Thu 11am-12pm  
**Daytime Discussion** Tue 2-3:30pm  
**Women's Group** Wed 3:30-5pm  
**Men's 50+ Rap** Wed & Fri 5:30-7pm  
**Booklovers' Discussion** 1st Wed 7-8:30pm (*call for current title*)  
**75+ Discussion** Thu 1-2:30pm  
**Walking Club** Thu 2:30  
**SAGE Singers** Thu 5-6:30pm  
**Men's 40+ Rap** Thu 7-8:30pm  
**Bridge** Fri 12:30-3pm  
**Life Issues Beyond Retirement** Fri 3:30-5pm  
**Gay Widowers' Support Group** 2nd & 4th Sun 6-7:30pm  
**Groups Requiring Registration**  
*Call 212.741.2247 or stop in for more info.*  
SAGEWorks Job Readiness (Age 40+), SAGECAP Caregiver Support, Lifelong Learning Courses, MS Support, Men's 50+ HIV+, Bereavement, and more.