

Trans* Lafayette 2014 Programming

Jan 5th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

2013: A Year in Review in LGBTrans* Progress

During this meeting we will discuss progress made towards LGBTQ+ equality during 2013 and look at the direction of the Movement for 2014.

Jan 19th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

The Intersections of Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Class

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20th, this meeting will be a discussion about how gender identity, sexual identity, racial and ethnic identity, and class status intersect and how these experiences impacts our lives. Discussion could include history about movements for equality, experiences of community members, stories, or anything else people would like to talk about.

Feb 2nd, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Game Social

This meeting will be a fun social playing a homemade word game. Every person receives a drawing pad and thinks of a phrase to draw out. Every drawing pad gets rotated to one person over and the next person writes out the phrase they think the first person was drawing. As each pad makes its way around the room, the pictures and phrases get more ridiculous.

Feb 16th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Healthy Partnerships Discussion

Since this meeting is near Valentine's day, it is a great time to discuss different partnership structures and what healthy and unhealthy relationships might look like. This topic can be particularly useful for binary and non-binary trans* people, transitioning and non-transitioning trans* people, non-trans* identified allies, asexual-identified individuals, LGBTQ+ folks....basically, everyone. Discussion will be very informal and driven by those present.

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Mar 2nd, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Safer Sex Based on Parts, Not Labels Part 1

A guest speaker will be invited to lead a two part presentation and discussion about safer sex practices and creating and maintaining consent in sexual relationships. The information will be presented in a non-binary way to be inclusive of all bodies and identities! This discussion will be useful to anyone who identifies sexually and is currently in a partnership or relationship, anyone who identifies sexually and is not currently in a partnership or a relationship, and anyone who identifies as asexual as many asexual identified individuals develop partnerships and relationships with sexually identified individuals. More information to come!

Mar 16th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

General Social

This social will be open for people to discuss or do whatever they would like to do. A super chill hang out. :)

Apr 6th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Anti-Bullying Workshop

The Day of Silence occurs on April 11th this year and is held each year in recognition of all those silenced by bullying, intimidation, or hate and bias. The workshop will help community members identify bullying and figure out ways to protect themselves and intervene on behalf of others.

Apr 20th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Violence Prevention Workshop

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 20th is the anniversary of the Columbine Shooting. In recognition of these events, a guest speaker will be invited to hold a focus group or workshop on preventing violence and creating wellness in our lives. More information to come!

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May 4th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Summer Plans and Safety

This meeting will be an informal discussion about summer plans and past summer experiences, resources that exist for those out of school/university, and information about safety while traveling.

May 18th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Frozen Custard Social

At 4:30pm we will meet at Pride and at 4:50pm we will carpool to get frozen custard from the Frozen Custard place on 2319 Wallace Ave in Lafayette. After picking up custard, we will carpool back to Pride for discussion. Feel free to join us at 5:15pm at Pride if you miss the carpool.

Jun 1st, 4:30pm-8pm @ Pride

Prepare for Statewide Pride Events

June is Pride Month and there will be many LGBTQ+ pride events going on around the state that Trans* Lafayette would like to participate in. June 7th is Spencer Pride (Spencer), June 8th is the Tri-State Alliance Picnic (Evansville), and June 14th is Indy Pride (Indianapolis). If you would like to help table for any of these events, please contact Skye Brown at skye@pridelafayette.org. During the meeting we will make buttons, prepare signs, and complete any other tasks needed to prepare for pride events.

Jun 15th, 4:30pm-6pm @ Pride

Coming Out Stories

This meeting will be an informal discussion about our coming out stories. Stories about disclosing LGBTQ+ identities, ally identities, legal or socioeconomic status, and not disclosing these identities are all welcome!

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Jul 6th, 4:30pm-6pm

Marriage Equality Discussion

This meeting will cover the history of the marriage equality movement across the world, discuss recent progress in the U.S. and Indiana, and include a discussion about peoples' views on the marriage equality movement.

Jul 20th, 4:30pm-6pm

Gender Diversity Across Cultures

This meeting will be a discussion about the breadth of gender identities that exist across space and time. Trans*, gender non-conforming, and non-binary identities have existed and continue to exist in every space of the world and at every time in history.

Sat in August, All Day

Outfest 2014

Although the date for the 2014 Outfest has not been released, it is historically held in August on a Saturday. If it lands on a weekend we usually hold a meeting, the meeting will be canceled so Trans* Lafayette can participate in and support Outfest.

Aug 17th, 4:30pm-6pm

Dog Walk

Let's take a walk around Lafayette with our best furry friends! You do not need to bring a dog to join us. However, any dogs you bring should be friendly towards people and other dogs and should be up-to-date on their shots and other medical needs. Bring doggie bags if you can (if not, we will have some!) and make sure your dog is on a leash so that we are following Lafayette's city ordinances. Skye and Aiden have two dogs that will come and you are welcome to walk them! Our route will be posted later and will be wheelchair accessible. After the walk, we can bring the dogs to hang out during the open hours at Pride since it is dog-friendly. This meeting may get placed on a different date depending on when Outfest happens.

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Sep 7th, 4:30pm-6pm

Navigating Trans* Health Care

This meeting will be facilitated by Skye and Aiden (and possibly a guest speaker) to discuss how to understand health care and health insurance jargon, what kinds of health insurance exist, how the Affordable Care Act of 2013 impacts trans* inclusive health care/insurance, how to sign up for health insurance, and how to access transition-related care in the current (confusing) health care system. We hope to invite an expert on the Affordable Care Act as well. This meeting gets updated with new information each year.

Sep 21st, 4:30pm-6pm

Safer Sex Based on Parts, Not Labels Part 2

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Oct 5th, 4:30pm-6pm

Filing for Unemployment and Disability

The process for filing for unemployment or disability can be confusing and challenging. During this meeting, we will go over what this process looks like and answer questions. For those who do not need to file for unemployment or disability, this information is still very useful to know for parents, other family members, and friends.

Oct 19th, 4:30pm-6pm

Coming Out, Interrupting Bias, and Personal Advocacy

This meeting is a workshop dedicated to increasing the skills of community members for dealing with poor reactions to coming out, hateful speech, and professional discrimination. These are issues many trans* individuals, gender non-conforming people, and allies deal with on a daily basis and they are easier to manage with a few skills.

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Nov 2nd, 4:30pm-6pm

LGBTQ+ HIV and AIDS History and Awareness

This meeting is in recognition of World AIDS Day which occurs on December 1st each year. The meeting will be before December since the Transgender Day of Remembrance occurs at the end of November each year and our December meeting will be dedicated to discussing holiday plans.

Nov 20th (Thursday!!!), Time TBD

Transgender Day of Remembrance 2014

This event is held each year to commemorate the countless trans* and gender non-conforming individuals who have lost their lives because of transphobia and homophobia. The event will also look at the positive contributions of trans* and gender non-conforming people to society and how we can prevent violence in our local communities. Trans* Lafayette and the statewide LGBTQ+ and allied communities stand by our trans* and gender diverse family in solidarity, action, and a unified hope for a less violent and more affirming future. More specific information about this year's event to come.

Dec 7th, 4:30pm-6pm

Holiday Plans and Safety

This meeting will be an informal discussion about holiday and traveling plans, things to do in the Greater Lafayette area, and resources and social services that exist for anyone struggling during the winter/holiday time. There will only be one meeting during December as many people tend to travel in late December/early January.