GLBTA Organizations

The DC Metropolitan Area has a variety of grassroots organizations working with the Gay, Lesbians Bisexual, Transgender and Allies community. The following are a sample of organizations that deal with different issues facing the GLBT community. For more information, please contact the organization via website or phone.

Brother Help Thyself
Brother Help Thyself funds and nurtures nonprofit organizations serving the GLBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities in the Metro Baltimore / Washington areas. BHT is a community based foundation that accomplishes its mission by: Dispensing direct and matching grants to non-profit organizations, Acting as a clearinghouse for donated goods and services and Serving as an information resource to our community.
Contact: info@brotherhelpthyself.com / 202.347.2246 / www.brotherhelpthyself.org
1111 14th Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington DC, 20005

Burgundy Crescent
The purpose of Burgundy Crescent Volunteers (BCV) is twofold. First, they are a source of volunteers for local and national gay and gay-friendly community organizations in the Washington, DC area. Second, they bring gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender singles and couples together for volunteer activities that are social in nature.
Contact: Jonathan Blumenthal / jonathan@burgundycrescent.org / www.burgundycrescent.org

DC Center: Home for GLBT in Metro DC (The Center)
The Center was established and designed to support the GLBT communities within the DC/Metro areas. They develop programming to benefit the Metropolitan Washington GLBT community that involve advocacy, support programs, and community coherency. In addition, they host a variety of offices for other DC GLBT organizations. The center works closely with these organizations for political advocacy.
Contact: 202.682.2245 / www.thedccenter.org / 1111 14th Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington DC, 20005

Different Avenues
Different Avenues is a non-profit agency located in northeastern Washington, DC. They provide services to youth and young adults, ages 12 to 30 years, who are homeless or living in insecure housing. Many of their clients are transgender, gay, lesbian or bisexual. They also help youth who themselves are parents, as well as parents of youth. Their services also include counseling, a drop in center, and outreach.
Contact: info2004@differentavenues.org / 202.829.2103 / www.differentavenues.org
821 Upshur Street, NW, Suite B, Washington DC, 20011

Dignity USA
Dignity is organized to unite gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics, as well as their families, friends and loved ones in order to develop leadership, and be an instrument through which they may be heard by and promote reform in the Church.
Contact: info@dignityusa.org / 202.861.0017 / www.dignityusa.org
1500 Mass. Ave. NW, Suite #8, Washington, DC 20005

Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and Leadership Institute
Since 1991, Victory has successfully helped elect hundreds of openly LGBT candidates to Congress, state legislatures, school boards, city councils and more. Through world-class programs and nonpartisan training, they also provide these new leaders with the skills and contacts they need to make the most of their influence and access.

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Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
The GLSEN was founded in 1990, and currently has more than 70 chapters nationwide. The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) is the largest national organization that brings together gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, transgender and questioning teachers, parents, students, and concerned citizens from all walks of life, in order to end the destructive effects of anti-gay bias in schools across the country.
Contact: 202. 397.7780 / www.glsen.com / 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 1105, Washington, DC 20005

Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive
HIPS' mission is to assist female, male, and transgender individuals engaging in sex work in Washington, DC in leading healthy lives. Utilizing a harm reduction model, HIPS' programs strive to address the impact that HIV/AIDS, STIs, discrimination, poverty, violence and drug use have on the lives of individuals engaging in sex work.
Contact: jeff@hips.org / 202.232.8150 / www.hips.org / PO Box 21394, Washington DC, 20009

Human Rights Campaign
The Human Rights Campaign provides a national voice on gay and lesbian issues. The Human Rights Campaign lobbies Congress; mobilizes grassroots action in diverse communities; invests strategically to elect a fair-minded Congress; and increases public understanding through innovative education and communication strategies. HRC is a bipartisan organization that works to advance equality based on sexual orientation and gender expression and identity, to ensure that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.
Contact: hrc@hrc.org / 202.628.4160 / www.hrc.org / 1640 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20036

Latino GLBT History Project
The Latino GLBT History Project (LHP) responds to the critical need of preserving and educating people about the history of the Latino LGBTQ community in Washington, DC. To accomplish our mission, it develops cultural events throughout the year, such as DC Latino Pride and Hispanic LGBTQ Heritage Month reception.
Contact: 202.588.0067 / www.latinoglbthistory.com / 1318 U St. NW, Washington DC 20009

Log Cabin Republicans
Log Cabin Republicans stand on the front lines of today's most important battleground for gay and lesbian civil rights. They are the nation's leading voice for fairness, inclusion, and tolerance in the GOP. The party stands at a crossroads. Log Cabin works tirelessly to make sure the Republican Party chooses the right path.
Contact: admin@logcabin.org / 202.347.5306 / www.logcabin.org
1050 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036

Mautner Project: The National Lesbian Health Organization
The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians and their families through advocacy, education, research, and direct service. It envisions a healthcare system that is guided by social justice and responsiveness to the needs of all people.
Contact: Elizabeth Ide: eide@mautnerproject.org / 202.332.5536 / www.mautnerproject.org
1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20036

National Association of LGBT Community Centers
The National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Centers exists to support and enhance lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community centers. The Centers are engines of community organizing and liberation, and are crucial to the health and strength of LGBT communities.
Contact: 202.824.0450 / www.lgbtcenters.org
1325 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005

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National Black Justice Coalition
The National Black Justice Coalition is a civil rights organization of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and our allies dedicated to fostering equality by fighting racism and homophobia. The Coalition advocates for social justice by educating and mobilizing opinion leaders, including elected officials, clergy, and media, with a focus on Black communities.

Contact: info@nbnbcoalition.org / 202.349.3755 / www.nbnbcoalition.org
700 12th St, NW Suite 700, Washington DC, 20005

National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE)
NCTE is a national social justice organization devoted to ending discrimination and violence against transgender people through education and advocacy on national issues of importance to transgender communities.

Contact: 202.903.0112 / www.transequality.org
1325 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 700, Washington DC, 20005

National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)
The NGLCC is the business advocate and direct link between lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) business owners, corporations, and government, representing the interests of more than 1.4 million LGBT businesses and entrepreneurs. The NGLCC is committed to forming a broad-based coalition of LGBT owned and friendly businesses, professionals, and major corporations for the purpose of promoting economic growth and the prosperity of our members.

Contact: Paul Hengesteg phengesteg@nglcc.org / 202.234.9181 / www.nglcc.org
1612 U Street, NW, Suite 408, Washington, DC 20007

National Lesbian and Gay Law Association
The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) is a national association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students, activists, and affiliated lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) legal organizations. NLGLA has rapidly become the national voice for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender, and intersex persons in the legal profession. NLGLA exists to promote justice in and through the legal profession for the lesbian and gay bisexual, transgender, and intersex community in all its diversity.

Contact: 202.637.6384 / www.nlgla.org
601 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Suite 1170 South, Washington, D.C. 20005-3823

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF)
NGLTF has worked to eliminate prejudice, violence and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at the local, state and national level since its inception in 1973. The Task Force creates a world that respects and celebrates the diversity of human expression and identity where all people may fully participate in society.

Contact: 202.393.5177 / www.thetaskforce.org
1325 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005

National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association
The National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) is an organization of journalists, media professionals, educators and students who work within the news industry to foster fair and accurate coverage of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. NLGJA opposes all forms of workplace bias and provides professional development to its members. The founders' goal was to educate newsroom decision-makers about gay and lesbian issues; promote non-discrimination policies and equal benefits; mentor the next generation of journalists; and oppose bias in the workplace at the local and national level.

Contact: info@ngla.org / 202.588.9888 / www.nlgja.org
1420 K Street, NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20005

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National Stonewall Democrats
The National Stonewall Democrats is a grassroots network connecting LGBT Democratic activists from Seattle, Washington to Austin, Texas to Little Rock, Arkansas to Atlanta, Georgia. Stonewall is a grassroots force for social change within their movement and within the party. Their members call voters, put together campaign mailings, go door-to-door for fair-minded candidates and have tough conversations with Democratic Party officials about why families need and deserve more support from the party and its elected officials.
Contact: field@stonewalldemocrats.org / 202.625.1382 / www.stonewalldemocrats.org
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005

National Youth Advocacy Coalition
The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is a social justice organization that advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well being. The NYAC takes a comprehensive approach to improving the lives of LGBTQ youth and operates through a social justice framework. NYAC strongly believes that to be effective in creating change at the national level, focused, grassroots advocacy at the local level is critical. NYAC knows that the expertise required strengthening the LGBTQ youth movement can be found among both young people and adults from around the country.
Contact: 202.319.7596 / nyac@nyacyouth.org / www.nyacyouth.org
1638 R Street, NW Suite 300, Washington DC, 20009

Out for Work
Out for Work functions as a complimentary component in the total educational experience of LGBT students, primarily in the development, evaluation, initiation, and implementation of career plans and opportunities. OFW’s programs, resources, and services provide assistance to students in the cultivation and enhancement of skills to explore career options, master job search techniques and strategies, and research employment opportunities.
Contact: info@outforwork.com / 866.571.5428 / www.outforwork.org
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, #703, Washington DC, 20005

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the equality and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families and friends through, Support to cope with an adverse society, Education to enlighten an ill-informed public, and Advocacy to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. Keeping families together is the mission of PFLAG. Their family values stress education, understanding, acceptance, and support, but most of all love, thereby empowering their children, straight and gay to lead happy and productive lives.
Contact: info@pflagdc.org / 202.638.3852 / www.pflagdc.org
1111 14th Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington DC, 20005

Pride at Work
National Pride At Work is affiliated as the newest constituency group of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations). The purpose of Pride at Work is to mobilize mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBT Community around organizing for social and economic justice. They see full equality for LGBT Workers in their workplaces and unions. They work towards creating a Labor Movement that cherishes diversity, encourages openness, and ensures safety & dignity. They aim to educate the LBGT Community about the benefits of union membership for LGBT working people, and to build support and solidarity for the union movement in the LGBT community.
Contact: 202.637.5014 / www.prideatwork.org
815 16th St, NW, Washington, DC 20006

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Reel Affirmations
Reel Affirmations is D.C.'s annual Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival. Between hospitality organization, year-round planning, and executing the actual festival, there is a lot to do. Positions of all types are available.
Contact: 202.986.1119 / www.reelaffirmations.org / PO Box 73587, Washington, DC 20056

Renna Communications
Renna Communications provides sophisticated and nuanced communications strategies to organizations and people who are working to change the world for the better. Renna has particular and unparalleled expertise in meeting the needs of those who focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. In addition, they partner with progressive organizations and foundations around other topics and work with health-related concerns and socially responsible businesses. Renna Communications also helps groups and individuals with special projects – such as events, press conferences, or the dissemination of research findings – and creative endeavors – such as book publications, film distributions or theater productions.
Contact: Cathy Renna: 917-757-6123 / cathy@rennacommunications.com / rennacommunications.com

Whitman-Walker Clinic
Whitman-Walker Clinic is a non-profit community-based health organization serving the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region. Established by and for the gay and lesbian community, our Clinic is comprised of diverse volunteers and staff who provide or facilitate the delivery of high quality, comprehensive, accessible health care and community services. Whitman-Walker Clinic is especially committed to ending the suffering of all those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteers are also needed for the annual AIDS Walk.
Contact: Mary Murry: volunteer@wwc.org / 202.939.1526 / www.wwc.org
1701 14th St., NW, Washington DC, 20009

The Woodhull Freedom Foundation
The Woodhull Freedom Foundation works to advance sexual freedom as a fundamental human right by protecting and advancing freedom of speech and sexual expression. WFF promotes sexuality as a positive personal, social and moral value through research, advocacy, activism, education and outreach.
Contact: info@woodhullfoundation.org / 202.986.1119 / www.woodhullfoundation.org
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20008

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