

LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Social & Community Resources

AVEN: The Asexual Visibility Education Network

Hosts the world's largest online asexual community as well as a large archive of resources on asexuality. AVEN strives to create open, honest discussion about asexuality among sexual and asexual people alike.

aven.qa@gmail.com

<https://www.asexuality.org>

BAGLY: Boston Alliance of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Youth

BAGLY is a youth-led, adult-supported social support organization committed to social justice, and creating, sustaining, and advocating for programs, policies and services for the LGBTQ youth community.

28 Court Square, Boston

617-227-4313

<https://www.bagly.org>

Bi Women Boston

The Boston Bisexual Women's Network is a feminist, not-for-profit collective organization that brings women together for support and validation. It is meant to be a safe environment for women of all sexual self-identities, class backgrounds, racial, ethnic and religious groups, ages, and abilities.

<http://biwomenboston.org>

Bisexual Resource Center

The Bisexual Resource Center understands the bi community needs an easy way to organize activities to connect more people in the greater community. Result? A new meetup group— providing a safe and supportive space for bi-identified people, their partners, and interested allies.

<https://www.meetup.com/>

[Bi-Community-Activities/](https://www.meetup.com/Bi-Community-Activities/)

Boston Lesbian Adventure, Fitness & Fun Group

This group is for all the most awesome queer ladies interested in connecting and having fun through indoor and outdoor fitness and adventure. It is for all skill levels and variety of interests. The goal is to get a nice group of women together to explore fun activities, get fit or stay fit.

<https://www.meetup.com/>

[boston-lesbian-bi-trans-dating/](https://www.meetup.com/boston-lesbian-bi-trans-dating/)

Boston Women's Group

The Boston Women's Group's purpose is to build community for women in the Boston area. The hope is to create more community for gay/queer women in the Boston area, especially for women who have recently moved here, or who have recently come out.

<https://www.meetup.com/>

[bostonwomensgroup/](https://www.meetup.com/bostonwomensgroup/)

College Office of BGLTQ Student Life

The Office of BGLTQ Student Life serves as a central resource for bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender, queer, and questioning (BGLTQ) students at Harvard College.

Thayer Hall, Lower Level
617-496-5716

<https://bgltq.fas.harvard.edu>

GLASS

Drop in for GLBT youth 13-25 at the Justice Resource Institute.
555 Amory Street, Suite 2, Boston MA
<https://jri.org/services/health-and-housing/health/boston-glass>

Greater Boston PFLAG

Provides support for families and sexual minority youth.

718-891-5966

<https://www.pflag.org>

Harvard Divinity School Queer Rites

Queer Rites provides a space at Harvard Divinity School for LGBTQIA+ people to gather together in fellowship, community, dialogue, and celebration.

queerrites@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/queerrites/>

Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus

The HGSC (formerly the HGLC) is dedicated to fostering a robust community that links the BGLTQ alumni, faculty, staff and students together on campus and around the world.

president@hgsc.org

<https://hgsc.sigs.harvard.edu>

The Network/La Red

A survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, kink, polyamorous, and queer communities.

<https://www.tnlr.org/en/>

WAGLEY

West Suburban Alliance for LGBT youth: social support programs, including umbrella program for middle school youth.

<https://www.wagly.org>

Gender Identity (Trans* & Gender non-conforming) Resources

Gender Identities Glossary

This glossary was put together by Our Bodies Ourselves (OBOS), a nonprofit, public interest organization based in Cambridge, MA that develops and promotes evidence-based information on girls' and women's reproductive health and sexuality.

<https://www.ourbodiesourselves.org>
<https://www.ourbodiesourselves.org/book-excerpts/health-article/gender-identities-glossary/>

I AM: Trans People Speak

A project to raise awareness about the diversity that exists within transgender communities. It gives a voice to transgender individuals, as well as their families, friends, and allies.

<http://www.transpeoplespeak.org>

Transgender Oral History Project

A community-driven effort to collect and share a diverse range of stories from within the transgender and gender variant communities. We accomplish this by promoting grassroots media projects, documenting trans people's experiences, maintaining a publicly accessible digital archive, and teaching media production skills.

<https://alliedmedia.org/projects/transgender-oral-history-project>

Tiffany Club of New England

A social and support group for the New England Transgender Community for over 29 years.

198 Tremont Street, Boston

<https://tcne.org>



The Transgender Center

The National Center for Transgender Equality provides self-help guides and information about rights for transgender individuals, however NCTE is not equipped to help individuals on a case basis. For individuals, they have lists of resources available on their site. The NCTE is designed to assist advocates, policy makers, and members of the media.

<https://transequality.org>

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC)

MTPC is an advocacy, education, and community-building organization that works to end discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression. This includes working towards the empowerment of all persons who have been, are being, or might be deprived of equal rights and/or fair treatment because of their gender expression or identity. MTPC does not engage in campaign or electoral politics.

<https://www.masstpc.org>

Shops & Services

Boston Gay Bars

Club Café

209 Columbus Avenue, Boston

Open daily 11 am-2 am

617-536-0966

www.clubcafe.com

Jacque's Cabaret

79 Broadway, Boston

Open Monday-Saturday 11 am-midnight;

Sunday noon-midnight

617-426-8902

www.jacquescabaret.com

Midway Café

3496 Washington Street, Boston

Open daily 4 pm-2 am

617-524-9038

www.midwaycafe.com

Cathedral Station

1222 Washington Street, Boston

Mon-Fri 2 pm-2 am; Sat-Sun 11 am-2 am

617-338-6060

www.cathedralstation.com

Trophy Room

26 Chandler Street, Boston

Mon-Sat 4 pm-12 am; Sun 12 pm-8 pm

617-482-4428

www.trophyroomboston.com

Dbar

1236 Dorchester Avenue,

Dorchester

Mon-Thu 5 pm-12 am; Fri-Sat 5 pm-2 am;

Sun 11 am-12 am

617-265-4490

www.dbarboston.com

The Alley Bar

14 PI Alley, Boston

Daily 2 pm-2 am

617-263-1449

www.thealleybar.com

Blend

1310 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester

Thu 5-11 pm; Fri, Sat 5 pm-2 am;

Sun 11 am-6 pm

617-265-8846

www.blenddorchester.com

Media

Bay Windows

New England's Largest Gay and Lesbian Newspaper.

<https://www.baywindows.com>

Pink Pages

The GLBT yellow pages for New England and beyond.

<http://pinkweb.com>

The Rainbow Times

Founded in 2006 and Boston-based *The Rainbow Times* is the only minority-owned (partly women, partly Hispanic, partly transgender) publication dedicated to the LGBTQ community and its allies.

<http://www.therainbowtimesmass.com>

Health and Wellness

Fenway Community Health

The mission of Fenway Health is to enhance the physical and mental health of its community, which includes those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, the people who live and work in our neighborhood, and beyond. Visit site for additional locations.

142 Berkeley Street, Boston

617-247-7555

<https://fenwayhealth.org>

GLBT Health Access Project

Provides training, technical assistance and materials to agencies across the state (and, due to past success, across the nation) to help service providers learn more about the health care needs of GLBT populations and create welcoming environments for staff and clients.

<http://www.glbthealth.org/index.html>

Sidney Borum, Jr. Health Center

LGBTQ health and mental health care for teens.
617-457-8140

<https://www.sidneyborum.org>

Sports and Recreation

Beantown Softball

A GLBT softball league that plays during the spring and summer months.

Visit site for additional field locations.

Boston Common

131 Tremont Street, Boston

<https://beantownsoftball.com>

Boston Gay Basketball League

The Boston Gay Basketball League is a well-organized basketball league in the greater Boston area free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, creed, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation, with special emphasis on the participation of the gay community.

757-266-7534

<https://bgbl.com>

Boston Queers on Wheels

A local queer bicycle group that provides meetup rides of all levels focused on building queer community and providing a queer space. Boston Queers on Wheels offers non-competitive group lead rides, bike overnight camping trips, and various social gatherings.

Chiltern Mountain Club

An outdoor recreation GLBT club—Chiltern events are open to members and non-members alike, and activities range anywhere from an easy garden walk to a strenuous backpacking trip in the White Mountains.

<https://www.meetup.com/chiltern/>

FrontRunners Boston

Frontrunners Boston was founded in 1979 as a running club to support the sport of running in the gay and lesbian community in and around the Boston area.

<http://www.frontrunnersboston.org>

Lonely Bones Skate Co.

BIPOC and queer led skate group.

<https://lonelyboneskateco.com>

Religious Groups

Metropolitan Community Church Boston

A church of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community; Open to all!
131 Cambridge Street, Boston
617-973-0404
<https://mccboston.org>

Dignity Boston

A Catholic organization for people of all sexual orientations and genders.

KESHET

Keshet's mission is to ensure that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Jews are fully welcomed and included in all parts of the Jewish community.
284 Amory Street, Boston
617-524-9227
<https://www.keshetonline.org>

Resources for LGBTQIA+ Allies

DSM on Gender Dysphoria

DSM is the manual used by clinicians and researchers to diagnose and classify mental disorders by The American Psychiatric Association (APA).
<https://www.psychiatry.org/patients-families/gender-dysphoria/what-is-gender-dysphoria>

Genderqueer Identities

Provides awareness, information, and resources for genderqueer, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people and their allies. —Marilyn Roxie
<https://genderqueerid.com>

Greater Boston PFLAG

The Boston chapter of the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Greater Boston (PFLAG) provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

781-891-5966
<https://www.facebook.com/gbpflag/>
<https://gbpflag.org>

Salisbury PFLAG has a good page with resources on LGBTQ disabled allyship.
<http://www.salisburypflag.com/lgbtq-disability-page.html>

NonBinary Wiki

An education and resources site providing information for and about people who don't fit the gender binary. This site includes a list of gender neutral pronouns.
https://nonbinary.wiki/wiki/Main_Page

Sexual Orientation an Introduction

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<https://www.ourbodiesourselves.org/book-excerpts/health-article/sexual-orientation-an-introduction/>



Political, Legal and Advocacy

GLAD

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders: Equal Justice Under the Law. Since 1978, GLAD's bold and effective advocacy has achieved scores of precedent-setting legal victories to end discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status, and gender identity and expression.

18 Tremont Street, Boston
617-426-1350

<https://www.glad.org>

GLSEN, Massachusetts Chapter

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) is a national organization making schools safer for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

chapter@ma.glsen.org

<https://www.glsen.org/chapter/massachusetts>

Lambda Legal

Know Your Rights – If you're young and LGBTQ, you have the right to feel safe and respected, and to express yourself without fear. Here's what you and your allies need to know about your legal rights—and what to do if anyone tries to violate them.

<https://www.lambdalegal.org/states-regions/massachusetts>

Mass Equality

MassEquality.org is a grassroots organization working to achieve full equality for the LGBT community.

<https://massequality.org>

Massachusetts Law

Massachusetts law about gender identity or expression compiled by Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries (<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/trial-court-law-libraries>), <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-law-about-gender-identity-or-expression>

Know Your Rights: A Guide for Trans and Gender Nonconforming Students

This brochure was compiled by the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU - <https://www.aclu.org>).

https://www.aclu.org/files/assets/transstudent_kyr_20120508.pdf

The Transgender Law Center

The largest national trans-led organization advocating self-determination for all people. Since 2002 TLC has been organizing, assisting, informing and empowering thousands of individual community members towards a long-term, national, trans-led movement for liberation. Has a disability-specific project.

<https://transgenderlawcenter.org/programs/disability-project/>

SpeakOUTBoston

A GLBT Speakers Bureau, SpeakOut works to create a world free of homo-bi-trans-phobia and other forms of prejudice by telling the truths of people's lives.

877-223-9390

<https://www.facebook.com/SpeakOUTFAN/>

<https://www.speakoutboston.org>

<https://www.speakoutboston.org>

Peer Support Groups

Emergency Help

The Trevor Project – 1-800-850-8078

A national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24; twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org>



Lesbian and Bi Discussion Group



Inclusive group for those attracted to women. This is a bi, trans, and non-binary inclusive group. Hosted by the Cambridge Women's Center.

25 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge
617-354-6394

<https://www.cambridgewomenscenter.org/monthly-calendar>

LGBT+ Affinity Group

This is an affinity group for anyone on the LGBT+ spectrum and anyone questioning their identity or orientation. Hosted by the Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community.

<https://www.mbrlc.org/hopeonline>

LGBTQ+ Group on Discord

Hosted by the Wildflower Alliance

<https://wildfloweralliance.org/online-support-groups/>

LGBTQ Peer Support Group

<https://www.paywhatyoucanpeersupport.com/>

LGBTQ Support

An inclusive and powerful meeting for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ+. Hosted by the Southeast Recovery Learning Community.

<https://www.southeastrlc.org/fall-river>

LGBTQIA+ Support Group

Come join other LGBTQIA+ folks to talk about extreme states, gender, sexuality, trauma, community and life in general. This group is based in peer-to-peer support, so whether or not you've been given a psychiatric label (or any other label not of your choosing) we can have conversations, not based in clinical language, that support each other to speak from our own language and tap into our own wisdom. Hosted by the Wildflower Alliance.

<https://wildfloweralliance.org/online-support-groups/>

NAMI Connection Support Group

For members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

<https://namimass.org/nami-connection-recovery-support-groups/>

QTBIPOC (Queer and Trans Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Support Space

Fireweed Collective Support Groups are unstructured spaces where folks can connect to, and offer mutual aid with others who share similar life experiences and struggles. Groups run for a month. They meet once a week online for one hour and are hosted by the Fireweed Collective.

<https://fireweedcollective.org/support-groups/>

Sharing Safety

An LGBTQ+ specific group, where we can receive and give peer support to other members of our community, in a space dedicated to us. Hosted by the Kiva Center.

<https://kivagroups.carrd.co/#weekend>

Virtual AA Groups

For members of the LGBT+ community

<https://aa-intergroup.org/meetings?types=LGBTQIAA%2B>

WeConnect Meetings

A support group for anyone who is dealing with substance use, mental health concerns, disordered eating, and any other quality of life concerns. All who identify as members of the LGBT+ community are welcome.

<https://www.weconnectrecovery.com/free-online-support-meetings>

Young Adult LGBTQ+ Support Group

Hosted by the Southeast Recovery Learning Community.

Brockton RCC

730 Belmont Street, Brockton

<https://www.southeastrlc.org/brockton>



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