

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
October 3, 2009

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, visit our website at <http://www.umass.edu/stonewall> or call us at (413) 545-4824]

1. Photo Exhibit of Openly LGBT High School and College Athletes by Jeff Sheng – 9/28-10/9, UMass Student Union Art Gallery
2. What Does It Mean to Be LGBT and an Athlete? A Panel Discussion of UMass LGBT Athletes – 10/6, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Art Gallery
3. Out in Israel – 10/7, 6:45 p.m., 904 UMass Campus Center
4. Film Screening: Training Rules: A Film about Anti-Lesbian Bias in Women's Basketball – 10/8, 7 p.m., UMass Student Union Art Gallery
5. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing – 10/14, noon-3:30, 101 UMass Campus Center

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. LGBTQ Contradance – 10/3, Montague Grange #141, 34 Main Street, Montague
7. Tap into Your Network: A Gathering for Women of Color – 10/5, 7 p.m., Malcolm X Cultural Center, UMass
8. Women of Color Leadership Network's Body Politics – 10/8, 7:30 p.m., Sage Recital Hall, Smith College
9. Bus Available for the National Equality March on 10/11 in Washington, D.C.
10. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting: "Trans Men and Our Careers" – 10/11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
11. Noho Pride Fundraiser: Children's Musician Laura Doherty – 10/15, 4 p.m., Florence Civic Center
12. QPOCALYPSE (a group of queer and transgender people of color) Game Night – 10/16, 7 p.m., Northampton
13. LGBT International Film Fest – 10/17, 7:30 p.m., Northampton High School
14. Trans and LGBTQ Youth Groups Meeting in Northampton and Greenfield

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

15. Consultant, Girls Incorporated of Holyoke's LGBTQ Youth Group

HOUSING

16. Queer Man Looking for a Room in Northampton

STONEWALL CENTER

Come check out The Stonewall Center! We have great resources, a free lending library, and many other reasons to stop by. We are located at 256 Sunset Avenue, in Crampton Residence Hall on the UMass Amherst Campus. We are open M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. all year long.

1. "Fearless": A Photo Exhibit of Openly LGBT High School and College

Athletes by Jeff Sheng

Monday, Sept. 28 – Friday, Oct. 9
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union

Gallery hours: M-Th 10-5, F 10-3. Free and open to the public.
Sponsored by the UMass Stonewall Center and the Student Union Art Gallery

2. What Does It Mean to Be LGBT and an Athlete? A Panel Discussion of UMass
LGBT Athletes

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union

Moderated by Pat Griffin, Director, It Takes A Team! Education Campaign for
LGBT Issues in Sport, and Robin Harris, Coordinator, UMass Athletic Health
Enhancement Program. Free and open to the public.

3. Out in Israel
Free film screening of The Bubble followed by a discussion of what it is like to
be gay and living in Israel

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6:45 p.m.
UMass Campus Center, Room 904

The Bubble is a romantic drama about a relationship between Israeli and
Palestinian men. Sponsored by the UMass Student Alliance for Israel.
Cosponsored by the Stonewall Center and the UMass Pride Alliance.

4. Free Film Screening: Training Rules
A film about anti-lesbian bias in women's basketball

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
UMass Student Union Art Gallery, 326 Student Union

Discussion to follow led by Pat Griffin, Director, It Takes A Team! Education
Campaign for LGBT Issues in Sport. Free and open to the public.

5. Free, Anonymous STD and Rapid HIV Testing
Wednesday, Oct. 14, noon-3:30
101 UMass Campus Center

No appointment necessary and no blood is involved, just oral swabs. An
HIV test will take about 20 minutes. Tests conducted by Tapestry Health.

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. LGBTQ Contradance

Saturday, Oct. 3

Montague Grange #141, 34 Main Street, Montague

Our season-opening dance, featuring fine calling by Sue Rosen, with music by Bruce Rosen and Shirley White.

4-5:30 p.m.- Experienced Contra Session (\$5)

6-7 p.m.- Supper, featuring turkey pot pie, spanikopita & salad (\$5)

7-10 p.m.- All-level Contra Dance (\$10-\$7) \$5 with student ID

For more information: www.lcfid.org/westma

7. Tap into Your Network: A Gathering for Women of Color

Monday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.

Malcolm X Cultural Center, UMass

For more information: www.umass.edu/wocln or (413) 545-1671.

8. Women of Color Leadership Network's Body Politics

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Sage Recital Hall, Smith College

Body Politics is an original production by and about women of color. It explores issues such as self-esteem, politics, sexuality, skin color, relationships, and violence in the lives of women of color. Body Politics is a unique project which brings a diversity of women of color together to write, edit, learn, and perform. There will also be performances at Amherst College on Oct. 15 and Mount Holyoke College on Oct. 22.

For more information: www.umass.edu/wocln or (413) 545-1671.

9. Bus Available for the National Equality March on 10/11 in Washington, D.C.

Join people throughout Western Massachusetts and the nation to demand LGBT equality. For more information or to register for the bus:

www.equalitywmass.blogspot.com or 617-851-5354.

10. East Coast Female-To-Male Group Meeting

Meeting topic: "Trans Men and Our Careers"

Sunday, Oct. 11, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Note: This particular meeting is for FTMs only, meaning the full spectrum of

masculine-identified, female-born persons in the transgender and gender non-conforming community. How do you integrate your masculine gender identity/expression into your work life? Do you feel that you fit in or not? What challenges do you face in your career and what are some possible solutions?

For the location and for more information, contact Bet: 413-584-7616 or betpower@yahoo.com.

11. Noho Pride Fundraiser: Children's Musician Laura Doherty
Thursday, October 15, 4 p.m.
Florence Civic Center, corner of Park and North Main Streets

Tickets available at the Cup and Top Cafe, 1 North Main St., Florence
Advance: \$5 each or \$15 family, no charge for infants
At the door: \$7 each or \$21 family

This is the first in a series of singer/songwriters, spoken word, and children's entertainment fundraising events sponsored by Noho Pride and the Cup and Top Café.

12. QPOCALYPSE! Game Night
Friday, Oct. 16, 7-10 p.m.
Muneer Panjwani's home: 2 Conz Street, Apt. 26, Northampton

Join us for an evening of food, socializing and good times as QPOCALYSPE host a game night! We will provide a variety of board and card games so come ready to play! While we will provide a few light refreshments, please feel free to bring a food item or beverage to share. This is an open event, queer and trans people of color are encouraged to bring friends and allies. NOTE: RSVP is required for this event at qpcalypse@gmail.com so we know how many people to expect to prepare for food and seating!

QPOCALYPSE is a group of queer and transgender people of color that honor our multi-layered intersectionalities, which allow us to bring and celebrate our whole selves into spaces without ranking our identities We do this through a self-determination model of organizing and by holding closed meetings for QPOC and open community events.

13. LGBT International Film Fest
Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Northampton High School Theater/Auditorium, 380 Elm Street

Eight short films - one big night! There is something for everyone: romance, comedy, coming out, dancing, and fantasy. A variety of amazing films about lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, youth, and transgender folks from around the world.

Tickets: \$11.50 advance /\$13 door, \$9 for college students w/id, \$7

high school students, available door only or advance group purchase

Advance tickets available at Pride & Joy, Northampton; Food For Thought Books, Amherst; World Eye Bookshop, Greenfield; and The Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley

Sponsored by Out! For Reel. For more information and to purchase tickets online: www.OutForReel.org.

14. Trans and LGBTQ Youth Groups Meeting in Northampton and Greenfield

Generation Q: A social/support group for LGBTQ people 21 and younger
--Meets in Greenfield on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. and in Northampton on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Trans Education and Empowerment (TREE): A social/support group for trans-identified and gender non-conforming people 21 and younger
--Meets in Greenfield on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. and in Northampton on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Action Youth Programs:
www.communityaction.us/youth or (413) 475-1798

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

15. Consultant, Girls Incorporated of Holyoke's LGBTQ Youth Group

Girls Incorporated of Holyoke is seeking a consultant for its LGBTQ youth group. The Holyoke Youth Pride Empowerment (HYPE) Consultant will provide outreach, education, guidance, and assistance to LGBTQ youth and their allies 13-19 who participate in an informal group.

Interested parties should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 professional references by October 16th to:

Sarah T. Dunton
Director of Youth Development Programs
Girls Incorporated of Holyoke
PO Box 6812
Holyoke, MA 01040

For more information: www.girlsinholyokeye.org or (413) 533-0796 x 201

HOUSING

16. Queer Man Looking for a Room in Northampton

"I'm 24 year old queer guy looking for a room in Northampton at the end of October/early November. I would be interested in Florence, Hadley or Amherst as well, although Northampton is at the top of my list. I'm clean, respectful of common spaces and don't throw huge house parties, although I do enjoy the occasional get-together of friends. I have an indoor cat who will be coming with me. He's super sweet and well behaved. If you'd like to get in touch with me you can email me at jeoates@mac.com."