



## Dear Students, Educators, and GLSEN Washington Supporters



It's hard to believe that it's already May! As the weather warms up and the school year begins to trickle down, GLSEN Washington has a lot of housekeeping updates for you all, as well as some exciting new ways that our community can get more involved (be on our board! volunteer! buy some quirky merch!) Reach out to us via [mail@glsenwa.org](mailto:mail@glsenwa.org) if you want to participate in any of these opportunities, or have any questions or ideas for collaboration.

MAY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>All Month!</b> • Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month      • Foster Youth Awareness Month      • Mental Health Awareness Month						<b>1</b> • National Physical Education & Sports Week/Trans Athlete Awareness Week Begins
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> • National Teacher Appreciation Week Begins	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> • National Physical Education & Sports Week/Trans Athlete Awareness Week Ends	<b>8</b> • National Teacher Appreciation Week Ends
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> • International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> • GLSEN Respect Awards	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> • Harvey Milk Day
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

*We are here to support you!*

*Connect with us on social media or contact us through phone or email!*



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## Join our Board

GLSEN Washington is currently seeking board members to fill several positions on our board, including at-large board members. We are looking for board members from all over Washington who are 18 or older. Board members fulfill various roles, but our main mission is to support LGBTQ+ Students and Educators in Washington State schools through our programming. The commitment involves coming to monthly board meetings (1st Sunday of every Month from 10 AM-Noon), Committee work, some portion of time spent checking email and responding to messages, and various other activities. You can apply [here](#) and email [mail@glsenwa.org](mailto:mail@glsenwa.org) with any questions.

We are also currently seeking Americorps members to serve with GLSEN Washington for the 2021-2022 school year. Americorps members' work may include supporting and conducting outreach to students and educators, running our social media, leading our Virtual GSA, assisting the SHINE student leadership team and planning our annual conference and other events. Apply [here](#); direct any questions to [mail@glsenwa.org](mailto:mail@glsenwa.org).

**Become a GLSEN  
Washington  
Americorps Member**



**Rainbow Graduation  
Cancelled**

Unfortunately, GLSEN WA has to cancel our Rainbow Graduation ceremony this year, as well as our tassel program, due to extenuating circumstances of GLSEN members. We are so very sorry to disappoint seniors who were looking forward to this event, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

## Professional Development Sessions

GLSEN WA has two upcoming professional development sessions; Changing the Game (focused on including and supporting trans and gender non-conforming students in athletics), and Ready, Set, Respect (our elementary school workshop). Join us on 5/4 and 5/11 to learn about these important topics and receive free clock hours for educators. If you have not received clock hours for past PD sessions, feel free to email [clockhours@glsenwa.org](mailto:clockhours@glsenwa.org).

## Office Hours Update

As we near the end of the school year, we will be replacing our office hour sessions with an appointment system. If you want to meet with an Americorps member for assistance with your class, GSA, or other topics, email [dani@glsenwa.org](mailto:dani@glsenwa.org) or [rachael@glsenwa.org](mailto:rachael@glsenwa.org) to set up a time. Thanks!

A colorful poster for Spring PD Workshops. The background is teal with a banner of colorful triangles at the top. The title 'SPRING PD WORKSHOPS' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. Below the title, a white box contains the text: 'JOIN US IN FOR OUR SPRING PD OFFERINGS TUESDAYS AT 4:00PM CLOCK HOURS AVAILIABLE'. Below this, a list of workshops is shown in white boxes with teal borders: 'CREATING SAFER SPACES (4/6)', 'INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM (4/13)', 'TRANS AND GNC STUDENTS (4/20)', 'MENTAL HEALTH (4/27)', 'CHANGING THE GAME (5/4)', and 'READY, SET, RESPECT (5/11)'. The bottom of the poster features illustrations of sunflowers, a butterfly, and a bee.

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**INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM (4/13)**

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**MENTAL HEALTH (4/27)**

**CHANGING THE GAME (5/4)**

**READY, SET, RESPECT (5/11)**

# IN\*clued Training



**Register Now**

LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately impacted by unintended pregnancy and STD rates. Do you know any queer youth who would benefit from a queer focused sexual health workshop? We are hosting INclued on Tuesday, May 6th from 4-7pm. Find information about the curriculum and registration at our website or visit our social media!

## Become a Trainer

We are looking for volunteers for our Professional Development committee. Our PD committee works with local schools and districts to help plan workshops, professional development, or other trainings that support educators. Volunteers will be trained in several types of GLSEN workshop programs including Safe Space Training, Supporting Trans Youth, Elementary Educator training, and more!



After the training, you will learn not only about the GLSEN curriculum, but about how to work with school district clients, creating agendas, preparing materials for facilitation, following up with clients, and how to analyze participant feedback.

## GLSEN WA Redbubble

GLSEN Washington now has a Redbubble page where we will be selling a variety of items with custom designs to support the Rainbow Library Project, next year's conference, and other programming. Check it out [here](#) and consider purchasing a shirt for Pride, or a cute gay gift for a friend!



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SCHOOLS  
FOR ALL.**  
**GLSEN**



# School Climate Survey

GLSEN just released its 2021 National School Climate Survey, and we are asking for students to fill it out so that we have the most accurate possible data on the experiences of LGBTQ+ students in Washington and nationally. This data helps us push for better school policies and state/national laws, give teachers and teachers-in-training a better understanding of their students' experiences, and more! Your participation is invaluable to our work, thank you!

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*If you have any questions or need any resources, please send us an email ([mail@glsenwa.org](mailto:mail@glsenwa.org)) or contact us on social media (@glsenwa on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#)). We'll get back to you soon.*

*If you would like to make a donation to GLSEN Washington to help our programming, you can go to [www.glsenwashington.org](http://www.glsenwashington.org).  
Thanks for your continued support!*

