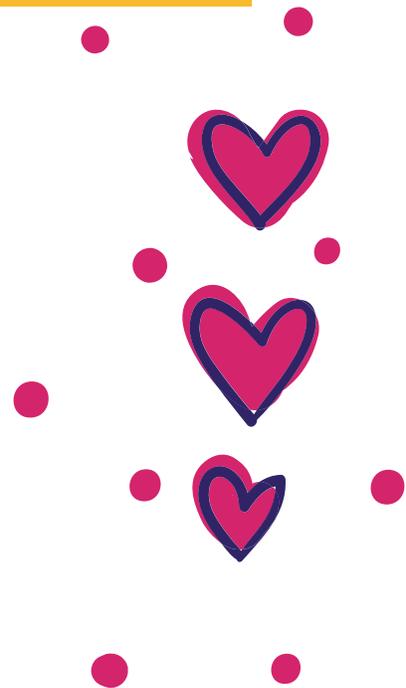




Dear Students, Educators, and GLSEN Washington Supporters

We hope this message finds you well! This month, we will be offering two professional development training opportunities for educators. Also, we are still accepting proposals from educators and community members that are interested in presenting at our conference in March. Please keep reading for more information!

All our best,
GLSEN Washington



We are here to support you!

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



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FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALL MONTH! Black History Month	1	2	3 National Women and Girls in Sports Day	4	5	
6	7 National School Counseling Week Begins	8	9	10	11 National School Counseling Week Ends	12
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Youth Leadership Conference



Save the date for our 17th annual Youth Leadership Conference. This FREE, day-long, entirely remote event will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022! Don't miss it!

We are welcoming proposals for hour-long workshops for this event from interested educators and community members. Speakers will receive an honorarium of \$100 for participating with possible additional funds for group presentations. To learn more and submit a proposal, please fill out this [form](#).

We have also created this short survey to collect feedback from you about what you most want to see at this year's conference. Let us know [here](#)!

Lastly, we are seeking virtual volunteers to help make sure that this day is a success! If you have some basic technology skills and are interested in getting involved, please email us at mail@glisenwa.org!



Seeking Board Members

We are currently seeking board members for Development/Fundraising Chair, Communications Coordinator, and Board Members At-Large.

You must be 18+ to be on our board, and you can be located anywhere in Washington. Learn more and apply [here](#)!

Professional Development



We are very excited to offer two free professional development trainings this month. These training will be entirely virtual and are open to educators of all age groups. This month's trainings include our Mental Health Advocacy module and our Changing the Game Module for P.E. teachers, coaches, and athletic directors. Clock hours are available! You can register for these trainings, or request a training specifically for your school or organization, [here](#).

[February 3 - Mental Health Advocacy](#)
[February 24 - Changing the Game](#)



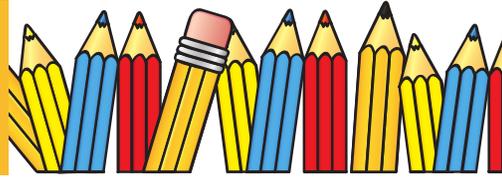
StoryBank Project

GLSEN Washington is in the process of creating a digital archive of oral history interviews with local students, educators, and volunteers. Modeled after similar work being done by GLSEN Phoenix (Phoenix, AZ), the GLSEN Washington StoryBank will be used to document our history, inspire potential volunteers and donors, expand our visibility, validate our programs, and celebrate the strength and diversity of our community members.

The StoryBank interview lasts approximately 1 hour and takes place over Zoom. Short storyteller spotlights will then be posted to the GLSEN Washington YouTube channel.

For more information on becoming a storyteller, email GLSEN Emily Lerner (emily.lerner@glsenwa.org)

BLM at School



Week of Action: January 31st - February 4th, 2022

Black Lives Matter at School is a national committee of educators organizing for racial justice in education, first started in Seattle during the fall of 2016. We encourage all educators, students, parents, unions, and community organizations to join the annual week of action during the first week of February each year.

The lessons that educators taught during that week of action corresponded to the thirteen guiding principles of Black Lives Matter:

- Monday: Restorative Justice, Empathy, and Loving Engagement
- Tuesday: Diversity and Globalism
- Wednesday: Trans-Affirming, Queer Affirming, and Collective Value
- Thursday: Intergenerational, Black Families, and Black Villages
- Friday: Black Women and Unapologetically Black

Educators from BLM at School developed these demands for the movement:

- End “zero tolerance” discipline, and implement restorative justice
- Hire more black teachers
- Mandate black history and ethnic studies in K-12 curriculum
- Fund counselors not cops

For more information, visit their website [here!](#)



Black History Month

Celebrate this month by learning more about the history of African Americans. Check out this [resource](#) by the National Black Justice Coalition to learn more about amazing Black LGBTQ folks of today and the past.

Meet the Board

Lily Williamson!



What is your position on the board?

Chair of the Student Organizing Committee.

When did you start working with GLSEN?

Lily first started working with GLSEN in 2014 as a youth before becoming a volunteer in 2020 and a board member in 2021.

What is your favorite program that GLSEN offers?

SHINE, our youth leadership program!

What do you do outside of GLSEN?

Outside of GLSEN, I'm a student at the University of Washington studying political science and environmental studies. I also work with the WA Health Care Authority and Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on policy development, and I'm an acting commissioner on the Seattle LGBTQ+ Commission, community organizer, and activist.

Why is creating inclusive schools important to you?

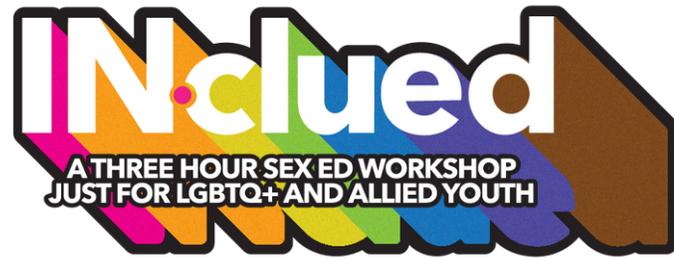
All students deserve safe and affirming education environments!

Who is your favorite super hero and why?

Wonder Woman, she's a feminist icon.



Request a Workshop!



We are now expanding our IN·clued LGBTQ+ sexual health education workshops to offer custom, sliding-scale sessions to high school and college GSAs, as well as other organizations that would like to host us either remotely or in-person (contingent on location).

This curriculum was developed by Planned Parenthood specifically for LGBTQ+ young adults and covers topics such as contraception methods, communication and consent, and safely navigating health clinics as an LGBTQ+ person.



You can fill out a request form on behalf of your GSA or organization [here!](#)

If you have any questions or need any resources, please send us an email (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.
Thanks for your continued support!*

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