



Dear Students, Educators, and GLSEN Washington Supporters

A big thank you goes out to all of the presenters and participants of this year's Youth Leadership Conference! On March 27, 254 of you came together virtually and committed your time to learning and making steps towards better schools for LGBTQ+ youth. Compelling conversations about intersectionality, representation, restorative justice, and LGBTQ+ inclusion in curriculum guided the day. Now, we are looking through your feedback and working to make next year even better.

As spring moves on, we have so many more virtual events planned! The Rainbow Reader Summit is April 10, MoPOP is hosting GLSEN Washington for a conversation on pop culture representation on May 15, and graduates are invited to celebrate with us on May 27! Keep reading to find out all the details.

April	All Month! Arab Heritage Month	April 10 National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day
	April 2 World Autism Awareness Day	April 22 Earth Day
	April 7-13 ALA's National Library Week	April 23 Day of Silence

We are here to support you!

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



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Rainbow Reader Summit - THIS Saturday, April 10

Students, educators and families are invited to GLSEN's Rainbow Reader Summit, on Sat, April 10th, from 12-4 PM PST! This virtual summit will feature discussions with Gabby Rivera, author of *Juliet Takes a Breath*, and Ernesto Javier Martínez, author of *When We Love Someone We Sing to Them/Cuando Amamos Cantamos*. It will also include Drag Queen Storytime with Aleksa Manila, poetry readings from students from across Washington State, and more! Register for free at <http://RainbowLibrary.org/summit> !

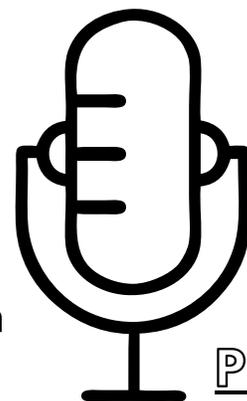
On that note, it's not too late to submit a poetry video for the Rainbow Reader Summit. Young writers can fill out this [form](#) or email dani@glsenwa.org by Wednesday, April 7th to participate!



For the first time, Washington LGBTQ+ students in the Class of 2021 (and their cheerleaders!) are invited to take part in an exclusive ceremony! As it will be hosted over Zoom, we hope youth and supporters from around the state will be able to attend to give graduates the pomp they deserve.

Rainbow Graduation for Class of 2021

Currently, we are seeking graduates with special talents (speaking, poetry, comedy, music, etc.) to perform for the crowd at the event. Pre-recorded entertainment or live sessions are both acceptable, slots will be 5 minutes or less. Interested students can submit the form at [by May 8](#) for consideration!



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We are looking for volunteers who are interested in promoting safe spaces and contributing to our efforts to ensure that all students across the state have the support they need. We have options ranging from short term/drop in positions to chapter membership.

The first step is to complete the online application. Once we receive your information, a required background check will be conducted. After this is complete, our volunteer coordinator will contact you directly to chat about your areas of interest and upcoming opportunities. If you have any questions, please email volunteer@glswa.org.

Volunteer with Us!



**Youth Resource
Highlight**



teen link

1.866.TEENLINK(833.6546)

You're not alone.
There is someone
that's willing to
listen to you
without judgment.

Teen volunteers are trained to listen to your concerns and talk with you about whatever's on your mind – bullying, drug and alcohol concerns, relationships, stress, depression or any other issues you're facing. No issue is too big or too small!
Calls and chats are confidential.

Virtual GSA

Middle and high school students from across the Pacific Northwest are invited to our virtual GSA meetings, regardless of whether or not your school has a GSA. We meet every Wednesday at 4 over Zoom, but no need to come every week, we are happy to have you whenever you can make it. Upcoming sessions will include games, a superhero workshop with guests from the Future Perfect Project!

Register [here](#) to join us!



Order a GLSEN
Washington tee-shirt!

To support our upcoming programming, we are offering two hand-drawn shirts! For a limited time, you can order one-of-a-kind GLSEN Washington attire and have it shipped right to you. The proceeds from our "Support Trans Youth" design will go towards general programming for LGBTQ students all over Washington, while the "Queer Books Save Lives" shirt will provide for the Rainbow Libraries being sent to schools across the state this spring. More colors are also available!

Order a limited-edition shirt (link in bio) by April 17th to help us reach even more students and educators in 2021!

Call to Action: Stop Transphobic State Bills and pass the Equality Act

Many dangerous and discriminatory laws targeting trans youth are currently moving through state legislatures around the country. We hope that you will join us in fighting to stop them by taking the actions below:

- The Arkansas governor just vetoed a bill that would criminalize healthcare for trans youth, but the legislature could override this veto with a simple majority. Stay posted on future actions to protect trans youth in Arkansas here:

<https://www.acluarkansas.org/en/campaigns/protect-trans-kids>

- Use this link to call upon the Alabama state legislature not to pass a bill that would criminalize healthcare for trans youth:

<https://action.aclu.org/send-message/al-trans-belong-2021>

- Follow @glsenwa on Twitter to stay updated on current legislation and action items.
- The Equality Act, which is currently moving through the Senate, would provide crucial federal protects to LGBTQ+ people. Even if your Senators already support the bill, the more calls/emails they get, the better chance they have of passing this important bill. Contact your WA Senators [here](#) to ask them to support the Act today!

Washington Gives

DONATE AT
givebigwa.org/
[glsen-washington-state](https://glsen-washington-state.org/)

The annual Give Big campaign kicks off April 20 and goes through May 5, with a 48 hour fundraising push closing out the event from May 4-5. Support the programming GLSEN Washington provides to LGBTQ+ youth and schools around the state to make them safer places for students by donating or sharing the fundraiser link!

Looking to learn more about LGBTQ+ youth's experiences and how you can support them? Come to our weekly professional development trainings, every Tuesday this spring at 4 p.m. All adult advocates and educators are welcome; Washington educators can receive 1 clock hour for each training.

Spring Professional Development Series

CREATING SAFER SPACES (4/6)

INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM (4/13)

TRANS AND GNC STUDENTS (4/20)

MENTAL HEALTH (4/27)

CHANGING THE GAME (5/4)

READY, SET, RESPECT (5/11)



[Sign Up to Attend a Spring Training](#)



We are partnering with the the Museum of Pop Culture for this PD in connection with their upcoming exhibition, "Rise Up: Stonewall and the LGBTQ Rights Movement." We'll explore frameworks for students to examine how LGBTQIA+ characters are represented in films, TV, literature, and more. Participants will look at examples from current pop culture and from MoPOP's exhibition, and leave with tools that are applicable in their own classrooms.

LGBTQ+ Representation in Media

MoPOP
MUSEUM OF POP CULTURE



Meet one-on-one with our team

Every week, each of our AmeriCorps volunteers hosts office hours, and we would love to see you there! This is an opportunity to have private face time with our team to ask questions or make connections.

Now offering virtual office hours!

Have a school policy concern? Want ideas for your next GSA meeting? Looking for more LGBTQ+ connections? Drop in for a 1:1 meeting with us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7869509665>



Rachael, they/them
Mon. 3:30 p.m.

Favorite topics:

- Elementary Ed
- Restorative Justice
- Intersectionality
- LGBTQ+ Pop Culture
- Inclusive language

Bryanna, she/her
Weds. 7 a.m.

Favorite topics:

- Inclusive Sex Ed
- Prof. Development
- Intersectionality
- Book & film recs



Dani, they/them
Thurs. 12 p.m.

Favorite topics:

- Ideas for your GSA
- Navigating school policies
- LGBTQ+ and anti-racist curriculum recs
- Book & film recs



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!

