

# You've considered the issues. You've voted. Now keep it going!

These organizations take action to address issues around **LGBTQ rights**, and they are always looking for people to help.  
Contact one to get involved today!

## **Basic Rights Oregon (BRO)**

***basicrights.org***

***(503) 225-6151***

***Facebook: Basic Rights Oregon***

***Twitter: @basicrights***

***Mission:*** Promote marriage equality, trans equality, and racial equality. Advocate for healthcare reform and other issues around civil rights.

***Ways to Get Involved:*** Do direct grassroots actions to promote equality, participate in voter outreach, join LGBT faith committee, do video projects, do data entry, and participate in phone banks.

## **Empowering Spirits Foundation**

***empoweringspirits.org***

***(858) 225-8700***

***Facebook: Empowering Spirits Foundation***

***Twitter: ESftweet***

***Mission:*** Promote LGBTQ equality via acts of community service. Instead of attempting to change laws, ESF strives to change the hearts and minds of individuals and institutions that may have not previously favored gay rights or supported LGBTQ populations, through events designed to allow both sides to work together in a positive environment to foster non-confrontational dialogue and dispel negative stereotypes.

***Ways to get involved:*** Volunteer, donate, host an event, learn about LGBTQ issues.

## **SMYRC**

***smyrc.org***

***(503) 872-9664***

***Email: info@smyrc.org***

***Mission:*** Q Center's SMYRC program honors, empowers, and supports LGBTQ youth to change the world.

***Ways to get involved:*** Run by volunteers! Volunteers with SMYRC must be over 24 and must attend a 6-hour training to provide one-on-one support, mentorship, and supervision of LGBTQ youth in the resource center and other SMYRC programs. People under 24 can donate.

## **API Pride Portland**

***apipride.blogspot.com***

***Mission:*** API is a group led by and for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in Oregon. We provide safe and supportive environments and opportunities to celebrate, educate and bring our communities together.

***Ways to get involved:*** Walk in AIDS walk, become part of the community, be an advocate

### **Q Center**

***pdxqcenter.org***

***Facebook: Q Center***

***Twitter: @qcenter***

***Mission:*** The vision of Q Center is to provide a safe space to support and celebrate LGBTQ diversity, visibility and community building and to encourage a broadened positive perspective of LGBTQ people.

***Ways to get involved:*** There are many ways to volunteer for the Q Center including: office help, staffing the reception desk, staffing events, taking care of the library, soliciting donations or prizes for event giveaways, networking, and marketing.

### **PFLAG Portland**

***pflagpdx.org***

***Email: pflagpdx@gmail.com***

***Facebook: PFLAG Portland, PFLAG Portland Black Chapter***

***Mission:*** PFLAG is people, LGBTQ and straight, parents, friends, and allies, working together to make a better future for LGBT youth and adults.

***Ways to get involved:*** Attend chapter meetings, become an ally, subscribe to newsletter online, donate.

### **The Queer Resource Center at Lewis & Clark**

***college.lclark.edu/student\_life/student\_organizations/queer\_resource\_center***

***Email: qrc@lclark.edu***

***Follow @ LC\_QRC***

***Mission:*** Whether you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, asexual, omnisexual, pansexual, or an ally the Lewis and Clark QRC is here for you. Trained Peer Counselors hold office hours to support and empower members of the queer community and to provide support and knowledge to new allies

***Ways to get involved:*** Become a peer counselor, stop by office hours, or attend an event. The QRC is hosting a Safe Spaces Workshop with SMYRC on the 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. They will also be screening *Milk* on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **United Sexualities at Lewis & Clark**

***college.lclark.edu/student\_life/student\_organizations/unisex***

***Email: us@lclark.edu***

***Mission:*** United Sexualities (unisex) is a club and resource for straight and queer students at Lewis & Clark College. We hold meetings to discuss and organize events, as well as provide support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students.

***Ways to get involved:*** Attend an event such as Coming Out Week, Queer Prom, the Drag Show, and AIDS Summit.

**Get info about more ways to engage @ [go.lclark.edu/3CE](http://go.lclark.edu/3CE)!**

This list is intended to be inclusive but it is impossible to list every great community organization in Portland.

If there's an organization you'd like us to add to this list, please email [service@lclark.edu](mailto:service@lclark.edu)



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