



## When LGBTQ Past and Present Collide! How LGBTQ History Can Illuminate Today's Challenges

### Background:

As the old saying goes, those who don't know history are destined to repeat it. Yet looking at where the LGBTQ and ally community is today sometimes feels like we're navigating completely new ground. But is that really the case? In this session, participants will be engaged in a fast-paced learning experience that examines key facts about LGBTQ history and how it shapes the world we're in today, and then closely examine current key advocacy issues to understand them in greater depth. What can the history on these issues tell us about the challenges and opportunities we face? How can it inform the ways in which we take action? And how can we emulate the change strategies of key LGBTQ leaders to elevate our voices and create change?

### Content Overview:

- **Recap and expand upon key learnings from LGBTQ history 101:** Discuss topics related to LGBTQ invisibility in school curriculum and its impact, contributions of LGBTQ people of color, the role of scientific research in LGBTQ equality, and the history of LGBTQ protests before and after the Stonewall Riots.
- **Focus on a few key issues we're facing today – and see that their roots are grounded in our history:** Tie current legislative issues (e.g., nondiscrimination law, immigration law, etc.) to both LGBTQ history; highlight what we can use to inform our current advocacy work.
- **Find your LGBTQ history inspiration:** Highlight key LGBTQ historic figures and their advocacy style to help participants find inspiration and guidance for their own advocacy for equality for all.

<b>Recommended Session Length:</b>	90 minutes
<b>Target Audience:</b>	All audiences
<b>Participant Materials:</b>	Online custom resource page
<b>Additional Information:</b>	<i>Don't Know Much About History: The Ultimate LGBTQ History and Culture Extravaganza</i> is a recommended (but not required) prerequisite to this learning session. This session can also be presented online as a 75-minute session.

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