



Don't Know Much About History?: The Ultimate LGBTQ+ History and Culture Extravaganza

Background:

As more people who are LGBTQ+ come out of the closet and into the streets – and the workplaces – visibility for the community is at an all-time high. Yet understanding of LGBTQ+ history and culture remains out of reach for many. History classes lack content about key figures in LGBTQ+ history or the significance of certain events (if there is any mention at all). Even less learned about the significance of how now mainstream concepts (like camp) originated and influence popular culture.

Participate in a learning experience that highlights key LGBTQ+ figures, symbols, events, and concepts. Each will help to elevate forgotten stories and highlight LGBTQ+ intersections with diverse communities. They will also provide ideas for the many ways knowing about LGBTQ+ history and culture isn't just about knowing fun trivia, but having the tools to educate, create common ground, and expand inclusion efforts in the workplace.

Content Overview:

- Discuss why providing education and programs on LGBTQ+ history and culture is relevant and necessary in the workplace
- Look at some key – and often ignored – people, places, and things from LGBTQ+ history in the United States
- Understand the cultural context for elements of LGBTQ+ culture including camp, signaling, “gayborhoods”, and LGBTQ+ bars/clubs
- Find out how having a grasp of LGBTQ+ history can become a resource for educating, navigating conflict, and building bridges.

Session Length:	90 minutes (in-person), 60 minutes (online)
Target Audience:	Self-identified allies, LGBTQ+ people who want to learn more; basic understanding of LGBTQ+ issues helpful
Participant Materials:	Handout and online resource page
Additional Information:	An advanced version of this learning session, that includes opportunities to investigate how LGBTQ+ history impacts today's political realities, is available.

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