



## 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 advocacy issues to understand them in greater depth. What can history 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 Straight for Equality's introduction to LGBTQ+ history learning session.
- Discuss topics related to:
  - LGBTQ+ invisibility in school curriculum;
  - The contributions of LGBTQ+ people of color;
  - The role of scientific research in LGBTQ+ equality;
  - The history of LGBTQ+ protests before and after the Stonewall Riots.
- Tie current legislative and policy issues (e.g., nondiscrimination law, conversion therapy bans, etc.) to LGBTQ+ history and highlight how it can use to inform our current advocacy work.
- 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 (in-person), 60 minutes (online)
<b>Target Audience:</b>	Self-identified allies, LGBTQ+ people who want to learn more; basic understanding of LGBTQ+ issues helpful
<b>Participant Materials:</b>	Handout and online 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) perquisite to this learning session.

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