



Connect Our Roots National Summit

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Youth-led Workshops

FIERCE: History of people's movements

How does change happen? The Civil Rights movement taught us that it means putting your body on the line. Who put their body on the line for LGBTQ liberation? When "cross-dressing" was illegal, when you could kick someone off a plane for having AIDS, when the police targeted trans youth. Let's talk about what's changed and what are we still fighting for? What strategies did people use to fight back? FIERCE will be hosting an interactive workshop that builds our collective knowledge of LGBTQ history. We will highlight grassroots organizing and resistance that aren't in school textbooks! Come add to a timeline and learn about how People Power was used to uplift the voices of the most marginalized in the LGBTQ community!

Breakout! and Streetwise and Safe: Know Your Rights Skill Share

Breakout! and Streetwise and Safe (SAS) will be hosting a workshop on strategies to share KYR info that have worked for their organizations and hearing what strategies have worked for you personally and/or your organization. Think of it as a skill share! After having located strategies and the ways in which KYR info has been shared and integrated into regional work, we will locate what could be useful to a national conversation and how a national conversation or campaign could be useful for all of us! We believe a national conversation could strengthen all of our work and help us build even larger communities of resistance. We are stronger together!

Providence Youth Student Movement (PRYSM): Queer Southeast Asian Report

PRYSM's workshop will be highlighting the issues and data documented in our Queer Southeast Asian (QSEA) Report we published this past summer. We'll also be sharing our methodology and why we created this report. Our goal is to bring visibility to the QSEA community and the need of awareness of issues faced by the community. The "model minority myth" keeps the Southeast Asian community marginalized, and the purpose of this report is to dispel that myth. We also want other communities of color to understand the QSEA experience, but be able to make connections between the struggles of the QSEA community to other communities of color.

FIERCE: Branch Out, Build a Base!

The branch out, build a base workshop is dedicated to having participants visualize the process of outreach, base-building and retention as an ongoing, continuous and complicated system by noting the structures and strategies of base-building and outreach. We focus on participant's weaknesses & strengths, and work together to overcome fears. As lovers of base-building, we hope to support further development of ourselves as fabulous base-builders through discussion and an amazing somatic practice

section! Overall, we focus on the personal growth of participants as individuals that transcends who you are as a base-builder/outreacher by focusing on centering ourselves as well as making heart to heart connections!

Young Women's Empowerment Project: Leadership Development Workshop

This workshop takes participants through critical questions on youth leadership development in our work. This workshop will be addressing: Why is youth leadership important? The workshop will take participants through YWEP's knowledge and tools on how to develop youth into leaders while sharing their youth leadership model.

FIERCE: Introduction to Campaign Development

In this workshop FIERCE members will take participants through campaign development 1:1. We'll share FIERCE's organizing model as we review important campaign terminology, get clarity on the steps to a successful campaign. Lastly we'll take what we learn for hands on practice on how to plan our own campaigns. This workshop uses various interactive activities!

Reteaching Gender & Sexuality: UndocuQueer ~ Organizing Without Papers

In this workshop we will look at the history of immigration laws and the ways they have policed gender and sexuality over time. Current issues facing youth without papers will also be looked at including Deferred Action and Secure Communities. We will discuss the challenges faced and strategies used by undocumented queer youth around the country who are organizing without papers and resisting through media and art, demonstrations, and marches.