



What is the Speaker's Bureau?

The Stonewall Youth Speaker's Bureau offers workshops about homophobia facilitated by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer and questioning youth. These workshops are meant to be a conduit for community dialogue about the issues that are impacting young people. It draws on personal experiences, to make connections towards a broader analysis, and hopefully work to challenge the myths that support homophobia and heterosexism.

Who do you speak to?

We speak to various community organizations, schools, service agencies and institutions, and can tailor our workshops to meet the needs of your group.

Who are the Speaker's Bureau?

We are a group of young people from Stonewall Youth that are involved in a yearlong training cycle where the basics of organizing meet with political education. It's designed to let us look at our experiences, and develop a critical lens to engage with the world. We use the philosophy of popular education, and believe that education is a transformative tool that facilitates peoples' liberation.

What do you all talk about?

Our workshops address a variety of different topics. At the core of it is the desire to increase understanding amongst people. We have talked about bullying and intolerance in schools, and done more specific trainings on everything ranging from sexual violence, substance use, homelessness, coming out, friends, relationships and family.

We also organize 2 annual retreats.

One is Stonewall Activism Summer School (SASS), a four day training in August that focuses on education for social change and takes place in downtown Olympia. The other camp is in the winter and features more varieties of workshops and social time, and it's a sleepaway camp! If you are interested, please fill out our workshop request form and e-mail it to Kristyn at [SYSB@Qwest.net](mailto:SYSB@Qwest.net). If you are unsure of what you want to be talked about, please contact us, and we can work on it together.