

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER

Icebreaker: Gay and Lesbian Trivia (15 minutes)

Directions: Ask participants to line up on one side of the room. Make sure each person can freely walk forward nine paces. Tell participants you are going to be asking them a series of multiple choice questions. After you read all four alternatives, ask each person to hold up their hand when you read the answer they believe is correct. Announce the right answer and ask participants who held up their hand to take one step forward.

Questions:

1.) What Greek letter symbolizes gay and lesbian activism:

- a) alpha
- b) theta
- c) lambda *
- d) delta

2) What is a genderless term that can refer LGBT people?

- a) Asexual
- b) Gay
- c) Queer *
- d) Intersex

3) When is National Coming Out Day?

- a) October 11*
- b) November 12
- c) October 1
- d) November 21

4) In the Nazi concentration camps of WW II, homosexuals wore which symbol to identify them?

- a) an "H" on a headband
- b) a pink triangle attached to their clothing *
- c) an H attached to their clothing
- d) a pink circle tattooed on their arm

5) Which term is sometimes used to include transsexuals, transvestites and cross-dressers?

- a) Drag Kings/Queens
- b) Asexual
- c) Gender Neutral
- d) Transgender*

- 6) What is a mixed bar?
- a) a bar for minority LGBT people
 - b) a bar for gay men and lesbians *
 - c) a bar for gay/lesbian people and heterosexuals
 - d) a bar heterosexual most nights but catering to a gay clientele specific nights (e.g., Sunday)

7) A national magazine which focuses on lesbian and gay news is:

- a) *Gay Community Review*
- b) *Human Rights Campaign*
- c) *Out* *
- d) *Out in Front*

If your area has a local gay and lesbian newspaper or bookstore, consider adding a question about that to bring the quiz to close on a note close to home.

After Questions:

Ask for a round of applause for the people who took the most forward steps. Give winner(s) a choice of prizes (could be buttons, candy bar, etc.). Then ask participants to sit on the floor where they now stand. Invite them to respond to the following process questions:

- For those of you who didn't get to take very many steps, how did you feel during the exercise?
- For those of you who did get to move relatively more forward, how did you feel during the exercise?
- What makes it difficult to learn the trivia asked for in this exercise?
- What was the most frustrating aspect of this activity?
- What was the most rewarding aspect of this activity?