

NM GSA NETWORK

YOUTH COUNCIL

JOB DESCRIPTION

Youth Council Description: The NM GSA Network Youth Council is a diverse group of youth leaders from GSAs all over New Mexico. The Youth Council is responsible for making decisions about and guiding the programs of the GSA Network. Youth Council members will represent the needs of GSAs and youth activists from their geographic region as well as set goals and establish priorities for the entire NM GSA Network.

Schedule: The Youth Council meets once a month, generally early afternoon, either on Saturdays or Sundays. Meetings will take place in each office of the New Mexico GSA Network. Typically, Youth Council members are also involved in planning and/or implementing other trainings and conferences, most of which happen on weekend days as well.

Job Responsibilities

Each Youth Council member is expected to:

1. Make a one-year commitment to serve on the Youth Council.
2. Represent your region as fully as possible.
3. Prepare for and attend monthly meetings of the Youth Council.
4. Participate in setting goals and making decisions about the programs of the NM GSA Network.
5. Identify needs of GSAs and LGBTQ youth and straight allies in schools and guide the direction of the NM GSA Network activities accordingly.
6. Help plan and/or conduct workshops at NM GSA Network trainings and conferences.
7. Help coordinate youth involvement in events such as National Day of Silence or Youth Lobby Day.
8. Be a resource to new and/or struggling GSAs in your region.

Skills/Requirements

1. Willing to commit to serve on the Youth Council for one year.
2. Interested in developing and suggesting ideas to strengthen the NM GSA Network.
3. Committed to creating change for LGBTQ youth and fighting homophobia in schools.

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Contact Info:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (home): _____ Alternate/Cell Phone: _____
Email _____

Do we need to be discreet when contacting you? yes no

School Information

School you attend: _____

Name of GSA or LGBTQ-related group: _____

The GSA Network strives for diversity in all aspects of the organization. Please provide the following information about yourself:

Your age: _____ Your year at school: _____

Gender/Gender Identity: _____

Sexual Orientation: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Anything else you'd like us to know about you:

Reference:

Please provide contact info for a reference who knows about your work with GSAs and/or your abilities as a youth leader. It can be a peer, friend, teacher, or anyone else.

Name: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Open-Ended Questions:

Please answer the following questions. If your answer does not fit in the space provided, however, you may attach additional sheets.

1. Please describe your involvement and experiences with the LGBTQ movement and any other movements you are/have been a part of.
2. Why are you interested in serving on the GSA Network Youth Council?
3. What would you be able to contribute to the Youth Council?
4. In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges facing GSAs and LGBTQ/straight youth in fighting homophobia in schools?

5. Share some ways that racism, classism, sexism, and other oppressions have affected you and your activism.

6. What are your greatest strengths/weaknesses?