



The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force builds the power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community from the ground up. The Task Force is the country's premier social justice organization fighting to improve the lives of LGBT people, and working to create positive, lasting change and opportunity for all.

## What the Task Force Does

The Task Force has a rich history when it comes to advancing the concerns of our community. Our projects include:

**Policy Institute:** The Task Force Policy Institute is the LGBT community's premier think tank, conducting cutting-edge social science research and policy analysis on major issues. Recent publications include:

*Injustice at Every Turn: A Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey*, a groundbreaking report (produced in conjunction with the National Center for Transgender Equality), which details the rampant discrimination transgender and gender non-conforming people face in the US. Follow up reports include a look at Black respondents and a look at Latino/a respondents.

*Outing Age 2010, Public Policy Issues Affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders*, an update on the Task Force's groundbreaking 2000 study.

*LGBT Youth: An Epidemic of Homelessness*, a critical look at homelessness affecting LGBT youth.

**Public Policy and Government Affairs:** PPGA is the LGBT community's progressive voice, fighting for your rights while promoting a vision of racial and economic justice for everyone in the country. PPGA promotes public policy inside and outside the government, and leverages social networking and media resources to secure rights for LGBT people and their families across the country. To accomplish these goals, PPGA operates advocacy programs like the Transgender Civil Rights Project, Aging Initiative, and the New Beginning Initiative.

**The Academy for Leadership and Action:** The Academy for Leadership and Action was created by the Task Force in 2008 in response to a shortage of qualified candidates to fill local, state, and national positions of significant responsibility in the LGBT movement. One of the Academy's primary goals is to build a diverse pool of skilled leaders and activists across the country. The Task Force develops strategic partnerships with individuals and organizations that are known as the best trainers in their fields across social justice movements. The Academy is also involved in faith work, largely through its Institute for Welcoming Resources (IWR). Through these activities the Task Force is able to promote the voice of pro-LGBT faith leaders to help counteract today's seemingly unending stream of religious-based bigotry.

## Who the Task Force Brings Together

The Task Force also serves a vital and unique gathering role in the LGBT movement, particularly by organizing and producing the annual National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change. Creating Change (as it's affectionately known in the movement) is the nation's foremost leadership and skills building conference for the LGBT social justice movement. Since 1988, it's been the opportunity for thousands of committed activists to develop and hone their skills, build community and be inspired by the visionaries of our LGBT and allied movements.

The Task Force also organizes the National Policy Roundtable, a semi-annual meeting of the leaders of all national LGBT policy-oriented groups; and the National Religious Leadership Roundtable, a network of pro-LGBT faith-based leaders.

**Build Power   Take Action   Create Change**