# **OUR STORY**

GLOW OUT! began in 2019 to bring the first Pride Parade to this region. LGBTQ+ residents and allies worked with GO Art! to launch the festival in less than a month. Community support inspired ongoing efforts.

GLOW OUT! became a nonprofit for LGBTQ+ education and awareness, celebrating "Virtual Pride" in 2020 and launching a School Safe Zone campaign.

In 2022, GLOW OUT! partnered with GLYS of WNY and Genesee County Mental Health for youth events in Batavia. Now, all four GLOW-counties support regional events to prevent suicide and build protective factors. including anti-stigma education in schools through a theatre troupe!

In 2024, GLOW OUT! launched the Golden GLOWs program for 55+ with support from the Health Foundation of Central & Western NY.

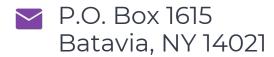
Through the growing network of LGBTQ+ people in Genesee, Livingston,

events including monthly Tea Parties are now regular. Visit our website for more



# **STAY IN TOUCH**





















Genesee Livingston Orleans Wyoming OUT!

Est. 2019

## **PROGRAMMING**

### Youth (12-18):

- Youth Leaders plan and facilitate activities and attend regional conferences
- <u>Drop-in hours</u> weekly for LGBTQ+ (& ally) middle and high-schoolers
- <u>Special events</u> include lock-ins, karaoke, parties, and field trips
- <u>Act OUT! Theater Troupe</u> provides anti-stigma education

### Golden GLOWs (55+):

- <u>Coordinators</u> plan for socializing, healthy snacks, speakers, and activities like trivia and movies
- <u>Sage Saturdays</u> in Batavia and <u>Sage</u> <u>Sundays</u> in Geneseo provide consistent meet-ups for community
- <u>Special outings</u> include paranormal investigations and more
- For more information contact Pat Cole at (585) 813-5081.

### NextGen (18+):

- <u>Social supports</u> for those coming out, those already out, and allies
- Monthly Meet-ups including themed Tea Parties and D&D game sessions

### **PFLAG:**

- <u>Parents and Guardians</u> questions welcome, support is here!
- <u>For more information</u> contact Pat Cole (see above)

## **ABOUT GLOW OUT!**

#### **Mission Statement:**

GLOW OUT! connects the LGBTQ+ population in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans & Wyoming counties, through advocacy and education, creating a beacon for those in need of a safe and supportive community when we need it most.

### Our organization provides:

- Safe, inclusive spaces and activities for LGBTQ+ people and their allies
- Recurring and special events to raise awareness and celebrate our LGBTQ+ friends, loved ones and neighbors
- Linkages to other supports and resources for LGBTQ+ people, families, and allies in the region
- Educational programs for groups, schools, businesses, and more!



Visit our website for more information on educational workshops, or email us to talk about customized sessions for your group.



Rainbow Youth Court, Pride 2023

## **EVENTS**

#### **Rainbow Resilience Conference:**

Annual day of educational workshops for youth leaders on mental health and suicide prevention

### Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil:

Solidarity memorial for the International Transgender Day of Remembrance each November

#### **Batavia Pride Parade and Festival:**

Since 2019, the annual festival is one of many events each June

Scan the QR code to see the month's calendar on our website:

