

LGBTQIA Resources—cultural awareness and curricular inclusion

Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice is “a community activist center, an educational enclave, and a safe space protecting, respecting, and loving all our kids, all our families, and all our beautiful diverse folks.

[BRCSJ Social Justice Power Hour!](#) Is available live streamed from the Facebook page at 7:00 each weekday evening creating a bit of virtual community and providing a wonderful mix of inspirational local folks and more diverse and nationally known figures.

Those who have shared community with us include but not limited to~

Valerie Jarrett, Patton Oswalt, Pete Souza, Michael Ian Black, Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, Peter Kuper, Josh Gondelman, Lizz Winstead, Kiese Laymon, Ilyse Hogue, Adam Gopnik, Thomas Frank, Jill Twiss, Frederick Joseph, Kurt Andersen, Nicole Tersigni, Ibram X. Kendi, NJ Attorney General Grewal & Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver, Raquel Willis, April Reign, Darnell Moore, Imani Gandy, Dr. Peniel E. Joseph, Cecilia Muñoz, Charlotte Clymer, Zach Stafford, Raffi Freedman-Gurspan, Alex Schmider, Ayelet Waldman, Gavin Grimm amongst many many other fabulous folks!

Among these guests are many authors and their books are available at <http://bookshop.org/lists/brcsj-social-justice-power-hour>. This service donates a portion of the cost to local independent bookstores.

Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice staff members are available to speak to your class or GSA and other student, parent, and community organizations. The Center also provides professional development and consultation on LGBTQIA concerns in the school environment and additional social justice issues. rustincenter@gmail.com

Additional resources

Make it Better for Youth. To be notified of the availability of free LGBTQ inclusive lessons created by NJ educators, please sign up for the newsletter at makeitbetter4youth.org. Website includes extensive resources including annotated book list.

<https://www.teach.lgbt/> **LGBTQ-inclusive lessons and resources** come to New Jersey public schools. Garden State Equality and Make it Better for Youth provide free, robust lesson plans and resources available to all New Jersey educators.

LGBT History Month, www.lgbthistorymonth.com. Over 400 LGBT+ icons ranging across time, location, roles, identities with video, biography, resources, and downloads related to each one.

Facing History And Ourselves. LGBTQ History and Why It Matters.

<https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources/current-events/lgbtq-history-and-why-it-matters>

FHAO recently hosted a webinar with Eric Marcus, creator of the Making Gay History podcast. Watch the webinar (and access resources shared on that webinar) at this link:

<https://www.facinghistory.org/professional-development/ondemand/bringing-lgbtq-upstanders-your-classroom-conversation-eric-marcus>

Bayard Rustin, was a remarkable leader in the Civil Rights Movement who was openly gay (and for a long time invisible in history) is shared in a blog post here:

<https://facingtoday.facinghistory.org/brother-outsider-remembering-gay-civil-rights-leader->

[bayard-rustin](https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/brother-outsider-life-bayard-rustin). You can stream the film about Bayard Rustin, *Brother Outsider*, here:
<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/brother-outsider-life-bayard-rustin>

Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin, <http://rustin.org/>, This website of the Bayard Rustin Film Project also gives background for the film, a trailer, other sources to obtain it.

TROUBLEMAKER FOR JUSTICE: The Story of Bayard Rustin, The Man Behind the March on Washington. Co-authored by Rustin's partner, Walter Naegle, City Lights Books, 2019. Outstanding middle school/high school resource about Rustin's life with innumerable well-captioned photographs and inserts illuminating related organizations and historical actions.

Harvey Milk. Numerous resources can be found with a search for "Lessons on Harvey Milk" including this site: <https://sharemylesson.com/teaching-resource/harvey-milk-lesson-plan> which contains video footage of his inauguration as a San Francisco Supervisor and statement of his legacy. Also see the Harvey Milk Foundation.. <http://milkfoundation.org/>,

Reading the Rainbow: LGBT-Inclusive Literacy Instruction in th Elementary Classroom, (ES) Caitlin L. Ryan and Jill M. Hermann-Wilmarth, 2018, Teachers College Press. See description at <https://www.tcpres.com/reading-the-rainbow-9780807759332> "The text describes three different approaches that address the limitations, pressures, and possibilities that teachers in various contexts face around these topics. The authors make clear what LGBTQ inclusive literacy can look like in practice."

Schools In Transition: A Guide for Supporting Transgender Students in K-12 Schools (download at <https://www.aclu.org/report/schools-transition>) is a first-of-its-kind publication for school administrations, teachers, and parents about how to provide safe and supportive environments for all transgender students, kindergarten through twelfth grade. It was written by staffers from the ACLU, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), Gender Spectrum, the National Education Association (NEA), and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

Ready, Set, Respect: GLSEN's Elementary Toolkit (ES)
<http://www.glsen.org/readyssetrespect>, click on link for the PDF. A resource for elementary educators and also for use in such high school classes as Psychology, Family and parenting, etc

Safe Space Kit: A Guide to Being An Ally for LGBT Students (MS/HS)
<http://www.glsen.org/safespace>, click on first link.

.Learning for Justice(ES/MS/HS) <https://www.learningforjustice.org/classroom-resources> . From lessons ro teaching strategies to films and more, this site addresses a broad cross section of diversity topics. Enter LGBT in the search bar under LESSONS.

Safe Schools Coalition (ES, MS, HS): A public/private partnership in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth, <http://safeschoolscoalition.org/>. Extensive resources. Click on "People who use them" and then "Classroom resources" under "Teachers.

No Name Calling Week (ES/MS/HS) This link takes you to the steps to register your school for participation. <http://www.glsen.org/nonamecallingweek>. This link takes you to a series of classroom lessons: <http://safeschoolscoalition.org/RG-lessonplans.html#MIDDLE%20SCHOOL>, Scroll to "No Name Calling Week."



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