

## Resources for GLBT Community, Friends, and Family

### *Local Support/ Social and Education Organizations:*

#### **Association of Lesbian Professionals (ALPS)**

- Dedicated to providing social activities for lesbians in Asheville
- Women from all professions, backgrounds, and employment statuses are welcomed
- Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month
- <http://www.geocities.com/alpssofarheville>

#### **PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)**

- Offers support programs and information for families dealing with issues surrounding homosexuality
- Meetings held at All Souls Cathedral every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 2-4pm
- 828-296-8466 or 828-254-4068

#### **Rainbow Kids NC**

- A non-profit chapter of COLAGE international organization for GLBT families
- A group of GLBT parents with children who come together to make friends in a accepting environment
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/rainbowkidsNC/>

#### **Cantaria**

- Not for profit community chorus for Gay men and Gay-supportive men
- Meetings every Sunday at All Souls Cathedral in the choir room from 5-7pm
- [www.cantariaasheville.org](http://www.cantariaasheville.org)

#### **Asheville Gay and Lesbian Business Association (AGLBA)**

- Group to bring together GLBT small business owners, professionals, artists, and community activists to promote and grow their businesses
- 828-251-1564

#### **CLOSER (Community Liaison Organization for Support, Education, and Reform)**

- Open to all in the GLBT community
- Meetings every Tuesday at All Souls Cathedral in the parish hall at 7pm
- 828-277-7815

#### **Phoenix Transgender Support**

- [jessicaash@aol.com](mailto:jessicaash@aol.com)

### *Publications:*

#### **Out in Asheville Newspaper**

- Monthly free newspaper for the GLBT community
- [www.outinasheville.com](http://www.outinasheville.com)

#### **Asheville Purple Pages**

- Gay Friendly Business Directory for the Greater Asheville Area
- [www.ashevillepurplepages.com](http://www.ashevillepurplepages.com)

#### **Sheville**

- An inclusive online magazine for women with a focus on people and environment
- [www.sheville.org](http://www.sheville.org)

### *College Support Organizations:*

#### **Appalachian State University B-GLADD (Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies Associated for Diversity at Appalachian)**

- [www.appstate.edu](http://www.appstate.edu)

#### **University of North Carolina at Asheville, Student Alliance**

- [www.unca.edu](http://www.unca.edu)

**Western North Carolina University BGLAD**

- [www.wcu.edu](http://www.wcu.edu)

**Warren Wilson College, The Alliance**

- [lburnell@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:lburnell@warren-wilson.edu)

***Faith Based Support Organizations:***

*There are several LGBT welcoming congregations in the area. Contact PFJR to find a faith community from your tradition.*

**Gay and Lesbian Ministry of Episcopal Diocese of WNC**

- [glbtepiscopaldiocese@yahoo.com](mailto:glbtepiscopaldiocese@yahoo.com)

**Interweave**

- Unitarian Universalist Church group
- Welcomes all who seek to understand, support, and celebrate the lives and concerns of our GLBT friends
- Monthly meetings at the Jefferson House next to the church
- 828-254-6001

**PFJR (People of Faith for Just Relationships)**

- An interfaith, grassroots coalition of lay people and clergy working for justice and equality for all relationships
- Meetings held at First Congregational United Church of Christ every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday noon-1:30 pm
- [justrelationships@yahoo.com](mailto:justrelationships@yahoo.com) or 828-252-8729

***Local and National Advocacy:***

**Asheville NOW (National Organization for Women)**

- A non-profit group championing the rights of women in our society
- Everyone is invited to attend meetings
- 828-253-7427 or a voiceforwomen@charter.net

**Employment Equality for Gays and Lesbians**

- Working toward achieving workplace equality across NC
- [www.eegl.org](http://www.eegl.org)

**Equality NC**

- Statewide advocacy organization that works to secure equal rights and justice for LGBT North Carolinians.
- [www.equalitync.org](http://www.equalitync.org)

**Human Rights Campaign**

- America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality
- [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)

**National Center for Lesbian Rights**

- [www.nclrights.org](http://www.nclrights.org)

**NC Gay and Lesbian Attorneys**

- A voluntary state-wide non-profit attorneys' organization, providing visibility, support, and advocacy for LGBT communities.
- [www.ncgala.org](http://www.ncgala.org)

**WNC Citizens for an End to Institutional Bigotry**

- WNCCEIB works to eliminate prejudice, discrimination, and hate activity throughout the mountain region of western North Carolina
- [www.main.nc.us/wncceib](http://www.main.nc.us/wncceib)