



FAQ ~ Frequently Asked Questions

Why was Q Center formed?

Q Center increases the visibility of and fosters connection within metropolitan Portland's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning (LGBTQ) community. Q Center builds public awareness and support, and celebrates LGBTQ diversity through art, culture, and collaborative community programming.

When and who started Q Center?

In early 2000's – A group of community activists (including Mayor Sam Adams) began planning for an LGBTQ community center. In 2005, Q Center officially incorporated as a 501(c)3, nonprofit, public benefit corporation under the name "LGBTQ Community Center Fund" – we now do business as "Q Center".

Where is Q Center located?

Q Center opened the doors of our first home in Spring 2006. It was a store-front location in the inner SE warehouse district near Taylor & Water Avenue. Q Center moved to its current location in March 2009. You can visit us at 4115 N. Mississippi Avenue.

What does Q Center do?

Q Center has four core program areas: Health & Wellness; Arts & Culture; Training & Education and Advocacy. Within each core area Q Center offers programs & services that are professionally run/facilitated as well as community-led "affinity" groups that offer very specific topics. Programs are offered in a variety of formats from peer support discussion groups to formal academic courses.

How does Q Center raise money?

Our annual budget is approximately \$325,000. Our fiscal year is January 1 – December 31. During each year we receive tax-deductible donations from individuals, foundations and special events. By far the majority of financial support comes from individuals! It is easy to donate securely online or stop by Q Center and drop off your contribution with one of our staff and volunteers.

Where can I find more information about programs and services?

Everywhere! Q Center's website is a great place to start at www.pdxqcenter.org. Follow us through social media outlets at Facebook (Q Center) and Twitter (@qcenter). Check us out through professional networks like LinkedIn. And finally, visual sites such as YouTube and Vimeo carry information about Q Center.

Our website contains extensive and community building assets such as a community calendar, information & referrals to businesses and links to other LGBT and allied community organizations.

Who runs Q Center?

The Board of Directors is an all-volunteer body responsible for the organization's governance and fiscal health. According to our Bylaws, we can have no more than 15 members. Members are invited onto the



Board after a comprehensive recruitment and screening process. Board members commit to a two-year term and can serve no more than three terms. Board members make a financial commitment to give and/or get (raise) at least \$2,500 each fiscal year. The Board holds regular monthly meetings, special meetings as needed and an annual planning session.

The Board is supported by professional staff. Currently, Q Center is staffed by an Executive Director, an Operations & Community Engagement Manager and a Communications & Innovation Manager. Professional staff are supported by a comprehensive volunteer program. Volunteers assist with nearly every aspect of Q Center operations and program provision.

Does Q Center work with other nonprofit organizations?

Yes! We work with other LGBT and allied nonprofit organizations in nearly every program and service. Q Center strives to lead and be a strong partner with a variety of organizations recognizing we serve extremely diverse constituencies.

What areas of Oregon does Q Center provide services?

Service locations vary by program. In general our service epicenter is Metro Portland. Extending from there our service area includes a five county region in NW Oregon and Clark County in Washington State. Information and Referral services are provided statewide.

Does Q Center have space available for public use?

Yes! Public rooms are available for RENT at a reasonable cost. We have several public spaces including the Aaron Hall Gallery, Kendall Clawson Library, a large auditorium with sound and video projection (seats 120), and two conference rooms. Individuals and businesses rent the public rooms for meetings, parties, trainings, weddings, support and affinity groups.

For More Information

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