

GLBT Domestic Violence Coalition

Dear Interested Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding membership on the **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Domestic Violence Coalition (GLBDTVC)**. Enclosed are materials explaining the mission and principles of the Coalition. Please review the materials carefully deciding whether you are interested in seeking membership to the group.

It may also be helpful for you to know that the **GLBDTVC** is an active working group, rather than simply a networking group. We ask members to keep track of the meeting schedule and attend regularly. We generally meet on the second Wednesday morning of the month from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Members should expect to work on sub-committees or special projects involving an estimated 3-5 hours each month, in addition to the 1 1/2 hour monthly meeting commitment.

For people who are not able/interested in making such a commitment at this time, the **GLBDTVC** sponsors networking meeting twice a year on domestic violence in the GLBT communities that will be open to the public. Let us know if you would like to be on the contact list for those meetings, rather than joining the **GLBDTVC** itself. Generally, the application process should take approximately six weeks.

If you are interested in **GLBDTVC** membership, please complete the Membership Application. We will respond within a few weeks of receiving your application.

If you have any questions, please call **Emily Pitt** at (617) 927-6269 or email gbltdvc@thenetworklared.org Please send completed application to:

The Network/La Red
Attn: GLBT DVC
P.O. Box 6011
Boston, MA 02114

Thank you,

Gunner Scott & Emily Pitt

GLBDTVC Membership Committee

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MISSION STATEMENT

September, 2000

Our mission is:

- To heighten awareness of battering within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities as well as within the straight community.
- To provide education and training on **GLBT domestic violence** and to guide the development of a comprehensive community response.
- To improve the quality and quantity of available resources; to develop new services where needed; and to serve as a point of connection and community organizing around ending **GLBT domestic violence**.

PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

Members of the Coalition agree that:

- Our primary focus is safety for those who have been battered. All of our efforts will be accountable to GLBT victims/survivors of battering.
- We define battering as a range of coercive behaviors used by one partner to control the other. We recognize that battering takes many forms, including physical, sexual, emotional, verbal and/or economic abuse.
- We recognize that battering occurs in same-sex relationships as well as among people who identify as bisexual or transgender.
- We commit ourselves as a group and individually to non-abusiveness, and strive toward battering-free relationships, workplaces and communities.
- As a coalition of victims-focused service providers, Coalition membership is not open to those who batter or has history of battery.
- We will respect the confidential nature of this work and the identities of those individuals involved.
- Oppression takes many forms in addition to battering, and we commit to work against homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, racism, sexism, classism, ageism and anti-Semitism on the Coalition and in our personal lives.

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Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email _____

1. What is your interest in/experience with domestic violence?
(Resumes are useful, but not necessary; attach one if you'd like)
2. Why do you want to join the GLBTDVC?
3. What do you think you could contribute to the group?
4. What questions or concerns, if any, do you have about joining?

Please review and sign the statement below to complete your application.

Having read the 'Mission Statement' and 'Principles of Unity', I understand them and agree to abide by them. I further understand that membership in the Coalition is not open to those who have engage in battering behavior (as defined in the Principles of Unity). I understand that GLBTDVC employs the protocol outlined In the 'Procedure for Addressing Accusations of Abusive/Harassing Behavior by Coalition Members' if any member is accused of past or current abusive behavior. I certify that I have not engaged in any of the above abusive behaviors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

March 2002
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