

Q&A

**For Advocates National Institute
Seattle Center ● Seattle, WA
February 23-25, 2012**

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Q&A for Advocates

Thursday-Saturday
**February 23-25, 2012
Seattle, WA**

**Quality Inn and Suites
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**10th Annual
National Institute**
building strategies for
advocacy and organizing
in response to abuse
in Lesbian, Bisexual,
Trans & Gay Communities

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Presented by:

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What is Q&A for Advocates?

Q&A (**Queers & Allies/Questions & Answers**) is a one-of-a-kind training and consultation project available to d.v. advocates and others who work with bisexual, trans, lesbian, and gay survivors of abuse. Through this project, the Northwest Network brings together advocates from across the country to:

- Develop assessment skills and experience;
- Share specialized info from LBTG survivors;
- Share information about unique issues and concerns facing our diverse LBTG communities;
- Problem solve around typical barriers that exist in shelters, advocate programs, anti-violence projects and queer resource centers;
- Integrate queer generated theories and information about domestic violence into work with survivors;
- Topics include: assessing “who’s who” in abusive LBTG relationships; supporting survivors’ self-determination in advocacy; Trans 201 and domestic violence through a trans perspective; community outreach and engagement strategies; sex, sexuality and sexual abuse; safety planning in small communities; support group and counseling issues; involving community members in social change; basic and advanced domestic violence analysis.
- Q&A participants also have on-going access to NW Network advocates for technical assistance and consultation following the institute!

Why an Institute?

Based on our experience working in LBTG communities, the NW Network provides training to service providers and advocates from throughout the Northwest and the country. Consistently, advocates ask for opportunities for more in-depth and sustained training about The NW Network approach to ending abuse in LBTG relationships.

In response, we developed our Q&A for Advocates project—a 2 1/2 day training **with limited registration to ensure individual attention and in-depth work**. In its 9th year, Q&A for Advocates has provided training and on-going consultation to over 500 advocates.

Who should come to Q&A?

Advocates, activists, service providers, social workers, anti-violence program volunteers, program managers and therapists have found this institute very helpful due to its strong focus on community-based and survivor driven responses to violence. Participants build their critical thinking and practical skills to better support LBTG survivors of violence.

Here’s what advocates from previous Institutes had to say about Q&A for Advocates:

This is the best training I’ve ever gone to in my 17 years of being an advocate!

Great trainers and exciting information...this training is giving me an entirely new perspective on anti-violence work.

I’m coming away with amazing new tools...I want all my co-workers to attend next year!

Who is the Northwest Network?

Established in 1987 by lesbian survivors of domestic violence, The Northwest Network increases our communities’ ability to support the self-determination and safety of bisexual, trans, lesbian, and gay survivors of abuse through education, organizing, and advocacy. We work within a broad liberation movement dedicated to social and economic justice, equality, and respect for all people and the creation of loving, inclusive, and accountable communities.

We provide support and advocacy for LBTG people of all genders who are survivors of abuse. Our services include support groups, individual counseling, legal advocacy, shelter referrals, safety planning, basic needs assistance, community education classes, F.A.R. OUT, youth projects, community engagement & organizing.

● Registration **Space is limited, please register early!**

To register, please complete the following registration form and return it with full payment, or visit our website at www.nwnetwork.org/news-and-events/, click through the calendar pages to February, and click on Q&A. Upon registration, payment may be made online through PayPal.

Name:	Organization:
Telephone:	E-Mail:
Address:	City/State/ZipCode
<input type="checkbox"/> ASL <input type="checkbox"/> Other Interpretation _____ Please check above if you will require ASL or other interpretation. Registration & payment must be received for participants reserving interpretation by 12.31.11.	Other accommodations you may require:
Dietary requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Halal <input type="checkbox"/> Kosher <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Scholarship info Please contact us prior to 11.15.11 to request partial scholarship info. Scholarships are limited to Registration Fees and do not include travel or lodging. Please apply as early as possible. 206.568.7777 or qanda@nwnetwork.org .

● Registration Fees

Early Bird! Payment & Registration must be received on or before 12.15.11:

Early Bird _____# attending X \$175 \$_____

After 12.15.11: _____# attending X \$225 \$_____

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

The Northwest Network

Send check and registration to:

The NW Network

Attn: Q&A Registration

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Hotel Accommodations

Rooms can be reserved at the conference hotel for a discounted rate of **\$70+tax per night** based on availability. Mention **The NW Network** when making your reservation. Quality Inn and Suites—Seattle Center
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See you in Seattle!
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Cancellation Policy: If you are unable to attend the Institute you registered for, the registration fee, less a \$50 handling charge, may be reimbursed upon request up to 25 days before the training date.