

Safe Zone Executive Meeting
Friday, January 18th, 2013
Noon ~ WUC Rogue

Committee members have been working hard to update ally training materials. Stephanie and Allison brought the Heterosexuality Question to the committee to discuss potential changes to be made to make the activity focus on gender issues as well as sexual orientation. One concern was that many of the questions were binary enforcing, but the idea of the activity is that the questions are outlandish. A potential way to incorporate these questions would be as bonus questions at the end. The new gender-specific questions would help start discussions about society's change of gender norms. The Heteronormativity PowerPoint has been adapted into a Prezi and has completely new ads.

Another idea for training updates would be to have a list of modules that could be used together to make a training more focused on one issue or another, or to make a training more specific to a group of people (new students during New Student Week vs. professional staff only).

The committee agreed that a good approach to these updates would be to bring in ideas to one meeting when stuck and then bring in finalized updates to the following meetings.

Safe Zone's Lunch and Learn series' dates have been finalized and a poster is in the process of being made. The dates are as follows:

- January 25th, 11am, Ackerman 140: "the Power of Language", hosted by Stephanie Anderson, Joe Hahn, and Sarah Joyce.
- February 8th, Noon, Willamette: "the Goal and Purpose of Being an Ally or Advocate, hosted by Stephanie Anderson and Debbie Diehm
- February 20th, Noon, Willamette: "Hate Crimes", hosted by CM Hall
- February 22nd, Noon, Willamette: "Marriage Equality", hosted by Carli Rohner and CM Hall (potentially)
- March 8th, Noon, Willamette: "Transgender Experience and Lives", hosted by Theo Ward

"The Power of Language" topical will use the video "Same Love" to spur discussion about the idea of "we become numb to what we say." The topical should help attendees to find alternatives to "that's so gay," helping them feel empowered with direct action. Stephanie also introduced the idea of a pledge system, where those who are comfortable can pledge to be allies and stand up for inclusion. This pledge then can be used in future passive tabling endeavors.

There has been issues with starter cash for Safe Zone in the past. Debbie suggested a form similar to that used by student clubs through ASWOU be adapted for Safe Zone to keep track of starter cash.

Michael Fenton has resigned his position meaning Safe Zone needs a new student rep from TA.