



SPEAKING OUT

The Speaking Out Program is a volunteer speakers bureau where LGBTQ+ and allied community members share their stories on a panel with other volunteers to educate audience members, expand their diversity awareness, and contribute to social wellness.

WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS TO OFFER:

- Panels are presented to middle and high school students, as well as churches, non-profits, college classes, businesses, and employee resource groups.
- We have dozens of trained volunteers who share their stories and answer questions from audience members.
- All panelists are trained in how to effectively share their stories and appropriately respond to questions.



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- Each year, hundreds of attendees engage with our panelists.
- In 2021, Speaking Out reached more than 700 people in 14 different schools.
- Learning about other people's experiences helps promote awareness, understanding, empathy, and acceptance.

QUOTES FROM STUDENT ATTENDEES

"The stories of everyone were really emotional, and it was nice to hear how they got through everything. It made me hopeful."

"I learned it was okay to be different. I also learned to always be an ally and be supportive."

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