

All year, Equality New York and our 5,500 members and 90+ organizational partners worked to ensure state-level protections were passed here in New York State. Not only did we collectively secure statewide protections but were also able to launch new leadership programming, educate our community on their rights, and find innovative ways to stay connected.

EQNY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021

TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

The LGBTQI Advocacy Institute, run in partnership with NYC Pride & Power, provides the training, mentorship, and network to build the next generation of community organizers throughout the state.

In 2021, we trained 35 students from across New York State who implemented at least one community organizing project in their local community.

STUDENT FEATURES

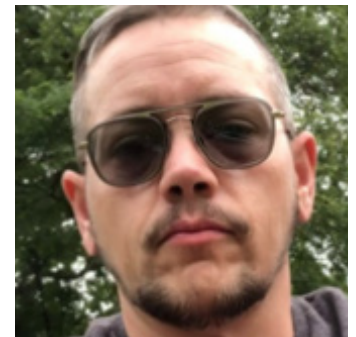


Healing LGBTQ Faith-Based Trauma in Black Christian Communities

Dr. Renair Amin (she/her)
State-wide Community Initiative

Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, Non-Binary (TGNCNB) Cultural Competency in Rochester Medical Care

Manuel Greer (he/him)
Rochester Community Initiative



Stolen Lives Project: raises awareness and educates the community about the pervasive violence and lack of inclusion towards Transgender and Gender Non-conforming individuals.

Dr. Nichelle L. Rivers (She/Her)
State-wide Community Initiative

Talk my Education: a working curriculum to help guide a conversation on missing, unknown, or misconstrued information about LGBTQI culture.

Brandon Cunalata (He/Him)
NYC-wide Community Initiative



INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEES & POLICY PLATFORM

This year, we launched five new committees which meet monthly to advocate for inclusive legislation. Each committee focuses on different statewide strategies that include legislation and budget items that will lead to advancing the lives of all LGBTQI New Yorkers and their families.

- 1 **Bodily Autonomy & Reproductive Justice**
- 2 **Disability Justice & Mental Health Access**
- 3 **Racial Justice**
- 4 **Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, & Non-Binary Equity**
- 5 **Youth, Families & Agine Communities Protections**

POLICY & LEGISLATION WINS: 2021 NYS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Repealer Walking While Trans Bill S1351 (Hoylman) / 3355 (Paulin) This bill would repeal New York’s archaic, unfairly-applied statute on loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution.

Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act MRTA S854 (Kreuger) / A1248 (People-Stokes) This bill relates to the legalization of adult-use recreational cannabis.

Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act HALT S1757 (Sepulveda) / A2277 (Aubry) This bill restricts the use of segregated confinement and creates alternative therapeutic and rehabilitative confinement options.

The Hate Crimes Analysis and Review Act S70 (Hoylman) / A2230 (Reyes) This bill ensures that New York State collects and reports data on the sexual orientation, gender identity and racial or ethnic identity of victims and alleged perpetrators.

Public Utilities and Pronouns Bill S5325 (Hoylman) / A6193 (Gonzales-Rojas) This bill requires utility corporations, municipalities, water-works corporations, and telephone service providers to allow customers to use their preferred name and pronouns

Gender Recognition Act A5465D (O'Donnell) / S4402 (Hoylman) This bill relates to enacting the “Gender Recognition Act”; and repealing subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law relating to driver’s licenses; repealer.

START Act S674 (Ramos) /A459 (Gottfried) This bill relates to confidentiality of records in proceedings to vacate convictions for offenses resulting from sex trafficking, labor trafficking and compelling prostitution

FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENTS & GATHERINGS:

We were able to bring together members through multiple events this last year including the 5K, 5th Year Anniversary, and 2021 Advocacy Day.

