

7.8 Q-Quest Youth Fest



Suggested Grade Level: Middle and High school

Time: 1-2 Month planning

Subject Area: Networking, Connecting to Resources, Event Planning

Overview:

Q-Quest is our annual LGBTQ student conference bringing together over 700 middle and high school students for workshops, networking, and providing a space where their voices and experiences are centered. Q-Quest happens very early in the year (October) and can be one of the first activities your GSA does as a group.

Goals:

- Allows the growth of students intrapersonal skills through leadership and networking development
- Allows students to build relationship and communication channels with various departments and administrators within the school
- Allows students an outlet for self expression and creativity
- Creates communal cohesion among GSA members.

Materials:

- Posters
- Sign Up Sheet
- Permission Slips

Resources:

Please visit the Out4Good webpage for updated event information including posters, sign up sheets, permission slips, workshop proposals and more.

Everything you need can be found at <http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/events>

Guest speakers to talk about QQuest can also be requested through Out4Good.

Procedure:

Step One:

At the start of the school year, visit the Out4Good website to learn about the current year's Q-Quest Youth Fest. Using the materials found on the website announce the event to the GSA and measure initial interest.

Ask your GSA if they would like a guest speaker to talk more about Q-Quest and Out4Good. If the answer is yes, schedule a meeting with Out4Good to visit your GSA.

Step Two:

Using the posters at the Out4Good website, hang posters around your school announcing Q-Quest. Be sure to include who to contact for more information or who they can sign up with.

Step Three:

The deadline to register for students is two weeks prior to Q-Quest. Please turn in your sign in sheets to Out4Good and make a transportation request.

Step Four:

A week prior to Q-Quest, Out4Good will send you your transportation itinerary.

Step Five:

Have all your students turn in their permission slips prior to, or on the day of, Q-Quest. Hop on the bus and enjoy the day!

Pro- Tip: We're always looking for High School students who would like to host a workshop for either middle school or high school students. If there is interest in creating a workshop, please visit the Out4Good website for information on how to submit a workshop proposal.