

GLF WORK GROUPS AND WHAT THEY DO

These work groups (or "committees" if you prefer) were set up so that each member could have a hand in planning GLF's activities, and so that plans can be made and carried out by relatively small groups of people, to avoid diffuse discussions in large membership meetings. Each group will be expected to take ideas for a program or activity, sort out the pros and cons when there are conflicting ideas, and present the general membership meeting with either a single recommendation, or a series of clearly stated alternatives to choose from. Once the membership has decided what it wants to do, the work group will do what's needed to carry out the decision. Whoever has an idea should feel free to present it to whatever work group seems appropriate; anybody who wants to participate in a group should do it! Hopefully, every GLF member will find some group that's doing something he or she is interested in. You don't need to stay in one group all the time-- shift around as things come up that you're interested in.

Here's a general description of the groups:

1. Legal and Political Action-- Some people have started a project to combat racist and sexist discrimination at some of the gay bars in town. A letter to bar owners has been drafted, and meetings with the owners are being planned. This committee could also help with arrangements for lawsuits that Frank Kameny of Mattachine and an ACLU lawyer are working on, in which GLF members are involved. These are a suit against the Georgetown Grill for excluding women, and a suit designed to strike down DC's sodomy act. This group could also help plan any demonstrations, rallies, appearances before legislative committees, etc., that might come up.
2. Social Events -- To handle planning and arrangements for picnics, dances, etc.
3. Internal education and communication -- Print a newsletter for members, prepare other stuff, such as magazine article reprints, that members should read.
4. Public education (propaganda)-- Arrange speaking engagements, place articles in overground and underground press, work with internal educ. people to turn out general leaflets, etc.
5. New members meetings -- arrange them each week, feed new members into established or new "cell groups."
6. ways and means -- take care of business, raise \$\$\$, spend it.

NOTE: Everybody should continue to participate in a "cell group," whether or not they join in a work group.