

# TAKE ACTION



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## “I HATE THE GAYS” Graffiti – Now Is The Time To Act.

**Tuesday, May 24, 2011 is Safety for All Communities Day**  
Join us in addressing recent incidents of violence against our communities



Yesterday, we were outraged to hear that “I HATE THE GAYS” was recently written into cement on the sidewalk in Chelsea on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets. This language contributes to a culture of violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people, making New York City more dangerous for everyone. This year, we have witnessed the impact of this culture resulting in the deaths or severe injuries of LGBTQ people throughout the five boroughs, as well as LGBTQ youth suicides in our city and country. [Fourteen organizations issued a statement condemning this violence in the Huffington Post.](#) On Tuesday, May 24, these organizations will come together again for [Safety for All Communities Day](#). We organized this day to raise awareness of the ongoing work we do to reduce hate violence. We invite all New Yorkers to join us in ending violence and creating safe spaces for LGBTQ adults and youth everywhere.

This graffiti highlights that the culture of violence continues. Yet, our movement against violence grows stronger. Every day more organizations, public officials, and community members join us to oppose violence. What will YOU do on May 24<sup>th</sup>?

[Join us at these events and find out ways that YOU can end violence.](#) List in formation; for full event information and contact people, please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

- **Training and outreach with AVP and FIERCE** at 57 Bethune Street in the West Village, Manhattan, at 6PM

- **Open House at Ali Forney Center** at 527 West 22nd Street # 1 in Chelsea, Manhattan, all day
- **Provocative discussion at Audre Lorde Project** at 85 South Oxford Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, 6PM
- **Film screening and discussion at El Puente** at 211 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, at 5:30PM
- **Resource Fair at LGBT Community Center** at 208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the West Village, Manhattan, at 3PM
- **Outreach and drumming at Make the Road NY** at 92-10 Roosevelt Avenue in Jackson Heights, Queens, at 6PM

**SAFETY FOR ALL COMMUNITIES DAY ENDORSERS\***

Ali Forney Center, Audre Lorde Project, Brainpower, Bronx Community Pride Center, Brooklyn Community Pride Center, Coalition for Queer Youth, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, El Puente, FIERCE, Gay Men of African Descent, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Hear Me ROAR! Project, LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence Task Force, LGBT Justice Project of Make the Road NY, LGBT Law Project of NYLAG, LGBT Center, Latino Commission on AIDS, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, New York City Anti-Violence Project, New York City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn, Safe Homes Project, Sanctuary for Families, SWISH, Sylvia Rivera Law Project

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