

QTPOC Resource Guide

What is QTPOC?

QTPOC stands for Queer and Trans People of Color. QTPOC experience marginalization at the intersection of racism, ethnocentrism, xenophobia, queerphobia, and transphobia. As a result, QTPOC – especially youth – experience high rates of homelessness, poverty, and violence. Even though the queer liberation movement was spurred by the work of poor and working class trans women of color, today’s LGBTQA+ movement is largely and unfairly dominated by white, upper and middle-class gay and lesbian communities. At the same time, LGBTQA+ identity is often underrepresented within communities of color. In practicing a politics of liberation, it is vital to center the needs and experiences of QTPOC and other communities experiencing multiple forms of oppression.

Looking for more information or resources about QTPOC?

Content Warning: Some of the following resources contain discussions of White Supremacy, racism, colonialism, xenophobia, harassment, violence, hate crimes, homelessness, mass incarceration and policing, deportation, depression and suicide

Articles

- “4 Unique Struggles That Queer and Trans People of Color Have To Deal With” – Joamette Gil
<https://everydayfeminism.com/2016/01/unique-queer-poc-struggles/>
- “How To Be An Ally To Queer People of Color” – Campus Pride
<https://www.campuspride.org/resources/being-an-ally-to-queer-people-of-color/>
- “How White LGBTQIA+ People Can Be More Inclusive of People of Color” – Jarune Uwujaren
<https://everydayfeminism.com/2013/02/how-white-queers-can-be-more-inclusive-of-queer-poc/>
- “An Open Letter To Gay, White Men: No, You’re Not Allowed To Have A Racial Preference” – Donovan Trott
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/an-open-letter-to-gay-white-men-no-youre-not-allowed_us_5947f0ffe4b0f7875b83e459
- “Why Coming Out Has a Different Meaning for Queer/Trans People of Color” – Jonathan P. Higgins
<https://intomore.com/you/why-coming-out-has-a-different-meaning-for-queertrans-people-of-color/2a9a2ae587754bc4>

- “Asexual People of Color on Their Experiences” – Anais Rivero
<http://affinitymagazine.us/2017/06/04/asexual-people-of-color-on-their-experiences/>
- “6 Things Intersex Folks Need to Know About How We Perpetuate Anti-Black Racism” - Pidgeon Pagonis <http://everydayfeminism.com/2016/06/intersex-anti-black-racism/>
- “Do the Work: This is How You Can Support Trans Women of Color Right Now” – Princess Harmony Rodriguez
<https://www.bgdblog.org/2015/05/do-the-work-this-is-how-you-can-support-trans-women-of-color-right-now/>
- “17 Trans-of-Color Leaders Resisting, Inspiring, and Keeping It Real in 2017” – Alan Peleaz Lopez
<https://everydayfeminism.com/2017/07/trans-of-color-leaders-inspiring/>
- “Resisting Homonationalism” – Anirvan Chatterjee
<https://medium.com/@anirvan/resisting-homonationalism-9f929c30b8c7>

Videos

- “FACTS about LGBTQ+ Youth of Color” – Unapologetically Bria Bea
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPzFEu8URDw>

Books

- King, Nia. *Queer and Trans Artists of Color: Stories of Some of Our Lives*. eds. Terra Mikalson and Jessica Glennon-Zukoff. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. 2014.

Other Resources

- “Queer Youth of Color” Infographic
<http://www.transstudent.org/queeryouthofcolor>
- “Trans Immigration” Infographic
<http://www.transstudent.org/transimmigration>
- “Read a F*cking Zine: 50 Zines by Queer People of Color”
<https://www.autostraddle.com/50-zines-by-queer-people-of-color-184692/>

Organizations

- **UA Queer and Trans People of Color & Two-Spirit Discussion Group**

Contact the LGBTQA+ Resource Center for this semester's meeting schedule

- **Audre Lorde Project**

"The Audre Lorde Project is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, Trans and Gender Non Conforming People of Color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. Through mobilization, education and capacity-building, they work for community wellness and progressive social and economic justice."

<http://alp.org>

- **Brooklyn Boihood**

"Brooklyn Boihood is a collective that champions healthy masculinity, intersectionality of identities and antisogyny for bois* of color all over the world."

<http://bklynboihood.com>

- **Brown Boi Project**

"The Brown Boi Project is a community of masculine of center womyn, men, two-spirit people, transmen, and our allies committed to transforming our privilege of masculinity, gender, and race into tools for achieving racial and gender justice."

<http://www.brownboiproject.org>

- **Immigration Equality**

"Since 1994, Immigration Equality has been proud to support and represent lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and HIV-positive immigrants seeking safety, fair treatment, and freedom. As the only LGBT organization with a staff of immigration attorneys, Immigration Equality impacts both the individuals they serve and the immigration system as a whole."

<https://www.immigrationequality.org/>

- **Incite!**

"INCITE! Women, Gender Non- Conforming, and Trans* people of Color Against Violence is a national activist organization of radical feminists of color advancing a movement to end violence against women of color and our communities through direct action, critical dialogue and grassroots organizing."

<http://www.incite-national.org/>

- **National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network (NQTTTCN)**

"The National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network (NQTTTCN) is a space for queer, gender non-conforming and trans therapists of color to build, resource, and support one another as clinicians and healers."

<http://www.nqttcn.com/>

- **The Pipeline Project**

"The Pipeline Project is a recruitment, retention, and leadership advancement initiative. The initiative's goals are to produce programs and engage in activities that together represent a long-term effort to increase the number of people of color working within the

nation's LGBT rights, service and advocacy sector, and ultimately increase the level of diversity in the leadership of our movement.”

<http://lgbtpipeline.org/>

- **Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWCMAP)**

“Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP) promotes the creation, exhibition and distribution of new films/videos that address the vital social justice issues that concern queer women of color and our communities, authentically reflect our life stories, and build community through art and activism.”

<http://www.qwocmap.org/festival.html>

- **Trans Women of Color Collective (TWOCC)**

“TWOCC is a grass-roots funded global initiative created to offer opportunities for trans people of color, their families and their comrades to engage in healing, foster kinship, and build community. They strive to educate and empower each other through sharing skills, knowledge and resources as we build towards the liberation of all oppressed people.”

<http://www.twocc.us/>

Check out the following other resource guides on our website:

- African American LGBTQ+ Resource Guide
- Asian Pacific American LGBTQ+ Resource Guide
- Latin@ LGBTQ+ Resource Guide
- Middle Eastern and North African LGBTQ+ Resource Guide
- Native American LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit Resource Guide