

*\* On our use of the word “family”- “family” in most discourse on immigration policy is not used to describe unmarried, non-blood, and queer familial relations. Here we recognize the inherent value, legitimacy and importance of these relationships regardless of state sanction.*

## **Introductions**

Name

Pronoun Preference

## **LGBTQ Immigrant Timeline Activity–**

### **Set up activity:**

Use green post it note for your family’s immigration history

And pink post it note for when you came out.

\*Sometimes you have to encourage people to look at the timeline, read it, and read other people’s post it notes, don’t let them sit down and chill.

### **Debrief Questions:**

- Did anything surprise you about this activity? If so, what?
- What similarities did you see in the reasons that people migrate over time?
- How have immigration laws prevented certain groups of people from coming to the US? Who influenced these laws, and why?
- What challenges or injustices do you think immigrants have faced throughout history? How have they changed or remained the same?
- What does the LGBTQ Rights movement have in common with Immigrant Rights struggles?
- How have different groups challenged injustice? What can we learn from their experiences to help us today?

## **Create a News Cast of LGBTQ Immigrant Stories**

Break into 5 small groups to prepare, 10 minutes

Perform & Debrief

- What are some of the issues that LGBTIQ immigrants face?
- How do immigrant rights and LGBTIQ rights relate to each other?
- How has homophobia historically taken power away from people? How does it relate to other forms of oppression?
- Why is it important to support the rights of immigrants?
- What are the immigration policies and other historical events (specifically on the timeline) that have impacted the person in your testimony?
- How would the story been different if the person were not a member of the queer community?
- What did you relate to in your person’s testimony?
- What are the similarities between the issues faced by the people in the testimonies?
- How do these stories relate to the community you work with?

## **What is Comprehensive Immigration Reform Anyway?**

We are a movement of solutions! (Use CFIR What is Just & Humane Immigration Reform Anyway handout)

**Citizenship Privilege & Ally Behavior** for organizing with immigrant communities  
(Use CFIR Citizenship Privilege and Ally Basics hand out)

**Closing Head, Heart & Feet**

Everyone says one thing they learned (head), one thing they felt (heart), and one thing they will do differently/when they get home (feet).

**Or... Positives & Deltas**

**Workshop description:**

**What's Immigration got to do with Queer Liberation?**

Immigration continues to be a volatile discussion, with anti immigrant sentiment from Colorado often taking the main stage. At times, those working for immigrant justice struggle to include or understand the nuances of LGBTQ immigrants. Often the fact that there are immigrants in LGBTQ community is over looked by our movement leaders. Using popular education exercises, we'll explore the history of immigration and the challenges LGBTQ immigrants face. Most importantly, we'll discuss what each of us can do to create a more just society we'd all like to live in.