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guest editorial

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Youth Pride Day Schedule

- 11:00 a.m.
Welcome & Rally at Burlington City Hall
- 11:20 a.m.
Youth Pride Parade
- 12:00 p.m.
Speak Out/Rally
- 1-5:30 p.m.
Workshops and a Film Festival at Outright
- 5:30-7 p.m.
Pizza Party at Outright Vermont
- 7-10 p.m.
Outright Prom



Make Time For Youth Pride

Gay people are child molesters and pedophiles. Being gay is a health risk. Hearing an openly gay person talk about their experiences could influence a confused child. Outright Vermont should be feared.

1989? Nope. 2006. They are comments overheard at the recent Williston School Board Meeting and at the Windham County Youth Summit, both places where Outright Vermont's invitation to present workshops recently came under fire.

Recent events are a reminder that queer youth need allies. And part of being an ally is being visible. Queer youth need to know that there are people out there who will support them, who will talk to them about being gay without that look in their eye and that tone in their voice. At Outright we were deeply moved to see how many people were inspired to write letters in support of Outright and the youth we serve.

Youth Pride is Saturday, May 6th this year. We invite people of ALL ages to come and be VISIBLE and vocal in their support of queer youth and Outright Vermont. Up to this point many of you have written letters and checks, and we are

grateful for that support. But for many youth a letter to the editor does not get them through the day, a hug from a PFLAG parent at Youth Pride does.

Now in its 7th year, Youth Pride is a full day of events in downtown Burlington for and about queer youth. Gay/Straight Alliances, gaggles of queer youth, and their supporters invade the queen city for a youth speak out, rally, workshops, mini-film festival and the now legendary queer youth prom. In fact, the speak-out has become THE largest open and public forum for queer youth to be heard. Come hear what they have to say!



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Outright Vermont remains the only queer youth organization working toward making schools, communities and homes safe places for all young people to be themselves. We continue to speak truth to fear and display love to hate. Come support the next generation of the queer community on Youth Pride Day, Sat-

urdāy, May 6th. The rally starts at 11am at Burlington City Hall and will be followed by the Speak Out at 12pm. For more details call our office at 802-865-9677 or go online: www.outrightvt.org.

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