

# Dykes To Watch Out For *By Alison Bechdel*

# Creating Change... Creating Community



Hundreds of lesbian, gay and bi Vermonters will assemble on Saturday, December 4th for a major statewide gathering and conference being planned by the Vermont Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men.

*Creating Change... Creating Community: Shaping Vermont's Lesbian/Gay/Bi Future* will be an all day event featuring nationally prominent speakers, workshops, caucuses, entertainment and community building. The conference will also serve as a kickoff for a revitalized and stronger statewide coalition.

"We think it is important that, after victories like the civil rights bill, hate crimes and important legal opinions, we take the opportunity to sit down together as a community and ask ourselves: What's next?" said Terje Anderson, part of the ad hoc group organizing the event. "It isn't just the political and legal questions we're talking about, but also how we can make sure that there is a viable community throughout the state."

The working group is beginning to meet to plan the event, and welcomes additional participation as they map out workshops, speakers, outreach and other parts of the event. Anyone interested in participating should contact Terje at 862-2361, Keith Goslant at 454-8552, or Mary at 482-3927. ▼

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