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The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is now accepting session proposals for The 21st National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change

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The Creating Change Conference celebrates 21 years of building the political power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) movement for social justice in Denver, Colo., on Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2009. More than 2,000 activists and organizers will attend this unique annual gathering, the LGBT movement's premier skills-building and strategy conference.

Online proposal submission and complete information can be found at www.creatingchange.org. The deadline for proposals is Sept. 30, 2008; notifications about scheduling will begin in early November. Conference presenters receive a discounted registration fee.

Proposals on all topics of interest to LGBT movement leaders are welcome, from sessions that grapple with pressing immediate issues like the results of the 2008 elections or how the right-wing attacks on LGBT families can be countered. Longer-term issues such as the impact of the AIDS epidemic, especially in communities of color, or how to build multiracial advocacy organizations in communities are also on the Creating Change agenda. Session proposals that present the lessons learned and best practices involving all aspects of LGBT organization management and political advocacy are especially encouraged.

A complete set of proposal guidelines and a sample session proposal are online at www.creatingchange.org.

A significant portion of the Creating Change Conference program is planned and presented by movement heroes from around the country.

Attendees at Creating Change include colleagues who are young and old; organizers and activists of color; volunteers and staff people at LGBT organizations; LGBT advocates and straight allies; and leaders of campus communities. Creating Change attracts people from every corner of the United States who are working to build the LGBT movement's political power from the ground up.