

# Become a Leader

in the cutting-edge work of the gay men's health movement.



Participants in a recent training in Philadelphia.

A growing gay men's health movement has accomplished great things over the past ten years, including:

- the birth of new organizations that are shepherding innovative approaches to the broad range of issues faced by gay men's communities and subcultures.
- the organizing of a new generation of men and women to fight for gay health and build community nationwide.
- the creation of a new model of health promotion, focused on supporting gay men's commitment to one another.
- exciting new programs and campaigns to promote the assets of our strong gay communities.

This growing movement requires a new generation of leaders of all ages who are willing to go back to their home communities and lead the fight for innovative strategies, organizing, and programs. With the skills you develop at the **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** you can become part of a national movement to :

- create programs that build upon the strong strengths and assets of gay men.
- toss out shame and fear as central strategies for health promotion.
- celebrate the strategies that work!

## The team leaders include:

**Chris Bartlett** (Philadelphia, PA) is a gay men's health community organizer in Philadelphia, PA. He is currently the lead consultant for the LGBT Community Assessment, a project funded by the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Foundation to collect and assess data about LGBT communities in Philadelphia. He is also working with a group of thirty men and women in Philadelphia who attended a previous Gay Men's Health Leadership institute and are organizing a gay men's health planning council in Philadelphia. He is the former director of the SafeGuards Gay Men's Health Project in Philadelphia

**Kevin Trimell Jones** (Philadelphia, PA) has extensive experience in research and community organizing among sexual minorities and people of color. He has most recently acted as a research analyst for the Philadelphia-arm of the CDC's Brothers y Hermanos study, a survey of black men who have sex with men. Currently, he works at the University of Pennsylvania's HIV Prevention Research Division as a Research Coordinator-Senior and the lead ethnographer examining the social networks of injecting drug users.

**T. Scott Pegues** (Denver, CO) is the founder and principal consultant of One West Consulting, an organization dedicated to strengthening the capacity of communities to develop solutions for health promotion and social justice issues. Scott was a member of the collectives that organized the 2003 Gay Men's Health Summit in Raleigh, NC, and the 2002 LGBTI Health Summit in Boulder, CO. He has been a constant presence at all four gay men's health summits, focusing on areas such as leadership, self-care, and community-building.

**Fred Lopez** (San Francisco, CA) is an Executive Assistant at The San Francisco LGBT Community Center, and formerly was a Community Organizer at Gay City Health Project in Seattle. He has been a key organizer of the LGBTI Health Summit in Philadelphia, and has assisted with the Gay Men's Health Leadership Academy in Easton Mountain.



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**Eric Rofes**, was the founder of the National Gay Men's Health Summits and was the convener of the first three summits in Boulder, CO and Raleigh, NC. He passed away suddenly in June, 2006. We dedicate our continuing work in the Gay Men's Health movement to his memory. To read about Eric's life and other projects that are being carried on in his name please visit [ericrofes.com](http://ericrofes.com).

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## The Gay Men's Health Movement **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

You are invited to participate in a groundbreaking three-day Leadership Academy that will provide you with skills and support needed to lead pioneering work to improve the health and well-being of gay men's communities and subcultures.

*Open to men and women of all sexual and gender orientations who are seeking to make a difference in the future of gay men's health at the local and national level.*

**September 21-24, 2007**

Easton Mountain Retreat

**Greenwich, New York**

**March 21-24, 2008**

Wildwood Retreat Center

**Guerneville, California**

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# The Leadership Academy

# Accommodations

# Registration

## DAY ONE :

You'll meet your fellow academy participants from around the country.

- Spend time getting to know the men and women who are making a difference in their home communities.
- During a welcome buffet, hear about the strategies that are currently being used by this group of future allies.
- Participate in an evening of powerful activities that will begin to build a bond between you and your fellow leaders.

## DAY TWO & THREE:

We'll dive into hard work and lively discussion of the gay men's health movement: its history and the current state of its critical thinking:

- Join in a lively debate about the principles that should govern gay men's health advocacy and organizing.
- Consider and critique existing health campaigns targeted at gay men.
- Discuss a number of case studies that highlight important issues in the gay men's health movement.
- Learn about strategies for self-care and leadership for the long-haul.

## DAY FOUR:

We'll spend the day focused upon how each participant can return home with a plan in place for revolutionizing their own strategies for their local communities.

- In small groups, you'll work with men and women from your region to highlight the key concerns locally.
- Working with your group, you'll create a set of strategies that can be implemented on your return home.
- You'll work with your group to support each other in taking action at home.

*"I've been inspired by how much passion there was in the group to pursue this gay men's health work. We've learned to be problem solvers."* — A. Olmeda, Philadelphia, PA

The September 2007 Leadership Academy will be held at **Easton Mountain Retreat** in Greenwich, New York. The beautifully appointed retreat center includes various room configurations, and all meals are provided. You can check out the wonderful amenities at Easton Mountain at [www.eastonmountain.com](http://www.eastonmountain.com).



*Easton Mountain is beautiful in all four seasons. It is located 50 miles from Albany, NY.*



The March 2008 Leadership Academy will be held at beautiful **Wildwood Retreat Center** in Guerneville, Sonoma County, California. You can check out the lovely facilities at <http://www.wildwoodretreat.com>. Double and triple rooms are offered, as well as all meals.



*Wildwood is a much-treasured resource for gay men on the West Coast, just 90 minutes north of San Francisco*



## COST:

The cost of the four-day, three night retreat is **\$350**, room and board and **\$400** tuition, for a total of **\$750**.

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I require a vegetarian or vegan meal (*circle one*).

A deposit of \$250 is required to hold your spot. All registrations must be paid in full one week prior to the scheduled training. We aim to keep the number of participants at each academy limited to a reasonable number, so please register early. For questions, please contact [gayacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:gayacademy@hotmail.com).

I am enclosing a check for \$250 / \$750 (*circle one*) made out to **White Crane Institute**

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Bring **The Leadership Academy** to your own community. Work with a cadre of people from your local community as you prepare to organize around gay men's health issues facing us all in the 21st century.

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