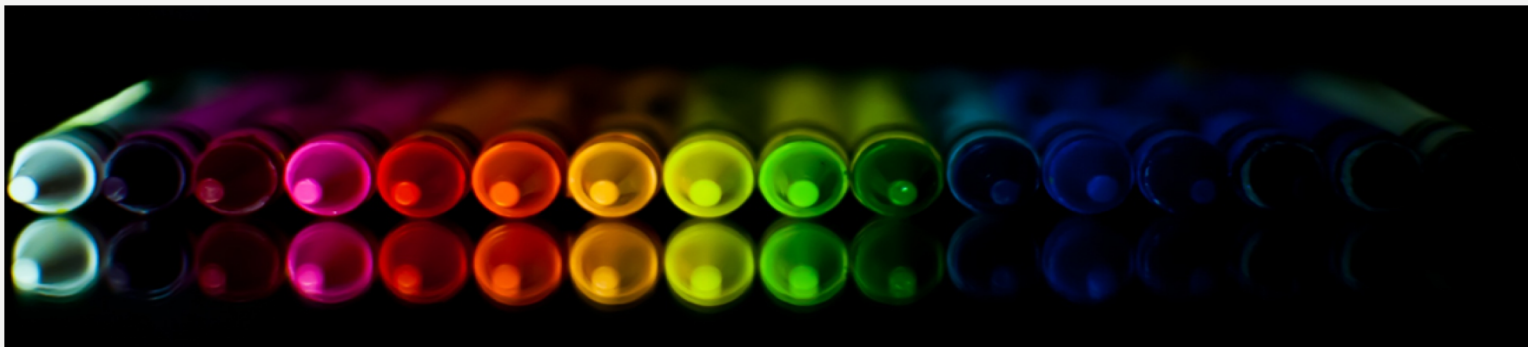




What is a Safe Zone?

Safe Zones are areas around EIU's campus where supportive people provide information and work toward the elimination of myths, misconceptions, and stereotypes of the GSD community.



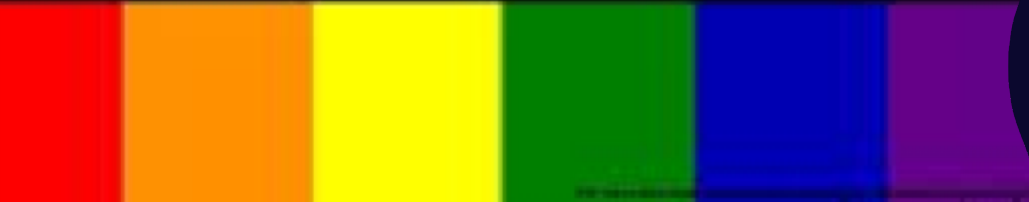
Participants pledge that their Safe Zone is a place where individuals in the Gender and Sexual Diversity(GSD) community and allies can:

1. Feel comfortable and safe in a confidential environment.
2. Express any issues and concerns in an atmosphere of acceptance and support.
3. Access informational and educational resources including: organizations, phone numbers, web sites, and books.



ALLY

I'M STRAIGHT, BUT NOT NARROW



WHAT IS AN ALLY?

An ally is a member of the agent social group who takes a stand against social injustice directed at target groups (whites who speak out against racism, men who are anti-sexist). An ally works to be an agent of social change rather than an agent of oppression. In the Safe Zone, most allies are heterosexual people who are allies to the GSD community.

CHANGE ATTITUDES.

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DIRECTIONS.

CHANGE LIVES.

CHANGE POLICIES.

CHANGE VOICES.

BE AN ALLY.

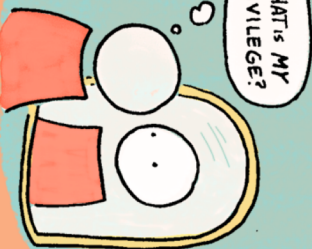
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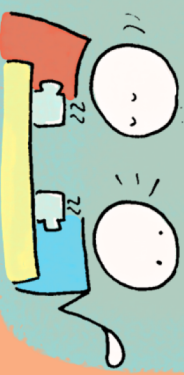
1. UNDERSTAND YOUR PRIVILEGE

KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU'LL NEVER EXPERIENCE OF HAVE TO THINK ABOUT



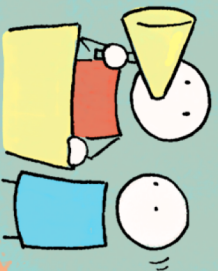
2. LISTEN

LISTEN TO WHAT MARGINALIZED GROUPS ARE SAYING. EDUCATE YOURSELF AND BECOME A BETTER ALLY.



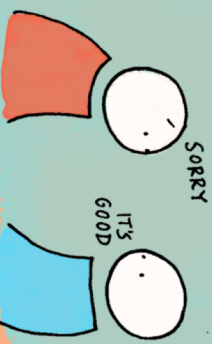
3. SPEAK UP, NOT OVER

USE YOUR PRIVILEGE TO SUPPORT OTHERS, BUT MAKE SURE TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T TALK OVER THOSE YOU ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT



4. MISTAKES HAPPEN

SOMETIMES YOU FUCK UP. APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU DO, AND MAKE IT A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR NEXT TIME.



SAYING I'M AN ALLY IN TRAINING REMINDS ME THAT BEING AN ALLY ISN'T PASSIVE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO CONSTANTLY WORK AT AN EDUCATE MYSELF ON.



SO EDUCATE YOURSELF! EDUCATE THE ARTICLES BELOW FOR MORE INFO AND REMEMBER THAT BEING HUMAN IS A WORK IN PROGRESS.



BUT SERIOUSLY, ARE WE NAKED WHEN WE'RE NOT WEARING THESE SHIRTS?



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Safe Zone Core Training

Safe Zone Core allows participants to become more familiar with GSD terminology, the coming out process, heterosexual privilege, facts and myths about the GSD community, and ways to engage in quiet activism on campus and in the community.

Brown Bag Trainings

A variety of 1 hour trainings are offered to help you become more familiar with different aspects of the GSD Community.

Trainings Offered:

Beyond Bystander (Ally/Advocate)

GSD History

Bi/Pansexuality

Black & GSD

Trans 101 & 201

Queering Faith

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How can YOU sign up?



www.eiu.edu/~safezone

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BROWN BAG TRAINING INFO

BEYOND BYSTANDER:

THE BEYOND BYSTANDER TRAINING COMPLEMENTS THE SAFE ZONE CORE TRAINING TAKING A MORE THOROUGH LOOK AT HOW TO EFFECTIVELY ADVOCATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE GSD COMMUNITY. THIS TRAINING WILL PROVIDE AN INTERACTIVE PLATFORM TO ASSIST IN BEING A BETTER ADVOCATE AND ALLY FOR THE GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

GSD HISTORY:

WERE YOU TAUGHT THE HISTORY OF THE GSD COMMUNITY IN SCHOOL? MOST OF US WERE NOT! THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DIVE INTO THE PAST TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE NOW. THROUGHOUT THIS PRESENTATION THE HISTORY OF LGBTQA+ INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE HISTORY OF GSD AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WILL BE EVALUATED.

BROWN BAG TRAINING INFO

BLACK LGBTQA+

IN THIS SESSION, THE LIVES, WORKS, AND EXPERIENCES OF GSD AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN HISTORY WILL BE INTRODUCED TO SOME AND RE-INTRODUCED TO OTHERS. SIGNIFICANT TIMES IN HISTORY THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED ARE THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE, THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK POWER MOVEMENT, AS WELL AS, THE CONTEMPORARY BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT. BLACK GSM FINDING THEIR “SPACE” IN WHITE SPACES LIKE THE WOMEN’S AND GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE A PART OF THE DISCOURSE.

BISEXUAL/PANSEXUAL AWARENESS

BISEXUAL AND PANSEXUAL AWARENESS DISCUSSES THE MISCONCEPTIONS, MYTHS AND STEREOTYPES CONCERNING BISEXUAL AND PANSEXUAL INDIVIDUALS. THIS SESSION WILL ALSO EDUCATE PARTICIPANTS ON THE DIFFERENCES, INTERSECTIONALITY OF BISEXUAL AND PANSEXUAL IDENTITIES AND REFLECTIONS ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES.

EIU Center for Gender & Sexual Diversity

The EIU Center for Gender & Sexual Diversity aspires to create an inclusive community by instilling a culture of respect, advocacy, and empowerment towards an open, safe, and just campus.

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