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Four Local Groups Come Together to Sponsor Bisexuality Awareness Event at the Cambridge Public Library

Cambridge, Mass. – October 3, 2014 – The City of Cambridge GLBT Commission, along with SpeakOUT Boston, the Bisexual Resource Center, and the Cambridge Public Library, will be hosting an event at the library called “*Stories from the B-Side: Bisexual Voices.*” Following an opening presentation by Ellyn Ruthstrom, executive director of SpeakOUT and president of the Bisexual Resource Center, a diverse panel of individuals will present their own personal stories of attraction to multiple genders. This will lead into a Q&A to allow for a lively dialogue, then a reception with refreshments and time for networking will be held in the library’s Community Room.

“A member of Cambridge’s GLBT Commission approached SpeakOUT about doing an event about bisexuality and it seemed a perfect opportunity to bring local LGBT groups together to bring more attention to the B in LGBT,” executive director Ellyn Ruthstrom said. “We hope this dialogue can dispel some of the misconceptions about bisexual people and foster greater understanding of the diversity of sexuality.”

Cambridge GLBT Commissioner Caitlyn Drechsler will introduce the evening. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 16, Cambridge Public Library Lecture Hall & Community Room

- 6:00 – 6:30: Networking & getting seated
- 6:30 – 8:00: Presentation & Q&A
- 8:00 – 8:30: Networking and reception

This event is free, and for all audiences: bi, gay, lesbian, trans, straight, and anyone who wants to learn more about what it is like to be bisexual in a straight-and-gay world.

About the Cambridge GLBT Commission

The mission of the Cambridge GLBT Commission is to advocate for a culture of respect and to monitor progress toward equality of all persons with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity. We are committed to promoting and monitoring policies and practices that have a positive effect on the health, welfare, and safety of all persons who live, visit, or work in the City of Cambridge with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity.

About SpeakOUT

SpeakOUT Boston is the nation's first gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender speakers bureau. Since 1972, our mission has focused on creating a world free of homo/bi/trans-phobia and other forms of prejudice by telling the truths of people's lives. Today, our membership includes more than 100 volunteer speakers. We conduct informal, interactive speaking engagements in settings like high schools, colleges, businesses, churches, and community service organizations. Sharing our lives and experiences publicly helps us support those struggling with sexuality and gender identity – and helps us dispel stereotypes to create positive cultural change.

About the Bisexual Resource Center

Founded in 1985 by a group of bi activists after a regional conference, the BRC is the oldest national bi organization in the U.S. that advocates for bisexual visibility and raises awareness about bisexuality throughout the LGBT and straight communities.

The Bisexual Resource Center envisions a world where love is celebrated, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. Because bisexuals today are still misunderstood, marginalized and discriminated against, the BRC is committed to providing support to the bisexual community and raising public awareness about bisexuality and bisexual people.

About the Cambridge Public Library

The Cambridge Public Library serves as a doorway to opportunity, self-development and recreation for all its residents, and as a forum where they may share ideas, cultures and resources among themselves and with people around the globe. The free availability of information, the lively interaction of people, and the open exchange of ideas animate and extend the democratic mission of the library.

The library is a dynamic, community-oriented system providing excellent services, collections and programs to all members of the community. We are dedicated to affording the people of Cambridge resources for recreational reading, independent learning, and the introduction of children to the world of literacy and learning.

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