



IDEAS FOR ARTS COMMUNITIES

Art projects can create programming, interaction, and events, while setting a tone that can be welcoming to older LGBT elders who might be shy about coming to other programming. Think what you could do where you are: Who are your local resources and connections? Can you partner together to plan an event or exhibition? What ways could you build off an idea listed here and make it even better?



Potential Partners

- ☐ Local museums
- ☐ College of Arts/arts programs at local universities or high schools
- ☐ Local galleries
- ☐ Community theater and improv groups



Event Ideas

- ☐ Life drawing with LGBT older adult models
- ☐ Put on an 'paint' night for elders to tell the story of their lives in mixed media
- ☐ Hold a storytelling class or event with a theater group for LGBT elders
- ☐ Take or host a show of intergenerational photo portraits
- ☐ Ask a museum to host LGBT elder morning/afternoon special tour or show
- ☐ Host a talk or lecture on LGBT images in the arts
- ☐ Invite an artist (or an LGBT elder artist) to exhibit work of LGBT elders to your community
- ☐ Have a theater performance be LGBT elders night
- ☐ Screen a movie about LGBT older adults and have a panel discussion afterwards



Getting the Word Out

- ☐ Partnering with a museum? Tap into their newsletter
- ☐ Connect with the local office for promotion of the arts
- ☐ Have the designing of the poster/program/invitation be part of the arts project
- ☐ Talk with the marketing director of a theater to see what channels they use locally
- ☐ Invite school LGBT organizations to attend



Resources & Inspiration

- A national digital program for LGBT older Adults: **SageMatters Magazine**
- A project by Jess T. Dugan and Vanessa Fabbre of photographs and interviews with transgender and gender-variant older adults: **To Survive On this Shore**
- Visit the William Way LGBT Community Center's rotating art gallery, often including historical work: waygay.org/galleries