

rience was represented there, and I believe this is what the LCP board is striving for with their bold vision of a vital community resource.

There are those who write to *Just Out* about the inevitable antagonism between communities, or the exclusion they anticipate from some group because of differences in claimed identities. This is tragic in personal and community terms, because it is the internalization of suspicion and fear that has made all "queer" people suffer in this society.

Prophecies of rejection are self-fulfilling and diminish our community, but even more, they are destructive to those who cling to them. Old paradigms and old hatreds die hard, and they resist dying alone. When they sink from their own weight, we must be careful they do not take us with them. Perhaps it is more difficult to

speaking and act from hope rather than hatred, but it is the right thing to do.

Important conversations are within our power to begin. Do we care more for the community than for being proved right in our personal suspicions? To create a safe, respected place for all of us within a society that honors diversity, first we need to model it in our own lives and our organizations. This takes real courage.

I congratulate the LCP board for its courage, vision and compassion in striving to make LCP a truly inclusive and progressive model of a better world.

LORI BUCKWALTER
Portland

just asking On Oct. 27, *Just Out* sent a representative to the GLBT Awareness Fair at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus. People who visited *Just Out*'s table were asked, "Whom do you perceive to have a leadership role in the sexual minorities community?"



VENAE RODRIGUEZ
Portland
Youth services manager,
Phoenix Rising Foundation

"Youth—if they're not now, they're certainly organizing to become leaders."



MICHAEL MOORE
Portland
Bisexual activist

"Two groups critical to the movement are CAP—especially the speakers bureau—and LCP. They both go beyond expectations."



LINNEA JOHNSON
Portland
Activist, Lesbian Avengers

"I don't believe there is or should be any individual leadership, because we're such a diverse community with a variety of needs."



ROB SIMMONS
Portland
Student

"The GLBT community itself is the leadership, as long as there's unity and activism. It's a community situation rather than one calling for a narrowing of one leader."



ELAINE LERNER
Portland
President, Northwest Gender Alliance

"Lori Buckwalter, head of It's Time Oregon. She is an articulate advocate for trans inclusion."



BLACK DAISY,
MISS LACE XII
Portland
Student

"Youth, people like myself who take the initiative."



DWAYNE GOLDEN
Portland
HIV/AIDS coordinator,
Urban League of Portland

"Pride Northwest, because it's visible and constant. Also OCHA, for its work with Hispanics, and Brother to Brother, for its role with African Americans."



JORDANA SARDO
Portland
Organizer, Radical Women

"Adrienne Weller. She's been active for over 20 years, she's consistent about fighting the right wing and she's teaching the youth of our community."

Got a question that keeps you up at night? We'll get the answers you need!
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