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Lesbian Community Project packs up for move across the Willamette

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“It’s an important crossroads and shift,” Kristan Aspen says about the changes the Lesbian Community Project is facing. “It’s a critical moment but not the end of the organization.”

LCP will move out of its current office on East Burnside Street by the end of May. Aspen says the 16-year-old organization decided not to renew its lease because it doesn’t have the funds to continue paying the \$660-a-month rent.



Kristan Aspen

The board of directors couldn’t in good faith obligate the group to a new lease it couldn’t afford, she says.

LCP’s new but smaller temporary headquarters will be housed at the YWCA in downtown Portland. Come late September, though, the organization will have to move again, because the building is closing down for a major renovation.

LCP will continue its programs as usual, Aspen says. The change will give the organization an opportunity to reassess, do some fund raising and see if a base of support can be established.

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