

protect people from the cycle of violence affecting all communities, including sexual minorities.

Philip Burnett, a photographer with an interest in children's issues, hatched the idea of using an image he shot to get the message out. The image will appear in a coffee table book about global women's issues by Potentia Media next year.

"We'd like for this image to be seen by individuals who care about domestic violence and are compelled with a call to action," said West Duncan, spokeswoman for Philip Burnett Photography.

For resources and more information, call 503-288-9507, visit www.photophil.us or stop by the studio at 3605 N.E. 50th Ave.

Old Lesbians Organize

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change's national steering committee will meet with local chapter members and others for a reception and meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Red Lion Hotel in Quay, 100 Columbia St. in Vancouver, Wash.

A dinner follows the meeting. The group will discuss the possibility of holding its 2008 national gathering in Portland.

For more information e-mail info@oloc.org or visit www.oloc.org.

Commissioner Addresses Gay Mormons

Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz is the keynote speaker at Affirmation, an annual conference of sexual minority Mormons that will be held in Portland.

Cruz, who has a background in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will speak about her role in the county's decision to allow same-sex marriages in 2004.

The international conference, "Bridging Our Journeys," will be held Oct. 20 to 22 at the Double Tree Hotel. Approximately 150 queer Mormons are expected to attend.

The conference cost is \$159 for Affirmation members, \$170 for nonmembers and \$139 for full-time students. Scholarships are available.

To register visit www.affirmation.org/conference.

TIRC Future in Question

Outside In will host a community forum to discuss the future of its Trans/Identity Resource Centre, until recently a viable and trafficked living room to many of the city's disenfranchised homeless population and those seeking testing and services. The forum will start at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10 in the main Outside In Gallery building, 1132 S.W. 13th Ave.

"The forum is in response to a recent outcry from the trans community regarding the accessibility of the library and other TIRC services," stated a release from the agency.

Making Oregon Schools Safe

If you haven't registered for the fifth annual Oregon Safe Schools Training, do it now! Oregon students and faculty will gather Nov. 3 and 4 at First Christian Church in Eugene to learn about how to make school a safer place for queers.

Sponsored by Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition and Equity Foundation, the two-day training will inspire attendees with new ideas and connect them with the needed resources to make a difference. Whether you want to increase your knowledge about queer issues,

meet other groups from around Oregon or learn how teens and adults can work together, this conference is for you.

To download an application visit www.oregon-safeschools.com. For more information call 503-232-4556.

Get Busy at Q Center

Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor St., has a slate of upcoming events to offer, including a self-defense workshop, charity bingo and a haunted house.

Gender Queery, for all genders that toe the line, is held from 7 to 9 p.m. every fourth Thursday of the month. Mingle, nosh and discuss the purpose of the group or featured topics.

Bingo with Poison Waters continues from 7 to 9 p.m. every fourth Monday.

Family play dates include crafts, music, toy stations, face painting and food from noon to 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

A queer writing group meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Every experience level is welcome. To register call 503-234-7837 or e-mail info@pdxqcenter.org.

The Twenty-Something Gay and Bi Men's Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Thursday. Join the group for gallery walks, movie nights, dinners, bike rides and discussions. Check www.pdxqcenter.org for a schedule.

Monthly Health Forums for women who partner with women are held from 5 to 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Late Awakenings, a group for women who came out later in life, meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every first Tuesday. Confidentiality is expected and respected.

Yoga for Everybody meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every last Saturday of the month. All skill levels, genders and bodies are welcome. Bring a mat if you have one.

Daddies and Papas, a potluck for gay, bi and trans men parenting children and their kids, is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every third Saturday.

Parenting and Pregnant Lesbians of Portland meets from noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 21 with monthly potlucks. Check the Q Center Web site for details.

Monthly art openings are from 6 to 8 p.m. every first Friday. The work of the Portland queer art collective QuArt is on display this month.

Other special events include a queer-specific Personal Safety Training from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 10; Senior Life Stories from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 15; a presentation by Nina Watt on Couples Communication 101 from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 17; and Spooktacular!, the second annual pumpkin carving bash, from 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

And Life Goes On

Cascade AIDS Project, Miracle Theatre Group and the Multnomah County Health Department will honor National Latino AIDS Awareness Day from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Centro Milagro, 425 S.E. Sixth Ave. Admission is free.

Organized to educate the Latino community of Oregon about HIV/AIDS and its impact, the event will feature a screening of *Y la Vida Sigue* (And Life Goes On), a film about HIV/AIDS in Spanish with English subtitles, followed by a discussion. Other activities include free HIV testing, HIV/AIDS information, food and entertainment. 

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