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The logo for MassEquality.org features the word "MASS" in blue, a stylized "E" with three horizontal bars in red, and "QUALITY" in blue. To the right of "QUALITY" is ".ORG" in a smaller font. The background of the logo is a photograph of a diverse group of people, some with their hands raised in a gesture of support or celebration.

## Transgender Awareness Week

**Dear Mike,**

Transgender Awareness Week is just two weeks away. Dedicated to raising awareness about the transgender community and the issues it faces, this week will feature events and educational opportunities around the state.

For a complete list of activities, click [here](#).

**MassEquality will be spending the week working to pass the Transgender Equal Rights Bill — and you can help!**

Join us for a phone banking session in support of the bill. We hold them every Tuesday and Thursday night at our office from 6 to 9pm. During phone banks, we talk to constituents and transfer supporters of the bill directly to their lawmakers' voicemail boxes so they can leave messages in support of the bill. Call Justin at [617.878.2344](tel:617.878.2344) to sign up or send him an [email](#)!

Meanwhile, please take a moment to contact [your state rep and state senator](#) to let them know of your support for the bill. They can't hear from us too often — opponents of the bill have been swamping the inboxes of lawmakers.

And send a letter to the editor of your hometown paper expressing support for the bill. Lawmakers need to know that the public



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**In case you missed it**

On National Coming Out Day, lawmakers came out in

supports this bill!

Sincerely,



**Kara S. Suffredini, Esq.**

*Executive Director*



support of the Transgender Equal Rights Bill. [Click here](#) for photos of the event! And [click here](#) for video news coverage!

The Boston Phoenix [urged lawmakers](#) to pass the bill.

Thanks to excellent work by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, KISS 108 is running a public service announcement in favor of the bill. You can listen to the [PSA here](#) and read an account of how it came to be on the GLAAD blog [here](#).

A transgender woman [writes about courage](#)—and the kind it will take to pass the bill.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Through Nov. 21 on Wed. and Thurs. at 7:30pm, Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 4 and 8pm, Sun. at 3pm, and Tues. Nov. 15 at 7:30pm. **The Divine Sister, an inspired homage to every Hollywood film made about nuns.** Presented by MassEquality corporate sponsor SpeakEasy Stage Company, 539 Tremont St., Boston. [Tickets \\$25-\\$55.](#)

Fri., Nov. 11 from 6:30 to

10pm. The **Hispanic Black Gay Coalition will hold its annual cocktail**

**reception** and honor author James Earl Hardy, activist JHA D. Williams, and a local community group for their contributions to LGBTQ communities of color. At the Holiday Day Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville. [Tickets are \\$30; \\$40 at the door and \\$15 for students.](#)

Wed., Nov. 16 from 6-8:30pm. **The LGBT Aging**

**Project honors MassEquality founding board member David Wilson.** At Microsoft New England Research and Development Center, 1 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. [Tickets are \\$75.](#)

Fri., Nov. 18 from 5-7pm. **Mass Alliance hosts "Progressive Prospects 2012"** with US Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt). At MANTRA, 52 Temple Pl., Boston. [Tickets \\$50; \\$35 for activists and students.](#)

#### **About MassEquality**

*MassEquality works to ensure that every lesbian, gay,*

*bisexual and transgender person in Massachusetts is protected from cradle to grave—with equal rights and opportunities in school, in marriage and family life, at work and in retirement.*

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