


Fall 2021

Greetings from Queer UConn Employees! We hope you got at least some of whatever you needed through the summer – family and friends (or maybe not), alone time, spiritual nourishment, rest, adventure, lottery winnings, workout sessions, etc.

We're writing with updates about programming for the next few months, and about ways you can participate.

NEW! Website	Check it out - we have our own, new Queer UConn Employees website!
NEW! Out @ UConn	Speaking of the new website, we're excited to announce this inaugural effort: Out @ UConn! Taking cues from peers, aspirants, and others (Maryland, USF, Johns Hopkins, UMass, Duke, Emory, Northwestern, and IUPUI to name a bunch), we're pumped to break this new ground, bringing greater visibility to the group, to individuals, and hopefully fostering new, supportive work relationships. View the Outlist and AllyList to sign up!
NEW! QUE Socials GroupMe	QUE Socials is an additional, new way we're happy to host for folx to socialize amongst themselves. This is not just limited to QUE-organized events, so if you would like to plan a social gathering outside of the QUE planned events, you are most welcome!
NEW! QUE Gaymers GroupMe	 QUE Gaymers is for gamer folx in the group that would like to connect with other gamers. Switch, Xbox, Playstation, PC, whatever your preference, find a friend and play! The chat will also be used by the leadership team to advertise organized tournaments and party games.
Continuing: Parents Lunch	Are you a parent/guardian of a child who identifies as LGBTQIA+? Are you a queer parent who could help facilitate a group for queer parents? Would you value connecting with other parents/guardians in the 2LGBTQIA+ UConn community? If so, please email Brenda Lowther to learn more.
Continuing: Rainbow Eats	Social gatherings the 1st Friday of every month, noon - 1:00 p.m., via s.uconn.edu/rainboweats. (These are staying virtual for now, pesky pandemic!). Reason #1 to <i>actually take</i> your lunch: Talk to people about something other than work! Join fellow queer UConn employees for fun conversation and comradery. No agendas, no topics to follow, totally free-form. Your brain will thank you.
Special! Virtual Trivia Nights	Prize for the winner each time! These events happen quarterly (roughly), so stay tuned to the UConn Daily Digest/UCH Lifeline, and to your email for QUE Listerv messages and the weekly Rainbow Center CommunitE!
Special! Leadership Campaign	What's the leadership team like? Well, we don't have elections or officers. We have lots of ideas, and while we welcome yours, we need folx who are also do-ers. We all have different strengths, and we try to play to those as we set about our work. We meet every-other week for an hour on a regular schedule, date/time based on when we're all generally available. We understand things come up, so we expect ourselves to make $\frac{3}{4}$ of the meetings we have (roughly 20 out of 26 in a year). These meetings are for reviewing past efforts, determining next efforts, and sometimes doing collaborative work. Each of us put in time and effort beyond our regular meetings. How much that amounts to depends on what you choose to take on. The rest is highly flexible! So long as you take on some work, how much you take on is up to you! Email any of us if you're interested or have questions!