

Trade your closet for the club!

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Inside:
10 Steps for
Starting a
GSA

Exclusive Sneak Peek!

"Being part of a GSA allows me to make friends who are like me and makes me feel supported."

Fill Out Our
GSA Checklist:

☐ Register your GSA

☐ Apply to Youth
Freedom Fund

☐ Study Star Freedom
School Curriculum

☐ And so much more!

Take our quiz to discover your inner organizer!

Mahmoud v. Taylor:
Supreme Court ruled
that the private
religious beliefs of
parents can be used to
restrict what young
people are allowed to
learn.

U.S. v. Skrmetti:
Supreme Court ruled
to uphold Tennessee's
ban on some gender
affirming care for
trans youth.

Texas Senate Bill 12
banned GSA clubs,
diversity, equity, and
inclusion practices, and
discussions on gender
identity and sexual
orientation.

State of the
movement



We have been
preparing for
this fight.
We are:

rooted

growing

connected



determined
to blossom

adapting

Join the Fight!

Start a GSA

1. Follow School Guidelines to Start a Club. Is school not a safe space? Start a community GSA instead!

2. Find an Advisor. Someone supportive you can trust. Bring in a co-advisor if needed!

3. Inform Administration of Plan

4. Inform and Invite School Counselors

5. Pick a Meeting Place. Decorate your meeting space so it is inviting!

6. Get the Word Out! Advertise your club with all the important details!

7. Hold your First Meeting. Start with introductions and the purpose of the space.

8. Establish Ground Rules. Make sure everyone is on the same page.

9. Plan for the Future. Develop an action plan.

10. Register your GSA!

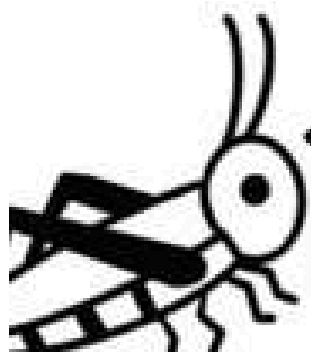
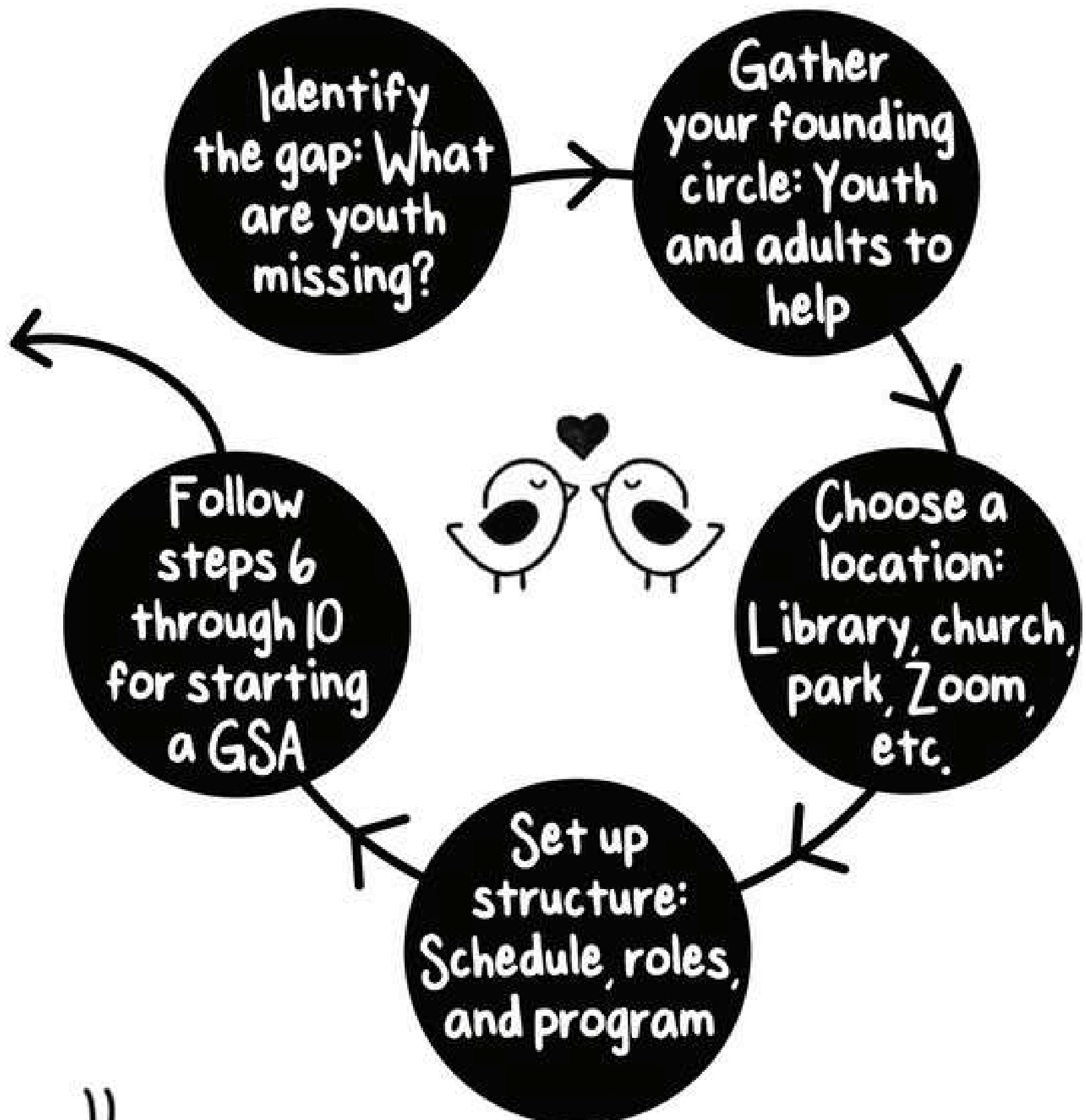
gsanetwork.org/gsa-registration




community GSAs



When clubs are closed, we adapt to survive.



Chirp Alert! Create a petition or start a campaign on our GSAsUnite Platform! Visit unite.gsanetwork.org



With a commitment to racial
and gender justice, GSAs have
the power to create change.

The Power of GSAs

Lead
Issue-Based
Campaigns

Participate in
Days of Action

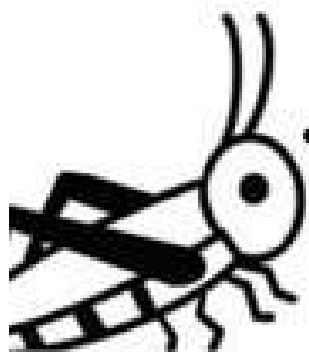
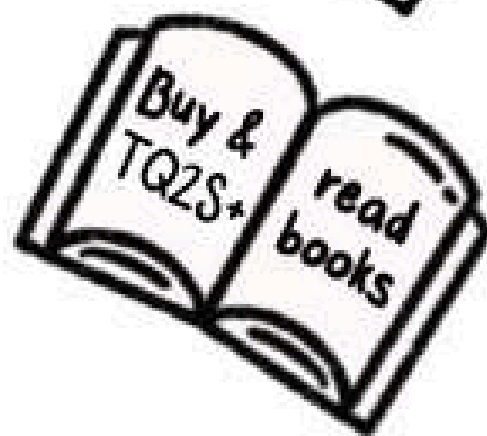
Start Petitions

Join Youth
General
Assemblies

Use Youth Freedom Fund to Plan Events

Youth Freedom Fund

Your GSA is making a real difference, creating a safe and supportive space for trans and queer youth at your school. We see the impact you're having, and we want to help you keep it going strong. That's why we're excited to continue our Youth Freedom Fund! This fund is here to give GSAs like yours the resources needed to make great things happen. Whether you're planning an event, starting a project, organizing a campaign, or keeping your club going, we're here to support.



Chirp Alert! Apply for the Youth Freedom Fund at bit.ly/GSAfreedomfund



STAR Freedom School is a youth-rooted political education space centered in community organizing and ancestral memory.



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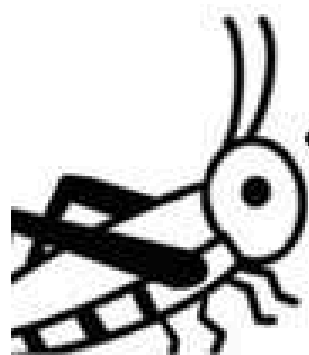
The STAR School Curriculum is a tool for TQ2S+ youth to build power, protect each other, and take action. Grounded in organizing tradition and shaped by lived experience, it offers flexible, youth-centered modules on protest safety, movement history, and collective care.

Global
Solidarity

Protest and
Community
Safety
Toolkit

Community
Care and
Wellness

As Octavia Butler said, "Learn and run." — this curriculum helps young people study what they need to know, then move with purpose toward freedom.



Chirp Alert! Follow SFS on Instagram
@StarFreedomSchool for updates

gsa checklist

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☐ identify a trusted adult or ally

☐ start/register your gsa club

☐ download our gsa guidebook

☐ bring a friend to the first meeting

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☐ study SFS curriculum with club

☐ apply to the Youth Freedom Fund

☐ check out gsa Network's Trans and
Queer Wellness Resources

☐ download gsa Network's calendar
of events

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Trans and Queer Wellness Resources

The health and wellbeing of trans and queer youth is central to what we do every day in the GSA movement. Taking care of ourselves and those around us is integral to a thriving movement and our own personal wellbeing.

Readings

Film

Fun and
Relaxing
Activities

Music

Art

Reflection

Self
Care

Guided
Meditations

Zines

From a single thriving flower grows a community garden

GSANetwork.org/resources/youth-wellness

What kind of organizer are you?

1. My favorite subject in school is:

A. I can't decide- I love to learn!

B. English- Stories captivate me!

C. History- It's fascinating to learn about movements!

D. None- I'd rather focus on clubs!



2. After school, you can find me:

A. Leading a club

B. Reading, writing, or doing some type of art

C. Planning or organizing my academic or social life

D. Hanging out with friends



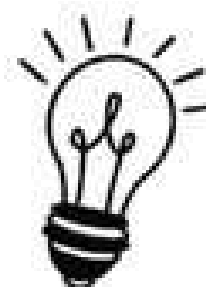
3. I think I can help my GSA:

A. Engage in Star Freedom School curriculum

B. Capture the stories of our youth

C. Use the GSAs Unite platform to start a petition

D. Become a safe space for all youth



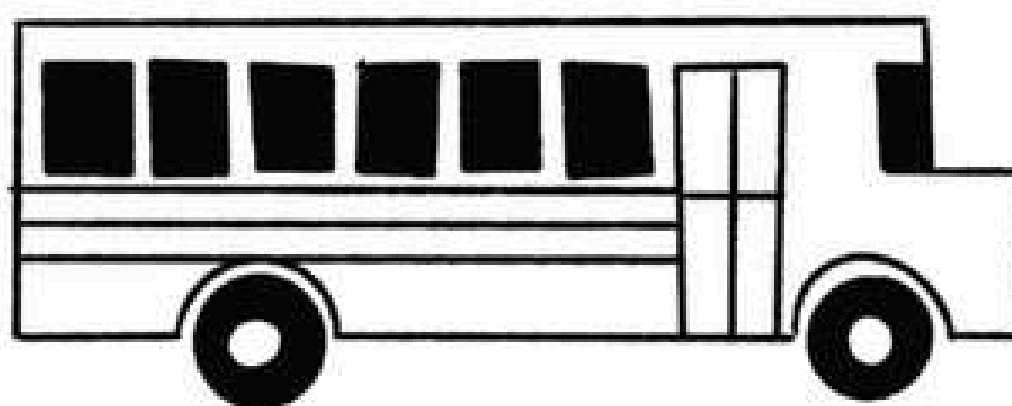
4. I think I am a good:

A. Communicator

B. Visionary

C. Leader

D. Friend



5. When my club applies to the Youth Freedom Fund, I hope to use the money for:



- A. A speaker to come talk to my club or school
- B. Zine or art supplies
- C. Resources to advertise our community campaigns
- D. Club merch to make our club more enticing

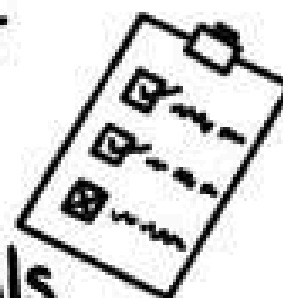
6. My first response to injustice is:

- A. To teach people about what is happening
- B. To share stories about the people being impacted
- C. To organize a call to action
- D. To check in on my people



7. When I work towards devising freedom, I focus on:

- A. Star Gayzing: Building a better future
- B. Truthtelling: Sharing people's experiences
- C. Homecoming: Bringing people together
- D. Spirit Sustaining: Uplifting people's spirit



8. My ideal GSA meeting includes:

- A. An engaged discussion of reading materials
- B. Sharing personal experiences and advice
- C. Planning an action
- D. A joyful club activity like a craft or movie

9. Out of all Star Freedom School curricula, I'm most excited to study:

- A. All units!
- B. Solidarity and Sovereignty
- C. Advocacy and Protest
- D. Care and Wellness



10. After I register my GSA, I'm most excited to:

- A. Receive more SFS curricula
- B. Use Youth Freedom Funds
- C. Engage in days of action
- D. Connect with a national network



Mostly A's

The Educator: You are ready to open people to new possibilities! Armed with a breadth of knowledge and a backpack of resources, you are here to make sure folks skill up and learn how to embrace change. Whether it's educating people about how to use pronouns or informing your peers on their rights, people look to you for guidance and information.

Mostly B's

The Storyteller: You are here to change hearts and minds through a media lens! Whether it's creating art for a campaign or collecting stories to showcase youth voices, you are someone who brings stories to life. Use your multimedia skills to uplift the experiences of trans and queer youth in your community and demand change!

Mostly C's

The Campaigner: You are focused on making change and you will do whatever it takes to accomplish your goal! As a leader, you can't sit back and wait for a call; you are the one who picks up the phone and rings first. Whether it's creating a petition, starting a protest, or organizing an event, you are someone who takes action and others follow!

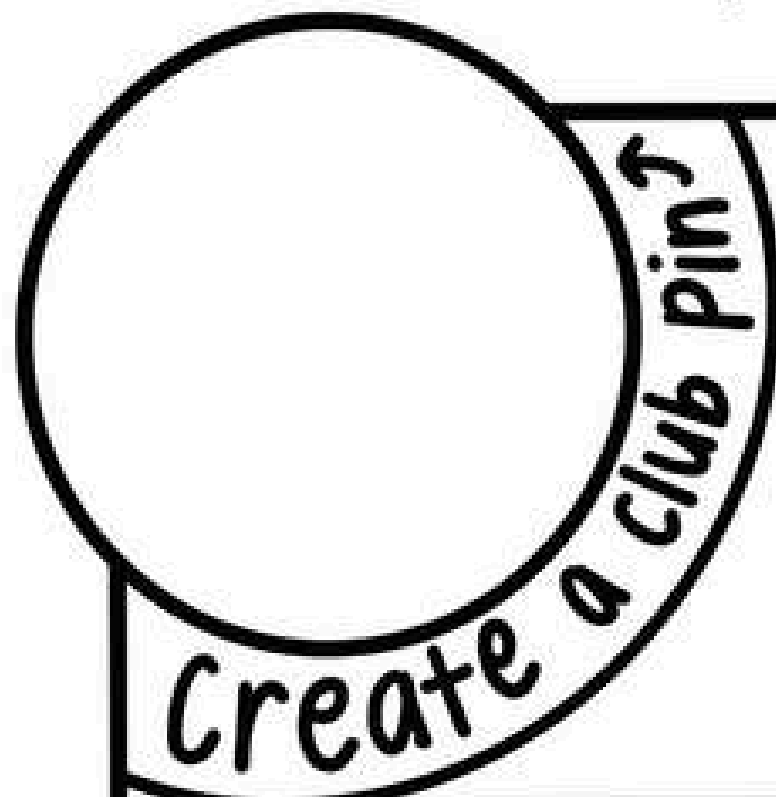
Mostly D's

The Community Builder: You are determined to make spaces feel safe, inclusive, and inviting to all! When people see you, they feel comfortable and at home. Whether it's making sure that current club members feel heard or inviting new members to participate, you are the person that brings people together for better.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

—Desmond Tutu

What will your GSA accomplish this year?



This year, my club wants to focus on...

*TQ2S+ liberation looks like...

*Trans, queer, and Two Spirit



View links to GSA registration, Star Freedom School curricula, Youth Freedom Fund, and more!