

AIA Austin LGBTQIA+ Alliance | gAylA

Meeting time: Tuesday, November 18 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting location: [Google meet](#)

Chair: Sarah Biesterveld

Chair Elect: John Stenzel

Staff Liaison: Rob Hoffman

Mission: *Our mission is to preserve and celebrate queer space while supporting LGBTQIA+ designers in Austin and beyond. We aim to create a safe environment for conversation, build community, and foster diversity and inclusion within our profession and organization.*

Welcome: Sarah and John

- Sponsors: Chioco Design and Michael Hsu

Upcoming events

EOY Celebration - November 20



- Where: Neon Grotto
- Trans day of remembrance 🏳️‍🌈
- Free admission with a **suggested donation of a non-perishable food item**. We will be bringing the donations to a local community pantry or food bank - TBD open to suggestions
 - [Vivent food pantry](#)
- Run of Show
- Last minute things?

SB8 - TX Alliance Round table - November TBD

- Update on LGBTQ quality of life commission meeting - Monday 10/16 at 6:30 PM
 - Information and agenda posted [here](#)
- Check in with San Antonio alliance
- Next steps?

2026

2026 Sponsorship update

2026 Program discussion

- Pitch any program you would like to see next year to our incoming chair John!
- Wellness Event (Jan)
- Queer Austin Bike Tour 3.0 (March)

Misc.

Community Zine - call for printing and distributing!

- Meet up to get pink paper from Sarah - Cenote 8-9am, what day?

Other opportunities:

- [🔥 Burn It Down Ball 🔥](#) Benefiting OutYouth & RAICES
 - November 15, 5pm. \$10
- [City of Austin - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission](#) meeting
 - November 16th at 6:30p. Austin City Hall, Board & Commission Room 1101
- [NOMA Central Texas Holiday Party](#)
 - December 6, 6:30-10pm
- [AIA Austin Emerging Professionals Committee Design Shine Opening](#)
 - December 9, 5-9pm
- [AIA Austin Holiday Party](#)
 - December 10, 6-9pm
- [AIA Calendar](#) for all other AIA events :)
- Austin Design Hub calendar by Michael Moran - <https://austinux.org/>

Giving:

- [Vivant health clothing swap donations](#) needed!
 - November 11-26
- [The Queer and Trans Community Closet donations](#) - Out Youth and the Transgender Wellness Program
 - They are collecting: bus passes, groceries, hygiene items, art supplies, select gender-affirming items, etc