

**Vibrant Kin** is an intergenerational, collaborative history exhibit of 50 years of LGBTQ activism in Cincinnati (1967-2017). To create this exhibit, we are collecting organizational histories and personal stories through March 17, 2017. You can submit your story or any questions you might have to [vibrantkin@gmail.com](mailto:vibrantkin@gmail.com) or learn more at [www.vibrantkin.org](http://www.vibrantkin.org).

**Tips on writing an organizational history:** this sheet of questions is designed to help you tell your organization's story if you're not sure how to start. You can include as little or as much detail as you know – anything helps! If your organization already has a written or documented history, you could also share that with [vibrantkin@gmail.com](mailto:vibrantkin@gmail.com).

**Permission:** Be sure to include the [Information Sheet](#) when you submit your story.

**Start at the beginning:** When was your organization founded? Why then? Was there an event or cause or issue that sparked the organization? Who was involved in founding it? What did they do to create the organization? Why was the organization founded? What was its purpose at the time of founding? Where was the organization founded? Were there any places that were significant to the early days of the organization? Did it have a home or location?

**Chronology:** What has your organization done since its founding? What major challenges has it faced? What successes has it had? How has it changed? Who has been significant to your organization? Who were the significant people to the organization? Significant places? Significant events?

**Today:** What does the organization do today? What is its purpose or mission? What major challenges does it face? What does it do well or what has it accomplished recently? Who are the significant people, places, or events to your organization now? Do any events from the organization stand out as you look at the chronology? Anything else that is important or that you want to add?

**Sources:** How do you know all of this? Is it from your own memory? Someone else's memory or several people who know your organization? Records you have kept? If so, what kinds? Books? Websites? Has someone else written or told this history before?