

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Peace Corps Alumni

*Promoting Peace Corps and the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual,
and transgender people around the world.*

Who are we?

We're an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and others who are former Peace Corps Volunteers, current Volunteers, former and current staff members and friends. Founded in Washington D.C. in 1991 we are a network of several hundred people throughout the country and around the world who have served in the Peace Corps since its beginning in 1961. We are an affiliate of the National Peace Corps Association.

What do we do?

Perhaps our most important function is to provide support and resources for people from the LGBT community who are Peace Corps applicants, nominees, trainees and Volunteers, or those just interested in Peace Corps. You can learn more about what we do on our website www.lgbrpcv.org

Over the years we have advocated policy changes within Peace Corps that have positively affected LGBT members of the Peace Corps family. With the help of many straight and LGBT allies within Peace Corps we have helped accomplish many things. These include: the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Peace Corps' non-discrimination statement in the mid 1990s, the inclusion of the experiences of LGBT Peace Corps Volunteers in recruiting materials, the acceptance of healthy HIV positive applicants and Volunteers, the acceptance of transgender applicants and Volunteers, increased training for overseas staff about the challenges facing LGBT Volunteers, and most recently the acceptance of same sex couples serving together as Volunteers.

How do you find a mentor and learn about specific countries?

A person can find a mentor by accessing the [Find a Mentor link](#) on our home page and following the instructions. Through the use of our listserv, which has many hundreds of participants, an applicant or others can ask questions about serving in various countries and regions around the world. Our listserv also has an archival function that allows a person to look at posts about LGBT issues and concerns from countries where Peace Corps has served.

Articles on our website are [organized by countries](#) where Peace Corps Volunteers have served and shared their experiences with us, among a variety of other topics.

How do we work with Peace Corps?

For many years we have supported and provided information to Peace Corps at LGBT related recruiting and information events. We have dealt directly with Peace Corps management and staff about policy change that has positively affected LGBT Volunteers.

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