

## How We Got Organized and How You Can Join

On March 22, 2021 the Lewisboro Town Board, guided by South Salem resident Rachel Simon, adopted a [Resolution](#)(link is external) declaring June LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Town of Lewisboro. By centering Queer and Trans voices in our local community we are shining a light on our inclusive values of advocacy, equity, and celebration of identity while sending a clear message, especially to our youth, that you belong, you matter, we see you, we support you, you are not alone, and it gets better. Queer and Trans community members come from all races, classes, cultures, religions, ethnicities, and live in every community around the globe. We benefit from a concerted effort to center their voices as we continue to move toward our nation's ideal of liberty and justice for all.

The Town of Lewisboro would like to thank and acknowledge Rachel Simon (she/her or they/them), who enthusiastically stepped up to lead this effort. Without a voice to center, very little work can get done, so we are grateful to have a voice of such knowledge, grace and experience to center here at home. Rachel, a queer educator with 20 years of experience in higher education, serves on the Westchester County LGBTQ Advisory Board, runs the LGBTQA Center at Pace University Pleasantville, and is the Vice President of the Board of PrideWorks for Youth - a nonprofit that hosts an annual educational conference for LGBTQA middle and high school students in the Hudson Valley.

To join us please email [jcrimmins@lewisborogov.com](mailto:jcrimmins@lewisborogov.com)(link sends e-mail) with your name, pronouns, preferred contact information, and an answer to these two questions: 1) Why are you interested in joining this Taskforce? 2) What is your connection to the Queer/Trans community?