

Intergroup Collaboration

Collaborating with other student organizations boosts the visibility, creativity, membership, and impact of everyone involved! More organizers = bigger turnout. Collaboration doesn't just happen—like any event, collaboration requires deliberate work and commitment.

How to begin intergroup collaboration:

- Promote other student organizations' events and encourage your group's members to attend.** Get on all other organizations' email lists and event calendars and *show up*. Supporting others helps build trust and understanding between groups. As your organization better knows and believes in the interests of others, opportunities to collaborate will become clear.
- Coordinate event scheduling with other organizations.** Avoid schedule conflicts and consider hosting complimentary events. If an organization is hosting an afternoon picnic on a lawn, a complimentary event could be an evening movie night at the same location and then advertising the events together.
- Find common ground and issues.** Are the bathrooms in your campus' academic buildings all binary-gendered? Consider what other groups are concerned about bathroom accessibility and form a coalition to address the problem and provide a comprehensive solution. In this example, you may consider working with disability justice groups, sexual violence survivor advocates, and religious groups that require foot baths.
- Exchange knowledge and stories.** Whenever organizations meet, talk, and share experiences, important knowledge and narratives are created. Offer to trade this knowledge with other groups! Present to another group one week and invite them to present to yours the next week.
- Create activities based on common ground.** Is there a film or video series that speaks to issues, experiences, or identities shared by groups? Great! Invite everyone over for a movie night! Check out the Queer Campus Coalition "Movie Night" resource for tips about how to make the event a roaring success.