



Frequently Asked Questions

What is SAGE Table?

SAGE Table is a special, one-day event that asks you to share a meal with LGBT people and allies of different generations. Simply sitting down to a table together gives us all a chance to have conversations that many of us have never had before. As we build connections amongst LGBT people of all ages, we strengthen our community ties, learn more about how we can care for each other, and forge new traditions.

SAGE Table was created with strong support from AARP. We believe that thriving together means learning how to tap into all of the diverse ways that our communities care for each other. Join us in creating community ties on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Why should I participate?

On a typical day, very few of us in the LGBT community cross paths in a meaningful way with LGBT people from other generations. So many of us don't have children to care for us as we age, or families that support us fully. Too many of us will go through different stages of our lives without some measure of support that only someone of another generation could provide. What unique experiences do you have— and talents that someone else needs— that you will bring to the table?

SAGE and AARP want to cut across the age boundaries of our day-to-day lives in a positive and profound way. Simply sharing a meal together gives us a chance to have conversations that many of us have never had before. As we build connections amongst LGBT people of all ages, we strengthen our community ties and forge new traditions. By agreeing to participate in a SAGE Table conversation, you've already taken an important step to be part of this movement.



How do I participate?

Check out www.sagetable.org to sign up to host a table. Event management tools will be available to hosts in the new year—check back soon!

Can I sign up to be a guest but not a host? What if I don't know any older/younger people?

For now, our registration system supports SAGE Table hosts only. If you're interested in attending a public SAGE Table event, please sign up for email updates below to be notified as they become available.

Where is it happening?

Wherever you want to meet up and eat, your table becomes a SAGE Table. You can meet up at home, make a reservation at a neighborhood restaurant, organize a potluck at your place of worship, order a foot-long at the office with coworkers, or share pizza slices at a community organization.

No matter where you meet SAGE will be helping out to make sure that you are at a table with folks of all ages, and that you have the tools you need to make the most out of this opportunity.

Are allies welcome?

Yes! Allies are and always have been an integral part of our community and our extended families. Each host will decide for themselves how many allies they bring to the table, and discussion guides will be available to help inspire you to integrate different perspectives into your gathering.



Can I participate with a group of coworkers?

Absolutely. Most of us spend our workdays with a diverse group of folks that play huge parts in our daily lives. Pulling together for a lunchtime meal & discussion is a great opportunity to sit down and get to know your coworkers in a different light.

Want to go big for SAGE Table? We have additional opportunities for our partners that commit to host 100+ participants. If your organization has an Employee Resource Group or is looking for volunteering opportunities, please consider becoming one of our partners.

Is there a cost to attend?

No. The host will sure that everyone has what they need to make the most of their mealtime conversation; they might choose to meet at a restaurant and go dutch, or have a potluck where everyone brings a dish. But no matter what, this is not a fundraiser—it's a friendraiser.

What will be discussed?

Each host will create an event best suited to their table. If there's a topic that stands out for you and your community, don't hesitate to build a dinner around that. For instance, your host might craft a conversation around what is particular to the LGBT experience at different ages within your profession, or what your apartment building would look like if older and younger LGBT people helped each other out with tasks at home.

How can I get involved?

We will be recruiting hosts from across New York State and the Los Angeles area. If you're interested in registering as a host, check back here soon.

Can I still participate anywhere?

Yes! Much like our LGBT elders, SAGE Table is everywhere—and there are so many ways to get involved with SAGE close to home. If you're interested in bringing SAGE Table to your area, please sign up to host a table on Thursday, May 18, and for our mailing list, to learn more about what's happening near you.



Where can I find more information about SAGE Table?

New and updated information will be posted regularly on the SAGE Table website, www.sagetable.org.

Facebook: SAGE (Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders)
Instagram: @SAGEUSA #sagetable
Flickr: @SAGEUSA #sagetable
Twitter: @SAGEUSA #sagetable

What happens after?

Check back soon for ideas about how you can continue to connect cross-generationally in your community. We're partnering with organizations to make sure that you have plenty of fresh ways to connect.

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Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. Founded in 1978 and headquartered in New York City, SAGE is a national organization that offers supportive services and resources for LGBT older adults and their caregivers, advocates for public policy changes that address the needs of LGBT older people, and provides training for aging providers and LGBT organizations. SAGE works to promote positive images of LGBT life in later years. To learn more, visit us at www.sageusa.org.

What is AARP?

AARP is the go-to address for feeling good about aging. Through its *Life Reimagined* program, AARP is committed to creating experiences that guide people through life transitions, helping them discover new possibilities and connect with a community of people pursuing similar passions and goals.