Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer (LBQ) activists are doing important work. However, we are often forgotten and underfunded by both women’s rights donors and LGBTQI donors.

Below, we* share some of the brilliant visions of freedom that we are creating as well as introduce you to some of the pillars of our work.

* We are a diverse range of more than 100 LBQ activists from around the world. Our ideas and experiences have been gathered through interviews, surveys and in-person meetings in 2016 and 2017. Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and Mama Cash coordinated and supported the analysis presented here.
THE FUTURE

We envision a future where we are self-determined — meaning we have control over our lives and want to be free from oppression, occupation, colonisation, and apartheid. We want communities where violence, racism, torture, homophobia, transphobia and misogyny are replaced by peace and equality.

We envision a future where we have bodily autonomy and safety — that means having full control over our bodies and the makeup of our families. We envision a sex positive future where sexual and reproductive choice and freedom is available to all.

We envision a safe future where we don’t have to live in fear of being ostracised. We envision a future where LBQ women and LBQ gender non-conforming peoples have access to the money they need to live.

We envision a future where we have the power to build healthy and well-balanced relationships with our families, our communities and our work. We envision a future where we live in close connection with the Earth, to nature and to our surrounding communities.

IS BRIGHT

We, the lesbian, bi-sexual and queer (LBQ) global activists are committed to building intersectional movements. We organise collectively and build strategies with activists across regions. We’re great at facilitating dialogue and collaborating with other movements. This type of strategic thinking is what helps us achieve our movement goals.

The term intersectionality describes the overlapping social identities that we all embody, such as race, class,(dis)ability, sexuality and gender. By committing to an intersectional movement, we’re dedicated to fighting against the intersecting layers of oppression our constituents face.

We also find smart ways to increase the visibility of other LBQ women and LBQ gender non-conforming (GNC) people and support them and their focused efforts to build power from the ground up.

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Education
Leadership training and skills building
LBQ-inclusive advocacy and education
Youth engagement, youth leadership and skills building
Popular education with LBQ women and LBQ GNC peoples and communities

PRIORITIES

Safety & Wellness
Violence and harassment.
Mental health support services.
Building community spaces to organise and socialise.
Security of women, GNC peoples, and LGBTQI activists.
Addressing state-sanctioned violence against activists.

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4 — HOW WE’LL DO IT

Advocacy
- Advocacy campaigns, know your rights trainings, documentation of violence, etc.

Popular Education
- Community schools, educational & LBTQI inclusive materials, dialogues in community and schools, etc.

Cross-Movement Collaboration
- Building South-South partnerships, etc.

Skills & Knowledge Building
- Organizational strategies, security trainings, research, etc.

Strategic Communications
- Media literacy trainings, publications, etc.

Philanthropic Advocacy
- Donor engagement, donor education.

Cultural Production
- Art workshops, campaigns, and exhibits with LBQ women and LBQ GNC people.

Language Justice
- Translation of materials, meetings in local languages, etc.

5 — WHAT WE’LL NEED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Money
- Donor education on LBQ movements.

Community building & collaboration
- Cross-Movement collaboration, building South-South partnerships, etc.

Skills and Knowledge building
- "Know your rights" trainings, sessions to build perspectives around power, human rights and social change.

Work with us to build a better world