

Seeking Storytellers for Queer Survival Night @ Awakenings

[Outspoken](#), an LGBTQIA+ storytelling show, is excited to team up with Awakenings to host a series of quarterly shows that center survivorship & healing in the queer community through storytelling. Your Outspoken hosts will be Elizabeth Gomez and Archy Jamjun. They're looking for folks from Awakenings to share their stories with an audience!

Basics:

- June 25, 2024 at 7 pm at the Awakenings studio space
- Full show will last about 90 minutes - with each teller having 8ish minutes to tell their specific story
- Archy and Elizabeth will help you shape and edit your story
- There will be a dedicated advocate/safe person available the night of the show if you need support
- **Deadline to submit: June 1, 2024**

What is storytelling?

Storytelling is exactly what it sounds like - telling a story! In this context, a performer will tell a story in their own voice about a personal experience they've had. Often these stories focus on one incident or moment in a person's life that shifted something inside them, but sometimes, it's much simpler and light hearted! It's your story! Tell it how you see fit.

What makes a "good" story?

Every story will need a beginning, middle, and an end. There should also have a natural arc, characters, a clear voice (that's you) or point of view, and structure. That may sound complicated but it's not! You tell stories all the time! The only difference is that you will be shaping that story for an audience to fit within an 8 minute-ish timeline.

Some very popular "storytelling" shows are [The Moth](#) and [Spooked](#). Take a listen to get the idea!

How do I know my story is good?

It really doesn't matter if it's "good." The purpose of storytelling in the context of what performers do on this night is to tell YOUR truth from YOUR unique point of view. Outspoken firmly believes that everyone has a story and a voice.

I'm interested and want to submit!

If you're interested in submitting your story or want to perform, you can email Elizabeth & Archy at elizlgomez@gmail.com and ArchyJam@gmail.com. They will review the stories and select which ones will work best for the show. They may email you with some follow up questions or suggested edits. If you need a little coaching, they'll help you with that, too!

PLEASE NOTE: You don't need a fully written story, you can pitch a synopsis, too. Don't stress over this.

What if you don't select my story?

No worries! It's never personal. Outspoken books based on the theme of the show and how the stories will flow from teller to teller. The hope is the Outspoken and Awakenings will have such a successful event that this could become more of a recurring event and you can perform at the next! Elizabeth and Archy are also happy to suggest other shows you can participate in, including Outspoken at its other locations!

I'm scared.

That's understandable, but imagine it as if you were telling a story in front of friends at lunch or a party. This is all about providing space and support for you to tell your story. Outspoken and Awakenings are focused on making this a positive experience for anyone who decides to tell.

Where can I see Outspoken?

The first Tuesday of every month at Sidetracks

We also have shows at Awakenings on June 25, Sept 24, Dec 10

If that doesn't work for you, there are several storytelling shows that occur around the city at any time! [This is a great list.](#)

Outspoken is committed to creating a safe space for our diverse community and allies to celebrate our community and create deeper connections.