

THE EX-GAY SURVIVOR CONFERENCE

Undoing the Damage
Affirming our Lives Together

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UC Irvine, California



Many LGBT people have tried to change their sexual orientation and gender presentation. Most of us have rarely spoken of this part of our past, but for a time it shaped a large part of lives and even today may affect the ways we see ourselves, our relationships, and the world around us. These “ex-gay experiences” come in many forms, from dressing and acting in more gender normative ways, to actually attending ex-gay programs or receiving therapy. The reasons we pursued these experiences are myriad. Some of us suffered from unresolved abuse, sexual addiction, low self-esteem or dysfunctional relationships. We sought help in all the wrong places, only compounding our problems.

As people who now embrace our sexual orientation and identity, we have not always had the opportunity to unpack that time when we tried to change who we were. Why did we do it? Why did some of us seek out help from “professionals” and why did some go it alone? What harm did it cause? What good, if any, came of it? How does our ex-gay past affect us today? How does it affect our current relationships with others?

The Ex-Gay Survivor Conference will give us a chance to explore these issues, meet other survivors, and process our stories through art, talk and interactive workshops. It will be an opportunity to find closure to a time in our lives that we often keep shut in the closet we once inhabited. It will also be a chance to share with fellow survivors how we’ve moved beyond our ex-gay experiences to develop into the healthy people we have become and are becoming.

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Workshop leaders and entertainment include:



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Dr. Jallen Rix
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Plus other entertainment, a film forum and workshop leaders. See our full list of events and workshop leaders at www.beyondexgay.com/conference