

Experience '81 — A Resources-Sharing Weekend for Lesbians and Gay Men

Pre-register today!

Name _____ Organization? _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Postal Code _____

I will _____ will not _____ require billeting. (Please contact us if you would prefer hotel accommodation)

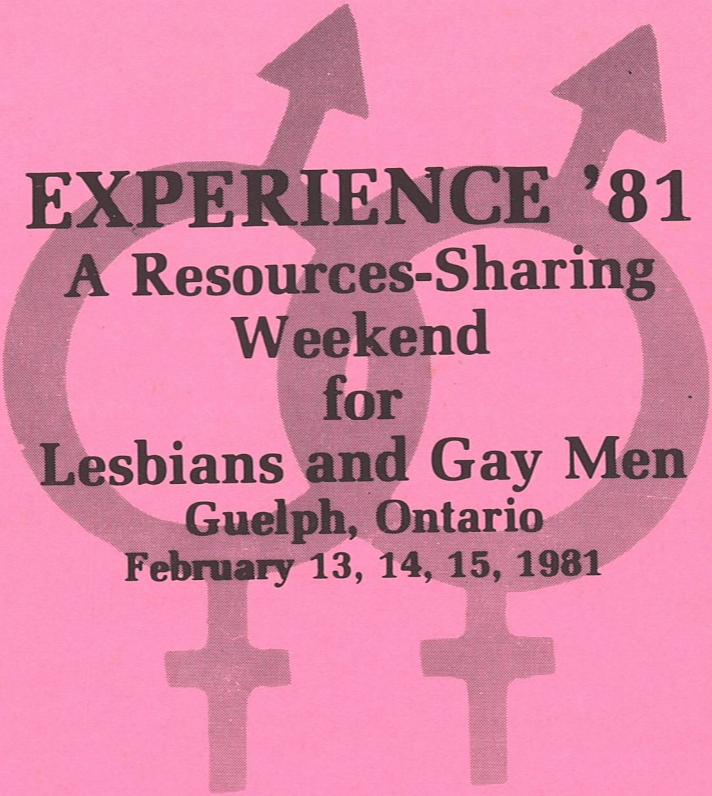
Any allergies, food preferences? _____

If you are arriving by air, rail or bus, let us know — we'll meet you.

Registration before Jan. 16 — only \$15.00. After Jan. 16 — \$20.00.

Enclosed is \$ _____ Make cheques payable to "G.G.E. — Experience '81"
Mail to: Guelph Gay Equality, Box 773, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6L8

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"Operation Outreach", the grass roots organizing programme initiated by the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario and mobilized by Robin Hardy last summer, was both a success and a learning experience for CGRO. Robin quickly realized that individuals who are attempting to cultivate gay consciousness and community in isolated areas of the province face a real struggle. One of the most fundamental needs of these activists is "how to" information — how to start an organization, how to raise funds, how to get in touch with an invisible constituency.

Gay liberation groups in southern Ontario are gradually developing a complete range of human services, specializing in all facets of community development, from peer counselling to politics, child welfare to gay business. Many organizations have a background of nearly a decade of service.

We must now begin a longterm effort to spread our collective experience to those of us who live in places where the effort to survive as a gay person makes it that much harder to "start from scratch".

The Guelph Resources-Sharing Weekend will provide the first step in this ongoing information exchange programme. The organizers see three main goals:

1. To permit an open discussion of approaches to organizing, educating and developing community among gay people.
2. To encourage participants to contribute their knowledge to a common resource pool which will be used to prepare information packages on a wide variety of subjects, available to anyone interested in starting a project to benefit the gay community.
3. To make the weekend a memorable one — good times, new friendships, open communication for participants from across the province.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Whether you are a novice or an old hand in the movement, we need your participation to make it work. We have listed three possible subject areas — please check off your interest areas whether you merely want to learn or if you have some experience to lend us. A note on structure — we plan to be informal, but with some direction. So think up some demonstrations or exciting theatrics to spur the discussion! We'll contact you for more details once we hear from you.

TELL US HOW TO DO IT! If you or your organization have experience in any of the areas listed, or in areas not listed, type up a 1-page factsheet and describe how you handle it! For example:

Phone counselling. How long in operation? Training program — give details. Social service agency liaison? How do you handle staffing? Rules? Funding? Do you use a tape machine? What Make? How many calls per week? etc. **Type it in point form if possible.** Send this in with your registration so that we can make copies.

Indicate your interest areas

AREA I — Effective Organizing

- | | I'm interested | I have experience |
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| a. Structures and Power | _____ | _____ |
| b. Educational Outreach | _____ | _____ |
| c. Drop-in Centres | _____ | _____ |
| d. Social Clubs | _____ | _____ |
| e. Fundraising | _____ | _____ |
| f. Libraries, Information, Newsletters | _____ | _____ |
| g. Other _____ | _____ | _____ |

AREA II — Social Services

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| a. Peer Counselling Services | _____ | _____ |
| b. Training | _____ | _____ |
| c. Liaison with social service agencies | _____ | _____ |
| d. Fundraising | _____ | _____ |
| e. Advertising | _____ | _____ |
| f. Other _____ | _____ | _____ |

AREA III — Community Development

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| a. Organizing Youth & Older Gays | _____ | _____ |
| b. Gay Parenting | _____ | _____ |
| c. Gay Economic Unions (collective business) | _____ | _____ |
| d. Media and Theatre | _____ | _____ |
| e. Women and men in the community | _____ | _____ |
| f. Getting involved in other issues (i.e. non-gay issues) | _____ | _____ |
| g. Other _____ | _____ | _____ |

NON WORKSHOPS

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PRE-REGISTER TODAY! Let us know if you're coming **before Friday, Jan. 16.** Send \$15.00 today to Guelph Gay Equality, Box 773, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6L8, tel. (519) 836-4550 or (519) 823-1801. **Registration after Jan. 16 will be \$20.00** — so mail in your pre-registration today!