Our People

interACT leadership provides intersex training to Human Rights Campaign staff.

Youth member Erin Vlahović brings intersex advocacy to Croatia.

Staff and allies celebrate the passing of SCR-110, the first resolution in the U.S. affirming intersex bodily autonomy.

Youth members at Creating Change, a conference for LGBTQIA+ leaders.

interACT uses innovative advocacy strategies to protect the rights of intersex youth. We advocate for the bodily autonomy and protection of intersex youth by raising awareness in the media, changing laws and policies, and empowering the next generation of intersex advocates.

Are you a member of an LGBTQIA+, human rights, children’s rights, or health organization?
We'd love to collaborate.

Are you interested in hosting an intersex speaker at your school, organization, or medical facility?
Our staff and youth advocates can make that happen.

Are you intersex or a parent of an intersex person?
Contact us for more information. If you’re intersex and in your teens or twenties, we have groups exclusively led by and for intersex youth.

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Parents Eric and Stephani Lohman on NBC discussing how they pushed back against cosmetic clitoral surgery doctors wanted for their daughter.
interACT uses innovative legal strategies to protect the rights of children with diverse sex characteristics. Our award-winning legal team allies with top LGBTQIA+ and human rights organizations to advance intersex rights nationally and globally.

interACT writes and advocates policy protecting intersex youth, like California’s SCR-110: the groundbreaking 2018 resolution co-authored by Senator Scott Wiener and Equality California is the first United States legislation to name the harms of non-consensual medically unnecessary intersex surgeries as human rights abuses.

We get materials directly into the hands of medical influencers. interACT and Lambda Legal released Providing Ethical and Compassionate Health Care to Intersex Patients, a first-of-its-kind intersex-affirming hospital policy guide to sensitive, non-discriminatory care informed by intersex people and their medical allies.

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interACT also fights to support our LGBTQIA+-peers
• We fought state-level bills that discriminated against trans and intersex people.
• We supported Gavin Grimm’s case for trans students’ bathroom access with an amicus brief to the Supreme Court.
• We spoke out against the HHS memo announcing discontinuation of gender marker changes which intersex and trans people that have been wrongfully assigned to a gender due to false perceptions of science cannot access passports, state IDs, and travel, in addition to the various forms of violence already existing against these groups.

We believe that intersex visibility sets necessary groundwork for law and policy changes. That’s why we’re dedicated to the sensitive portrayal of diverse intersex narratives in the media. We ensure young intersex voices in particular are represented.

interACT has coordinated many of modern media’s biggest intersex events:
• We consulted on MTV’s “Faking It”, the first TV show ever to feature a main character with a non-medicalized intersex identity.
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• We worked with National Geographic to ensure intersex representation in Katie Couric’s Gender Revolution documentary and feature.

interACT Youth is for young intersex people who are ready to share their stories and educate their communities, in ways big or small. Our members come from all locations, backgrounds, ability levels, and histories, and have a diverse range of intersex experiences and talents to share with the world. Emotional support is foundational to advocacy, which is why interACT Youth members also have access to Facebook support groups and discussion sessions.

Our work is increasingly international. interACT has collaborated with the United Nations, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and Outright Action International, in addition to numerous global intersex advocacy groups.

Our staff and youth have consulted on intersex musicals, TV and film scripts, graphic novels, and more to show that there is no one intersex experience, and that being intersex is absolutely something to be proud of:

Youth member Koomah speaking out against bathroom bills that discriminate against intersex and transgender people.

interACT Youth members host an advice panel for intersex teens.

iSpace is a peer support Facebook group exclusively by and for intersex youth ages 13-30, with no requirements for involvement in publicity or advocacy work. If a member is new to learning they are intersex, has little experience in the intersex community, or is new to advocacy, interACT recommends exploring iSpace before applying for interACT Youth.

If you are an intersex youth interested in joining either or both groups, please contact us! We’re all excited to meet you.