

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting:

2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



President: Jeanne Williams

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Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

Next Meeting - Sunday, May 19, 2024



Meet Margo Edge and this is her bio: My pronouns are she/her. I grew up in a small farming town in southwest Wisconsin my whole life. I graduated from Edgewood College with a bachelors degree in clinical psychology and received my masters in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am a licensed clinical social worker at the William S Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. My clinical background is in addictions as well as providing psychotherapy for treatment of suicidal ideation with Veterans. I am also the facilities LGBTQ+ Veterans Care Coordinator. The responsibilities of an LGBTQ+ VCC is providing education to staff, improving and expanding services, being an advocate, expanding sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data collection as well as community outreach.

MEETING SUMMARY 4/21/24

Ziggy Odogun inspired us all with her fearless, expressive, articulate and eloquent storytelling as she shared parts of her amazing life story and experiences. Her fierce energy was palpable. She spoke about how to beat the system of oppression when it comes to being a minority and/or part of a marginalized community, being part of the LGBTQ+ community and being part of a family of immigrants. She spoke with strong emotion and compassion that truly evoked a strong sense of understanding. Ziggy's new business, Zinovae, offers her services as a Thought Leader, Innovator, Coach, Activist and Photographer. This brand represents "innovation through self discipline, life long learning and the outpour of light in a world full of darkness." You can find more information at Zinovae.com.

Perfect Harmony Spring Concert

Tickets are available for "Under the Surface: A Musical Deep Dive" May 17 & 19, 2024. For more information: <https://perfectharmonychorus.org>.

Summer Update

As you may know, we have no monthly meetings in June, July, or August and resume them in September. From now through the end of September, we will be tabling at the Dane County Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9:00-11:00AM across from the Park Hotel. If you wish to help, check out SignUpGenius.com (look for

PFLAG Madison Farmer's Market Table) or email jtwilliams8348@gmail.com for assistance. Volunteers have already filled in many of the time slots, thank you! Appreciation also goes to Canteen Taco, 111 S. Hamilton St, for storing our market supplies, stop in and tell them "thanks".

We will also be participating in various Pride Events in June, watch for further information. In addition, see <https://www.outreachmagicfestival.org> about their Magic Pride Festival at Warner Park, Sunday, August 18, 2024.

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May! Queen of blossoms,
And fulfilling flowers,
With what pretty music
Shall we charm the hours?

Lord Edward Thurlow