The StoryCorps App provides start-to-finish tools to help anyone listen to, record, and share StoryCorps stories. StoryCorps cares about your privacy. Click here to see the privacy policy, and know that you have complete control over how and whether to share your story, and whom to share it with.

Ready to Record? Here are some steps to follow:

1. IDENTIFY AN INTERVIEW PARTNER.
The idea for Stonewall OutLoud is to celebrate LGBTQ elders by listening to their story. Consider whether you know someone to interview, perhaps an older friend or family member. An invitation to share a story is an honor, as is the act of receiving the story itself.

2. FIND THE RIGHT TIME AND PLACE.
Find a time where neither of you will be rushed, and a quiet place where you’ll be comfortable, left alone, and able to hear and record with ease.

3. DOWNLOAD THE STORYCORPS APP.
Using your smartphone, explore and play with the app before your interview so you can focus on the conversation and storytelling with your partner. Visit the website for more tips on how to get started, perfect your interview, and have amazing sound quality for your interview.
**PREPARE YOUR QUESTIONS.**

Start with some warm-ups to get you and your partner comfortable and at ease. Ask open-ended questions — the kind that can’t be answered with a simple “yes” or “no.” Follow up with probing questions about details that interest you. If you are interviewing someone you know well, share a specific memory or story you want to hear more about. Use this opportunity to ask the questions you’ve always wanted to ask, think of it as a great conversation, and be yourself. To get you started, here is a list of 10 of StoryCorps founder Dave Isay’s favorite interview questions for Stonewall OutLoud:

1. **TELL ME...**
   a little bit about yourself— when and where were you born?

2. **HOW DID YOU...**
   first begin to realize your sexual or gender identity?

3. **TELL ME...**
   about the first time you came out. Whom did you tell and why?

4. **DO YOU HAVE...**
   memories from your youth when you were treated kindly due to your sexual or gender identity? Cruelly?

5. **HOW...**
   has your life been different than you imagined?

6. **WHO...**
   was your first love? Your first relationship?

7. **HAVE...**
   things changed for the LGBTQ community over the past 50 years? How do you hope life will be different for the LGBTQ community 50 years from now?

8. **WHAT ADVICE...**
   would you give your teenage self?

9. **WHAT...**
   are you most proud of?

10. **HOW...**
    do you want to be remembered?
CONDUCT YOUR INTERVIEW.
Enjoy the time together, and the honor you do to one another to share these stories. Offer your gratitude and appreciation at the end.

ARCHIVE YOUR STORY.
At the end of the interview, the StoryCorps App will ask whether you would like to have your story archived for future generations. The StoryCorps App gives you three options for sharing after you record your interview: “Everyone,” “Archive Users,” and “Only You.” Be sure to check with your partner about privacy and with whom they’d like to share the story. You can always change your privacy settings at any time. Once your level of sharing has been chosen, your story will be archived with over hundreds of thousands of other stories at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

ADD KEYWORDS TO YOUR STORY SO OTHERS CAN FIND IT.
The stories in the App are organized by keywords, which refer to the main themes or topics of a story, and are what others will use to look for your story. Please tag your story “Stonewall OutLoud” in addition to other relevant tags, such as “LGBTQ,” “Pride,” “Coming Out,” “Activism,” or others.

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