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Salt Lake to Host National Gay Men's Health Summit

Citing alarming trends in politics and cultural attitudes, a national group called the National Gay Men's Health Summit 2005 Collective has begun organizing to plan a grassroots event in Salt Lake City. The group, which includes a dozen individuals from all over the United States and Canada, along with over 120 people listed as "endorsers," has formally announced the summit for October 19–23 in Salt Lake City.

Determined to focus on a variety of topics, the group admits, in the first press release, that they have ambitious aims and little money, but will focus on the needs and wants of the community rather than attracting big name sponsors or celebrities.

"We strongly believe it is time to come together with a sense of urgency and collective power," states the first announcement from the collective.

Like previous Utah Gay Men's Health Summits, the National Summit will not focus exclusively on HIV/AIDS, but will address aspects of social, psychological, physical and interpersonal health as well. The group also emphasizes that it is open and welcoming of men in all age groups, all races, all backgrounds ("activists as well as researchers, doctors as well as holistic health practitioners, religious and spiritual leaders as well as sex workers") regardless of the language used to identify themselves (gay, bisexual, queer, transgender, FTM, etc.).

Proposed aspects of the program include varied topics such as yoga, syphilis, leadership development, gender and masculinity, fitness, and the health concerns coming out of circuit parties.

Work on the National Gay Men's Health Summit 2005 has begun and organizers are hoping to attract registrants, supporters and interested people early. The group has launched its website (www.gmhs2005.com) and can be reached at 888-968-7968 or at gmhs2005@utahaids.org. —JK

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