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ACTIVIST CLUBS

Focus on making change happen around issues they see at school
Host peer-education workshops or training for teachers and staff
Work to get LGBTQAI2+ issues represented in the curriculum
Convince administrators why having queer materials in the library is important
Attend school board meetings to give input
Fight to make sure their school district adapts a detailed anti-discrimination policy
Form coalitions with other clubs working on social justice issues

SOCIAL CLUBS

Provide a social outlet for queer students and cis/het allies
Host or attend community events like LGBTQAI2+ Prom or Pride Parade
Attend conferences together
Organize barbecues, movie nights or other activities to engage the school community
May utilize fundraisers like selling candy bars or holding a car wash to cover their expenses

USEFUL LINKS

Provide safety and confidentiality to talk about sexual orientation and gender identity
Bring in outside speakers to cover a particular topic like LGBTQAI2+ history or healthy relationships
Participate in National Day of Silence

GSAs are a great way to build community at your school, gain leadership experience, and lessen the isolation, prejudice, and bullying that LGBTQAI2+ students might otherwise experience.