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A longtime activist on behalf of anyone who wants to learn and be different at the same time, Bear tours and lectures about topics close to his heart, pausing frequently to encourage and admire youth activists. As a young person, Bear was one of the original founders of the first Gay/Straight Alliances and a founding commission member of what is now called the Massachusetts Safe Schools Project. Today, he creates cultural competency and institutional policy around LGBTQ issues for corporations, universities, school systems, health organizations, and state and provincial governments.

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