Michael Nulty papers

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Abstract: The Michael Nulty papers document his work with LGBT youth organizations and his advocacy on behalf of sexual minority youth. The collection contains a wide range of materials, including board materials; brochures, flyers and other ephemera; correspondence; lists of resources; mailing lists; newsletters; news clippings; organizational records; photographs; reports; research notes; and surveys. There is also a small amount of biographical information about Michael Nulty.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research with the following exceptions: materials related to Michael Nulty’s legal battles are restricted until Nulty’s death. Funding for processing this collection was provided by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR).

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Acquisition Information

Biography/Administrative History
Michael Nulty received his high school diploma from the San Francisco Unified School District in 1977 and earned an advance accounting certificate from John Adams Community College in 1978. He has an identical twin brother, John Nulty. As an activist for sexual minority youth, Nulty was involved with nearly all the organizations documented in this collection. He co-founded the Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area; co-founded and co-facilitated the Gays Under 21 Rap Group; was involved with the Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition and the Center for Special Problems; was an organizer of National Gay Youth Network; managed and co-edited Gay Youth Community News; organized Gay Youth Resources; founded and served as operations manager of the Gay Area Youth Switchboard; was an organizer and youth liaison on the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade Committee; an organizer for the California Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Rights; and co-founded the Larkin Street Youth Center. Nulty worked in public relations for over 37 years and was active in local San Francisco politics. In the 1980s, he was contracted to compile resource lists for the Gay Communities Directory, Gay Book, Gay Area Directory, and the Gay Area Private Telephone Directory. In 2014, while serving as the Executive Director of the Alliance for a Better District 6, Michael Nulty ran for Supervisor of that District.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Michael Nulty papers document his work with LGBT youth organizations and his advocacy on behalf of sexual minority youth. Nulty, a community activist, played a leadership role and/or founded numerous organizations and projects. The collection contains materials related to these groups, including the Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area (GYCC); the Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition (SMYSC); the Gay Youth Community Switchboard (GYCS); the Gays Under 21 Rap Group; Gay Youth Community News (GYCN); the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade Committee; and the National Gay Youth Network (NGYN). There are also materials related to many organizations, San Francisco City agencies, conferences and workshops that identified the needs of, advocated for, and provided services to, sexual minority youth. Nulty’s papers include materials related to We Are Here, a guide to resources in Northern California for gay and lesbian youth produced by the GYCC. In addition to compiling resources for youth, Nulty helped assemble directories for the LGBT community more generally. His papers document that work as well. The collection contains a wide range of materials, including board materials; brochures, flyers and other ephemera; correspondence; lists of resources; mailing lists; newsletters; news
clippings; organizational records; photographs; reports; research notes; and surveys. There is also a small amount of biographical information about Michael Nulty and some legal documents. The collection is divided into seven series: Correspondence; Legal Documents; Personalia; Youth Organizations Founded by Michael Nulty; Gay Directories; Subject Files; and Artifacts and Audiotapes.

**Indexing Terms**

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area
Gay youth--California--San Francisco.
Gay youth--Services for --California--San Francisco.
Gay youth--Handbooks, manuals, etc.
Lesbian youth--Services for--California--San Francisco.
Bisexual youth--Services for--California--San Francisco.
Transgender youth--Services for--California--San Francisco.

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