

STONEWALL OutLoud

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. Most of all, 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:

TELL ME...

a little bit about yourself—
when and where were you
born?

HOW DID YOU...

first begin to realize your
sexual or gender identity?

TELL ME...

about the first time you
came out. Whom did you tell
and why?

DO YOU HAVE...

memories from your youth
when you were treated kindly
due to your sexual or gender
identity? Cruelly?

HOW...

has your life been different
than you imagined?

WHO...

was your first love? Your first
relationship?

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?

WHAT ADVICE...

would you give your
teenage self?

WHAT...

are you most proud of?

HOW...

do you want to be
remembered?



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