



## Our History

**The 15 West Teen Coffeehouse began in the spring of 2009, with just a handful of teens and a few adult advisors. We began small, with simple movie and game nights, but always planning and thinking of ways to grow and become more active. Since then, our numbers have grown significantly, and everyone has become a close family. Our activities have expanded to include various community service projects, guest speakers, and attendance at GLBT events. We were fortunate enough to have our funding renewed for 2010, and we plan to continue to grow while still maintaining our welcoming, familial atmosphere!**

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## Testimonials

"I have been going to the Coffee House for about a year now. I can honestly say that I have found no place more insightful than it. I didn't think I would be so involved in a place like the Coffee House. It has impacted



my life so greatly and it will continue to. I have watched my fellow members take a small group of teens that didn't have any aspirations and turn it into a safe and wonderful environment for the LGBTQ and supporting youth. I will never forget the good times I have shared with my family here." -Nikki

"When I first came to the Coffee House I was a little shy, but I felt accepted and comfortable. Being at the Coffee House, I knew that someone cared and was there for me when I needed them. So everyone knows, the Coffee House could be for you too" -Destiny



"When I felt like I didn't have no one else to turn to, I found the answer at the Coffee House. I gave up on myself because I didn't have anyone to express the way I felt. As I continued to go to the LGBT and support group at the Coffee House, I started to open up to everyone. I continue to go to the Coffee House every week I possibly can. And now I am one of the youth leaders of the group! My goal in life is to spread the word that gay people are very important in the world! We stick together, no matter what!" -Lyanne



# The 15 West Teen Coffeehouse



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## About Us

**Are you interested in more cultural, social, and recreational events and activities that are GLBT friendly? Are you interested in building more awareness and understanding of the challenges we face as GLBT teens?**

**This group is for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, two-spirit teens and allies interested in co-creating a fun and safe space. We, the 15 West Teen Coffeehouse and the Main Street Teen Coffeehouse, are looking for a core group of teens interested in creating a vision for a GLBT teen group for the region, and making this vision a reality. We are a safe place for teens where we can have fun and be ourselves. Don't hesitate... if you are curious, show up. If you have questions, contact us. Your interest and participation in this group is confidential, and everyone is welcome.**



## Tutoring

**We have certified tutors that offer tutoring in all academic subjects for teen members.**

**Tutoring sessions are on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30pm at the First Church Unitarian Universalist in Leominster.**

## Addiction Recovery Support

**We have members of a 12 Step Program available to provide information and assistance to teen members who seek help.**

**Please contact us for more information.**



## Meetings

**The 15 West Teen Coffeehouse meets every Monday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the First Church Unitarian Universalist at 15 West Street In Leominster MA.**

**The Main Street Teen Coffeehouse meets every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist in Fitchburg MA.**

