

## What is FORGE?

FORGE is a Milwaukee-based, progressive organization whose mission is to support, educate and advocate for the rights and lives of transgender individuals and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies). FORGE is dedicated to helping move fragmented communities beyond identity politics and forge a movement that embraces and empowers our diverse complexities.

## Is it for me?

FORGE social support meetings are open to ALL people interested in transgender/SOFFA issues. We support and honor the plethora of ways to be trans+ / SOFFA – on their own, or with a trans loved one (or client).

FORGE tries to offer something for everyone. Join us if you are new to gender issues and want a supportive place to explore. If you are well-versed in trans issues, you are invited to share your experiences and help elevate discussion to a more complex, philosophical level.

## Extras!

*Dates will be finalized soon!*

- **Dr. Toby Meltzer** (MTF/FTM SRS and other surgery)
- **Dr. Paul Steinwald** (FTM chest surgery)
- **Dr. Steven Brown** (hormones 101—all vectors)
- **Therapists Panel**

## Where are meetings?

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will take place at the

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center  
315 W. Court Street  
Milwaukee, WI)

## Where can I get more information?

Sign up for email reminders:  
tgwarrior@forge-forward.org

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Milwaukee, WI 53201 | 414-559-2123

[www.forge-forward.org](http://www.forge-forward.org)

6:00 – 7:15 pm

## FTM+/SOFFA Support.

Do you crave connection with fellow FTMs and SOFFAs? This gently facilitated time is especially devoted to exploring the issues *you* bring in – sharing your experiences and stories, asking questions, seeking referrals, gathering resources, connecting with others. All are welcome, but these 75 minutes will give FTM+/SOFFA discussion a priority.

## Center Stage Main Event.

Come one, come all! Beginning at 7:30, each FORGE meeting focuses on one pre-determined topic. Sometimes there will be a panel presentation or a guest speaker, sometimes we'll do small group exercises or watch trans-focused films, and sometimes we, as a group, will generate our own questions and answers.

7:30 – 9:30 pm

<b>January 2, 2010</b>	Film: Kinky Boots
<b>February 6, 2010</b>	Gender outside the box
<b>March 6, 2010</b>	Is that legal? (w/ Laura Sette)
<b>April 3, 2010</b>	Spirituality – Ritual (w/ Wendy Woodruff)
<b>May 1, 2010</b>	Sexing it up (w/ Laura Stuart from Tool Shed)
<b>June 5, 2010</b>	Trans history (w/ Brice Smith) & Trivia game
<b>July 3, 2010</b>	Share-a-thon
<b>August 7, 2010</b>	Love the one you're with
<b>September 4, 2010</b>	Suicide stigma stinks: don't erase your future
<b>October 2, 2010</b>	Come out, come out, wherever you are!
<b>November 6, 2010</b>	The patchwork puzzle: interconnected identities
<b>December 4, 2010</b>	Building families

9:30+ pm

## Social Time.

FORGE encourages you to continue discussion with new and old friends at Baker's Square or at a coffee shop. Please use this time to make and solidify friendships that go beyond FORGE meetings.