



# Tongue to Tongue

Provoking Critical Dialogues Among Queer Women of Color

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The Village at Ed Gould Plaza

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## FACT SHEET

### **What is Tongue to Tongue: Provoking Critical Dialogues Among Queer Women of Color?**

*Tongue to Tongue: Provoking Critical Dialogues Among Queer Women of Color* is a three-day long dialogue which will feature workshops, lectures, visual art, film, performances and a space where dialogues can emerge into action in our various communities through proposals for continued organizing and solidarity building.

### **Our Mission Statement**

*Tongue to Tongue: Provoking Critical Dialogues Among Queer Women of Color* is a social change event that aims to deepen analysis of-, broaden dialogue on-, and instigate response to the on-going critical issues created out of the intersecting sites of race, class, gender, sexuality, citizenship, and nationalism.

### **Why Tongue to Tongue?**

In the segregated reality that is not only Los Angeles but persists across all geographic, sexual, racial, gender, and class borders, we believe that provoking honest and difficult dialogue is a critical first step toward building and strengthening community alliances. For years, queer women of color have been instrumental to social justice struggles but we have yet to find a collective voice. Tongue to Tongue hopes to act as a spark that reignites past conversations relevant to queer women of color while also addressing new and difficult topics that have hindered more productive and radical cross-collaborations.

We expect the effects of the event lasting beyond the three days; thus, we understand Tongue to Tongue as only one strategy in mobilizing a collective movement that truly reflects our lives, desires, and politics. We envision the work of the dialogues to continue on to the elaboration of concrete plans of action to confront the injustices we face.

### **Who is Tongue to Tongue?**

The organizers of this exchange are a group of self-identified queer-, lesbian-, bisexual- as well as gender variant activists and artists of color who have come together to spark productive and radical cross-collaborations among queer of color communities. All self-identified queer, lesbian, and bisexual women of color, including transgender, genderqueer and gender non-conforming people of color are invited to attend and participate, and all allied communities are invited to attend. *Tongue to Tongue: Provoking Critical Dialogues Among Queer Women of Color* explicitly acknowledges and honors transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming experiences of womanhood, which have historically been silenced in women-oriented spaces.