

October 11th is recognized as National Coming Out Day and since we cannot be together in person, Pride Alliance of Livingston (PAL) is hosting watch parties and other activities featuring specially selected tv series and documentaries throughout the day to engage our community in fun, but also meaningful opportunities to gather, chat and learn. Everyone can come and go as they please!

You'll want to watch PAL's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pridealliancelivingston> for links throughout the day to join in the activities! Here is the schedule of of the day:

\*1:00 - Opening Zoom call

\*1:30 - All Ages Watch Party, featuring "She-Ra"

\*3:45 - Teen/Young Adult Watch Party, featuring "One Day at a Time"

\*5:45 - Coming Out Discussion for Teens

\*6:45 - Adult Watch Party & Discussion featuring "Disclosure"

\*9:00 - Closing Zoom Call

Topic: National Coming Out Day - Opening Session

Time: Oct 11, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99814189444?pwd=bWoyVXNzTEZCUkFZczdpZjByR1JUdz09>

Meeting ID: 998 1418 9444

Passcode: 831058

We encourage those interested in participating at any point in the day to log on to our opening session for more instruction on accessing the online events and watch party information will be posted throughout the day on the PAL Facebook page briefly before each session opens. The great advantage to hosting these events as watch parties is that participants can connect and network with each other in the chat feature - we will also have facts and opportunities to learn throughout each session similar to what some may affectionately remember as "pop-up" video.

In addition to the day's events, Pride Alliance has created a facebook frame that will be made available on October 1st for individuals/group pages/organizations to post on their pages to come out in support of our LGBTQ+ family, friends and neighbors and we encourage folks to use the hashtag #allarewelcome.

\*\*I would love to include some information here about the All Are Welcome cling (image attached) if you feel it is appropriate. Here is some general information about PAL and the cling project. Pride Alliance of Livingston (PAL) was formed by local citizens to ensure ALL residents are treated with kindness and respect. Since our current Equality Rights Laws in

Michigan do not legally protect the LGBTQ+ community, we have committed to identifying safe places for our LGBTQ+ friends and family members. Our window cling is 4" x 4" and emphasizes that ALL are welcome at your business or agency. If you would like to join Pride Alliance in supporting a safe and welcoming community, please contact [pridealliancelivingston@gmail.com](mailto:pridealliancelivingston@gmail.com). For more information about Pride Alliance, please visit <https://www.livingstondiversity.org/pride-alliance-livingston>

Additional information about the shows/films being shown:

### She-ra

Billed as a “likable 80s reboot,” this animated series presents with a strong female lead. This theme continues throughout the character roster as women take a front-and-center position in the story telling. While there is some minor violence in this fantasy/adventure series, it comes paired with strong positivity and role models. The suggested age for this series is 8+ and has managed to grab a strong 4/5 star rating by Commonsense media and 7.7/10 on IMDb with a TV-Y7-FV rating.

### One Day At A Time

Another reboot from the 70s/80s, this sitcom focuses on a single mother raising her two children. The show depicts strong representation of the family’s Cuban heritage and can lend itself to some cultural learning. While the language is not entirely clean, it is certainly on the milder end presenting relationships, humor, and family tension in meaningful yet lighthearted ways. Positive messages and role models are notably present in a way that is sweet and “fitfully amusing” to watch. The recommended age for this series is 12+ pulling in a good rating of 4/5 stars by Commonsense media and 8.2/10 on IMDb with a TV-PG rating.

### Disclosure

This documentary examines Hollywood's depiction of transgender people and the impact of those stories on transgender lives and American culture. Though strong language is present, it provides meaningful color to the raw stories behind it. The pieces tone is serious throughout and at times somewhat dark, which is in keeping with the unfiltered nature of the stories. The violence, strong language, and difficult themes of this visceral piece lend to its brutal honesty and the harsh history and contemporary lives of many transgender people. Recommended age for this film is 16+ and brings a rating of 4/5 stars by Commonsense media and 8.3/10 on IMDb with a TV-MA rating.