



DESIQ2006

From Visions to Action

June 21-24, 2006
San Francisco, California

Trikone Bay Area is proud to host DesiQ2006, a conference on South Asian lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. Trikone has, in the past, hosted a couple of historic conferences for the South Asian queer community. The first one, Pride Utsav was in 1995 and the second, DesiQ2000 was in 2000. It is time for the third conference, which will also commemorate Trikone's completion of 20 years.

The theme for DesiQ2000 was Unfolding Visions and it focused on issues faced by the community and its vision for the new millennium. Since then a lot has happened. Our queer community has faced some new challenges, dealt with old issues with extra complexities and won some difficult battles. We have also proudly noticed the emergence of a number of South Asian queer groups and organizations worldwide. The queer movements in South Asia have gained astonishing momentum. Yes, it is happening!

DesiQ2006 is presented by many international ally organizations and individuals. Together, we will be looking at the overall picture and revisit the visions from 2000 and formulate an action plan to move forward. This conference aims at encouraging and empowering individuals to get involved and act, as independent contributors or leaders to unify the community towards greater political and social strength.

DesiQ2006 will provide a great platform to bring together the South Asian queer community, from activists to artists, from students to professionals, from young to old and help us celebrate the diversity within our community. There will be a range of workshops, panel discussions, keynote speakers, informal networking and cultural programs to initiate and facilitate healthy discussions and exchange of ideas. And of course, it will be a venue to meet old friends and make new ones as we all celebrate our ancestry and sexuality. The conference will culminate with a gala banquet on Friday June 23, and on Saturday June 24 we will have brunch gatherings and then people can either join the Dyke March or proceed to help decorate our magnificent South Asian float for the Pride Parade. All are invited on Sunday, June 25 to march as a contingent with other LGBTQ people in the San Francisco Pride Parade.

We look forward to seeing you at DesiQ2006!

Information

For the latest information on the conference, check our website at www.desiq.org. You can also send emails to desiq@trikone.org or call 415-487-8778 for more information.

Registration

Complete the attached Registration Form and send it with payment or register and pay online at www.desiq.org or www.trikone.org. Register by April 30 to take advantage of the Early Bird rate.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available. If you would like to be considered for one, please attach a letter with your Registration Form explaining your background, why you wish to participate in the conference and why you cannot pay the Registration Fee. Also include the following information in your letter: your organizational affiliation (if any), your budget for attending the conference (travel + registration), the amount that you can contribute towards your budget, the amount your organization (if any) can contribute towards your budget. Please describe (in 150 words) how you can contribute towards the conference. All scholarship applications must be received by April 30, 2006.



REGISTRATION FORM

**Early Bird Registration
Discount until April 30**

Name: _____ Phone: Home _____
Address: _____ Work _____ Mobile _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Workshops

Please check list of possible workshops you might be interested in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Coming Out	<input type="checkbox"/> Diasporan Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Dating & Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> PFLAG
<input type="checkbox"/> Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Spirituality	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Sex
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Movement in South Asia	<input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Race Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Coalition with SA non-queers	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts

Please suggest additional ideas and/or specific titles for workshops that may interest you:

If you have an idea for a workshop that you would like to facilitate/present please send a one page proposal to DesiQ-WorkShopsPrograms@trikone.org or mail to Trikone at the address below by April 30.

Entertainment/Exhibitions/Performances

If you would like to perform, read, or exhibit your work at DesiQ2006, please send us a one-page proposal and enclose some samples and/or description of your work. Please send it to DesiQ-Entertainment@trikone.org or mail to Trikone at the address below by April 30.

Housing

A limited number of community housing spaces will be available on first-come first-served basis. We will do our best to accommodate all housing needs if your registration form is received by April 30, 2006.

Do you need shared housing from a member of the community? Yes No

Would you like to be a host for out of town DesiQ registrants? Yes No

Please let us know if you have any specific housing needs:

Registration Fee/Donation

Full Conference: This full registration fee includes entry to all panel discussions, workshops, parties as well as the DesiQ2006 Gala Banquet and Dance.

\$150 (until April 30) \$175 (after April 30) \$_____ **Additional Donation**

Donations are tax-deductible and all donors will be mentioned in the program. Check here if you are a donor for an additional amount but do not wish your name to be mentioned.

Daily Pass: Your registration includes all events for that day except the Gala Banquet on June 23

\$75 one day only (Thursday June 22 or Friday June 23rd)

\$50 Gala Banquet on Friday 23rd June only

\$_____ **Other amount** (please express your needs for scholarship before March 31)

Registration & Payment

- If you are paying by check, make it payable to "Trikone".
- To register using credit card please fill in the following:

MC/Visa #: _____ Exp (mm/yy): _____

Signature: _____

Mail your completed registration form and check (if applicable) to:

Trikone, Attn: DesiQ2006, P.O. Box 14161, San Francisco, CA 94114-0161, USA.