

**"I'm gay. 15. In high school.**  
It's not a fun job, because people  
are mean — but I have lots of  
good friends."

**2002:** outLoud Radio hits the  
airwaves for the very first time, via  
National Public Radio.

"I hope the message from riot grrrl endures,  
and I hope I can pass it along to other  
pissed-off teens: Everything we do matters.  
**Our actions really will cause  
profound change."**

— Diego Ruiz, *Riot Boy*

"I kept starting to say the phrase but stopping just  
before the "gay" part came. **Mom, dad.. I'm..**  
Finally, I said it. There was a horrible moment  
of silence before my mom turned to me, threw  
up her hands theatrically (the  
knife still in one of them) and  
said "I knew it!"

— Alla Pekareva, *Glasnost*

**2004:** The first four  
graduates of outLoud's  
Youth Stories Program  
premiere their work.

**2006:** The LGBT  
Intergenerational  
Storytelling project brings  
youth and elders together  
for heartfelt sharing.

**2008:** outLoud youth impress the pros on our  
9th trip to a national radio conference.

**"I am really grateful for all the elders, and  
I will be the next person up to help the movement."**

**"I speak up for things that I believe in** because I have to  
live in this world for the rest of my life. I want it to be how  
I made it, you know what I'm saying?"

— *Voices from the ISP 2008*

Intergenerational  
Storytelling Project 2009

Youth Producer Delexes Woods



# 2012: outLoud turns 10



Be part of outLoud's new decade.

2011: Leaders and Producers  
of outLoud's new podcast

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It began one January night back in 2002, on the second floor of a purple house in San Francisco's Castro district. We were a small group of queer youth with a couple microphones and a bunch of big ideas. We knew our stories mattered. We wanted our voices to be heard. With a crackle and a hum, outLoud Radio was born.

Through ten years of broadcasts and podcasts, pirate radio shows and international audio festivals, with countless moments of connection, laughter and growth, we've stuck to that same basic idea: our stories have the power to change the world. And we discovered that stories can change the teller too.