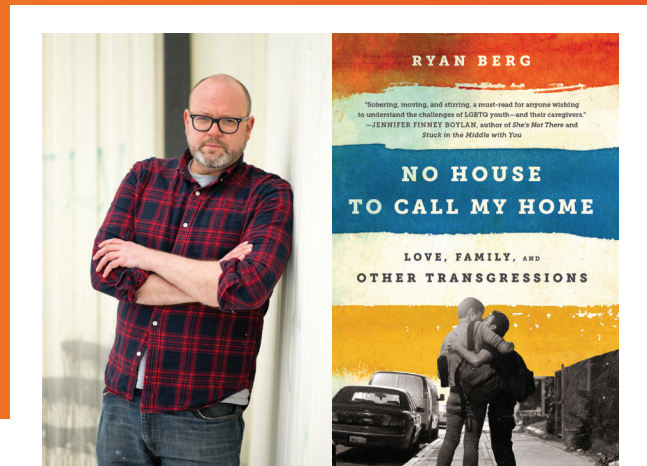


# Reading & Community Discussion about LGBTQ Youth Homelessness

**RYAN BERG**

No House to Call My Home



**OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**THE LYCEUM | 227 LAWRENCE STREET, HARTFORD, CT**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM. READING AT 6:00PM.**

Readings are free and open to the public. | Refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by the Youth Action Hub, True Colors and Partnership for Strong Communities.

**RSVP at [melvilletrust.org/nohouse](http://melvilletrust.org/nohouse)**

**Join us for a reading and discussion with Ryan Berg, author of *No House to Call My Home: Love, Family and Other Transgressions*. Ryan will read from his award-winning book and facilitate a conversation with local youth, policy makers, and service providers about how to best support LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness.**

Every year, 1.3-1.7 million young people experience one night of homelessness with over half a million youth being homeless for a week or longer. An estimated 40% of these youth are LGBTQ-identified. There are limited services for these young people, and of the services that do exist, many youths report experiencing discrimination, violence, and harassment due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

*No House to Call My Home*, winner of the Minnesota Book Award and NCCD's Media for a Just Society Award, chronicles Berg's time working with LGBTQ youth in foster care and experiencing homelessness. The book focuses on eight unforgettable youth and explores the immense challenges they face and their incredible resiliency.

In addition to the personal stories, the book investigates the causes of youth homelessness—from lack of affordable and accessible housing, poverty, neglect, substance abuse, mental health issues, and physical and sexual abuse, to severe family conflict that grows out of lack of support around sexual orientation and gender expression and identity.