What can I do?
How can I help?
17th Annual Bioinformatics Open Source Conference

BOSC 2016
July 8-9, 2016 Orlando, Florida, USA

The Open Bioinformatics Foundation, organizers of BOSC, is a non-profit group dedicated to promoting the practice and philosophy of Open Source software development and Open Science within the biological research community.

BOSC is held as a Special Interest Meeting of the conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology hosted by the International Society for Computational Biology.

Growing and Sustaining Open Source Communities
Panel Discussion on Friday 8th July at 4:00 PM

BOSC 2016 Organizing Committee
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We welcome PLOS as new sponsor of Codefest 2016.
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BOSC 2016

- Activism in the professional world:
  A space to share our thoughts on how we respond to matters at the intersection of our personal and professional interests.

- BOSC Day 1 - Friday, 8 July, 2015, 17:15 - 18:00
Suggestions for following BOSCs and other meetings

- Outreach sessions to focused groups in local community immediately before (e.g. during CodeFest), or at other times, on behalf of BOSC.
- Offer details about career alternatives for those not necessarily feeling welcomed to the “traditional careers” path.
- Partner with successful grassroots efforts.
- Review the “Checklist for making your event accessible.”
A few ways to help:

- Local LGBT civil rights organization **Equality Florida** has set up a GoFundMe page to support the Pulse nightclub shooting victims and their families. [https://www.gofundme.com/PulseVictimsFund](https://www.gofundme.com/PulseVictimsFund)

- LGBTQ advocacy nonprofit **Planting Peace** has launched a CrowdRise campaign to help cover the victims’ medical costs, as well as funeral costs. [https://www.crowdrise.com/we-stand-with-pulse-fund](https://www.crowdrise.com/we-stand-with-pulse-fund)

- **CrowdRise** has also launched a larger relief fund to support the LGBT community, build tolerance and love, and help organizations focused on long term change. [https://www.crowdrise.com/Pulse-Orlando-Relief-Fund](https://www.crowdrise.com/Pulse-Orlando-Relief-Fund)

- Central Florida LGBT organizations have partnered to run an emergency hotline and grief counselors at the GLBT **Community Center of Central Florida** ([http://www.thecenterorlando.org/](http://www.thecenterorlando.org/)). They have also set up a GoFundMe page, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Orlando shooting victims and their families. [https://www.gofundme.com/29bubytau](https://www.gofundme.com/29bubytau)

- **The OneOrlando Fund**, formed by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, will support nonprofits helping victims’ families, as well as the LGBT, Latino and faith communities. [https://www.oneorlando.org/](https://www.oneorlando.org/)
... Several pairs of best friends, partners and lovers. Beloved parents, brothers, sisters, friends, aunts, uncles, cousins and co-workers. Here's a closer look at the 49 innocents who lost their lives at Pulse last month.