



Activists don't rest on laurels in Cincinnati

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SUMMARY: Activists kick off a four-day leadership training in Cincinnati even though the precipitating event, an anti-gay initiative, failed to make the ballot.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Citizens to Restore Fairness began a four-day leadership summit Thursday in Cincinnati, even though a local referendum on antidiscrimination protections for gays [failed to qualify for the November ballot](#).

The petition drive had been the sole reason for the meeting to train gay activists, the Cincinnati Post reports.

"We've actually been planning this for some time, but even with what's happened, this event is just as important as ever," Gary Wright, campaign chairman for Citizens to Restore Fairness, told the Post.

The petition drive failed after some of the signatures collected were discovered to be forged or otherwise tampered with.

Some 70 participants are expected to gather at the University of Cincinnati's Tangeman Center for the summit, which will train them to go out in their local community and advocate on behalf of gay causes. The summit lasts through Sunday. (*The Advocate*)