WQED’s new Authentic Lives series highlights positive stories from and explores the vibrancy of our region’s LGBTQIA+ community, with major support from the Central Outreach Wellness Center.

Beautifully done! I would love to see more content like this!

On January 25, 2023, WQED-FM hosts Jim Cunningham, Anna Singer and Bryan Sejvar kicked off a year-long celebration of our classical radio station’s 50th anniversary. Musical virtuosos, community leaders, and members gathered in the WQED Concourse — on the very spot where we first went live in 1973. Listeners enjoyed a day of performances by some of Pittsburgh’s most esteemed musicians and vocalists. The symphonies, songs and sonatas that elevate our spirits are all made possible by our devoted community of music lovers.

In 1967, volunteers in the Hill District offered the first pre-hospital emergency medical care in America. Our Freedom House Ambulance: FIRST Responders documentary telling their story has been screened at 45 community events and film festivals.

Children and caregivers visited local businesses and community partners in Lawrenceville during our Backpack Walk in August, meeting neighbors while filling complimentary backpacks with free school supplies.

This was a fantastic opportunity for families to get ready for the school season with a host of exciting activities and resources!
– Jeff Tumsis,
New Alliance Federal Credit Union

With your continued support, we will become more relevant — even essential — to more people across western Pennsylvania, charting a sustainable path forward for other public media organizations.
Since acquiring the assets of the former Steeltown Entertainment Project in January 2022, WQED’s Film Academy has more than doubled in size, with 40 students enrolled in our after-school programs this year.

In 2024, a grant from The Heinz Endowments will help us expand our “on location” program to reach more underserved communities.

You not only taught me the art of cinema, but also the art of togetherness.
– Mariah Sanchez
2022 CAPA and Film Academy graduate

The Pittsburgh Potty takes the throne! A short clip from the 2007 Rick Sebak documentary “Underground Pittsburgh” has earned more than 583 million views across TikTok and Instagram— and continues to climb — proving the enduring power of our local storytelling.

Funding for the sixth season of Cartoon Academy with Joe Wos was provided by the Hans and Leslie Fleischner Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation. The program was also recognized with two additional regional Emmy awards, for long-form education content and talent/host.

We expanded the franchise with in-person drawing events, including one for families at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium.

More than 325 people zippered up and buttoned down, gathering in WQED’s historic Fred Rogers Studio for a sold-out Cardigan Party celebrating World Kindness Day.

The cookie table was the best I have ever seen..."