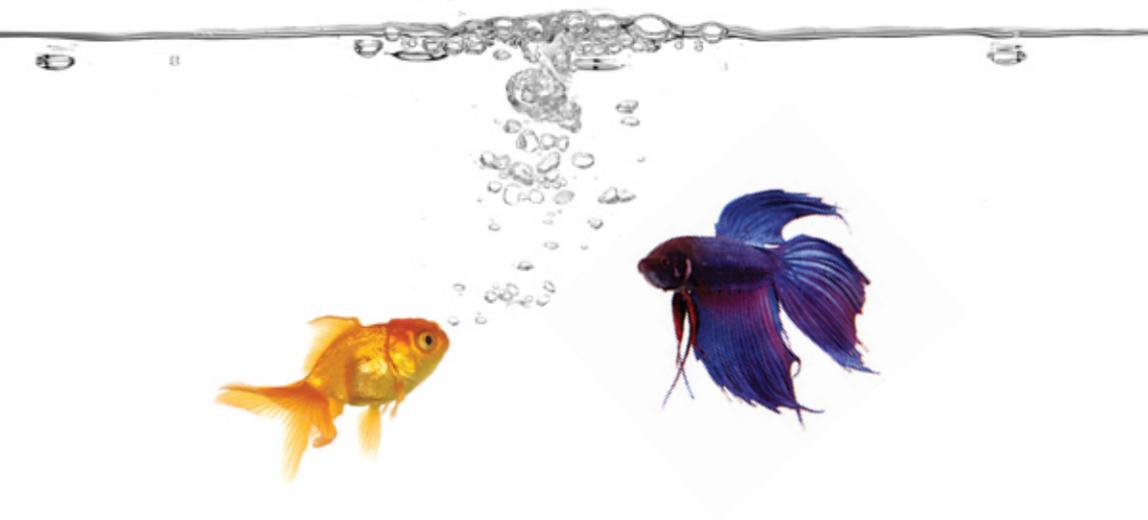




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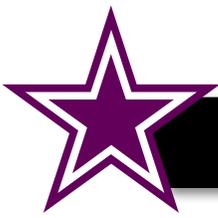


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Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS)

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Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives (CLGA)

Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (CPATH)

Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC)

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Gay Canada

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

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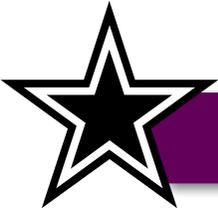
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Report Homophobic Violence, Period (RHVP)

Salaam Canada

TransParent Canada



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LGBTQ AND LGBTQ-FRIENDLY ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMMES, & RESOURCES IN MANITOBA

Province-Wide

★ **Kids Help Phone**

1 800 668 6868

www.kidshelpphone.ca

★ **Klinic Community Health Centre**

870 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg

(204) 784-4090

www.klinic.mb.ca

24-HOUR TELEPHONE SERVICES:

Manitoba Suicide Line: 1-877-435-7170

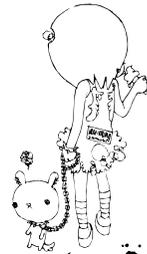
Crisis Line: (204) 786-8686 / Toll free 1-888-322-3019

Sexual Assault Crisis Line: (204) 786-8631 / Toll free 1-888-292-7565

TTY Deaf Access Counselling - (204) 784-4097

Manitoba Farm & Rural Support Services: 1-866-367-3276

Knowledgeable and comfortable with LGBTQ issues.



Brandon

★ **Brandon Rural Support Phone Line**

(204) 571-4183

www.ruralsupport.ca

kim@ruralstress.ca

★ **Coffee House**

Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC)

161 8th Street

Brandon

(204) 727-0417

www.serc.mb.ca

Safe space for LGBTQ individuals.

Meet once a month, except in the summer (usually the 3rd Thursday).

Special events, topics for discussion etc.

7pm-9pm. Drop in.

★ **Counselling for LGBTQ youth and adults**

(a Rainbow Resoures Centre program run out of the Sexuality Education Resource Centre -SERC)

161 8th Street

Brandon

(204) 727-0417

www.serc.mb.ca

Contact SERC to make an appointment.

★ **PFLAG**

(Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

Brandon & area Chapter

Meet semi-regularly (about every 6 weeks).

Contact SERC for more information (204 727-0417).

★ **Trans Health Network**

Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC)

161 8th Street

Brandon

(204) 727-0417

www.serc.mb.ca

Identifying clinicians and practitioners in Brandon/West Manitoba area who are comfortable and knowledgeable with Trans populations. Includes nurses able/willing to help administer hormones, and doctors willing/able to prescribe hormones. The goal of the network is to be able to refer Trans individuals to knowledgeable and Trans-friendly professionals. Contact SERC if you need a referral.

★ **Trans Support Group**

Brandon & area

Meet once a month. Youth and adults.

Contact SERC for more information (204 727 0417).

Northern Manitoba

★ Keeseekodwenin Ojibwa First Nation

(204) 625 2004

2.5 hours north west of Brandon

Not LGBTQ-specific but have had LGBT awareness and allied training; can call re: LGBTQ issues.

★ Kenora Lesbians Phone Line

(807) 468-5801

Tuesdays: 7 - 9 p.m.

★ West Region Tribal Council Health Department

(204) 622 9400

Judy Henuset – Tribal Home and Community Care Coordinator

Not LGBTQ-specific but have had LGBT awareness and allied training; can call re: LGBTQ issues.

Winnipeg

★ **Anakhnu (Jewish GLBT Group)**

For more information: Assistant Executive Director Tamar Barr at (240) 477-7537 or email tbarr@radyjcc.com

<http://radyjcc.com/template.cfm?tID=213>

Anakhnu is a Rady Jewish Community Centre sponsored group for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered like minded individuals and their friends. Age is no barrier and only friendship is encouraged. This initiative is an opportunity for Jewish GLBT individuals, family members and friends to socialize, gain information and share ideas in a welcoming and inclusive Jewish environment by encouraging GLBT individuality and Jewish identity. Anakhnu offers year-round social and cultural programming in association with the Rady Jewish Community Centre.

★ **Camp Aurora**

(A program of the Rainbow Resource Centre)

For more information: campaurora@rainbowresourcecentre.org

www.campaurora.ca

Camp Aurora is a 4-day summer camp for queer and allied youth.

It is supported by community leaders and the Rainbow Resource Centre, and organized with some extra help from a volunteer committee.

Camp is for youth ages 14 - 19 and is funded by some great people so you don't have to spend much to attend. Check the website for the application deadline and to download application forms. Spots at camp fill up quickly.

Our hope at Camp Aurora is that you will meet new friends, do things you maybe haven't done before, learn about yourself and your community, and have some fun!

You can also apply to be a youth leader. If you are 20-26 years old, have experience in youth leadership, and enjoy the outdoors, you would be a great fit! Check the website for the application deadline and to download the forms.



★ **Dignity Winnipeg**

Regular meetings for worship and social activities - 3rd Friday of every month. 6pm.

Augustine United Church,
444 River Ave.

For more information:

Thomas (204) 287-8583 or Sandra (204) 779-6446

email: Winnipeg@dignitycanada.org

www.dignitycanada.org

We work within and without the Catholic Church to promote the full personhood of those who belong to sexual minorities, and we celebrate our sexuality as a gift of God. We believe our loving relationships are intrinsically good, and worthy of recognition as marriage in civil law as well as in the eyes of God.

We claim our rightful place as members of Christ's mystical body, and live the sacramental life of the church, openly and visibly as gay and lesbian people of conscience.

★ **FTM Gender Alliance of Winnipeg**

Meet the 1st Tuesday of each month, year-round.

7:00PM-9:00PM.

Group Room at Rainbow Resource Centre.

170 Scott Street, Winnipeg

Peer support group for female to male individuals. Open to the general public.

★ **GDAAY Clinic**

Health Sciences Centre – Winnipeg

Pediatric Endocrinology

FE 307- 685 William Ave
Winnipeg
(204) 787-7435 x3 (Coordinating Nurse) FAX: (204) 787-1655
<http://www.gdaay.ca>

Gender dysphoria assessment and action for youth under 18 (self-referral program).
For Manitoba and area (North West Ontario and Saskatchewan)

★ **GSA consultation**

Rainbow Resources Centre
170 Scott Street, Winnipeg
(204) 474-0212
www.rainbowresourcecentre.org

Schools with a Gay/Straight Alliance or schools wishing to start a Gay/Straight Alliance can take advantage of the Youth Program at The Rainbow Resource Centre! Staff will gladly join your GSA or any staff/students from any school to discuss ways to plan events, set goals, deal with challenges and promote change. These workshops can be small and informal to long and in depth. Workshops can focus on themes like “Starting a GSA,” “Sustaining a GSA,” and “Planning a successful GSA event/conference;” or they can be simple Question and Answer sessions. For information on booking a GSA consultation, please contact the Rainbow Resource Centre.

★ **Klinic Community Health Centre**

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★ **LGBT* Centre**

Bulman Students' Centre, Concourse Level, Room 0R13
University of Winnipeg
(204) 786-9025

<http://theuwsa.ca/services/uwsa-student-groups/student-service-groups/lgbt-centre/>

Meetings are every Monday at 12:30, September through March.

The centre was founded in 1991 as the Lesbian Gay Bisexual (LGB) Collective, a recognized group of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA). Since then it has evolved into a student service group called the LGBT* Centre, which functions as a positive, social atmosphere open to all students with an open and inclusive view of sexuality and gender diversity.

While keeping a safe space open to our community is a primary focus, the centre also provides support and resources, hosts events, and organizes campaigns, both on and off campus, which promote positive attitudes towards the LGBT* community. In addition, they provide safer sex materials and supplies, such as condoms, lube, and dental dams free of charge.

They always welcome new faces, so feel free to drop in anytime, or contact them by email or telephone.

★ **Peer Project for Youth (PPY) – ages 13-21**

(A program of the Rainbow Resource Centre)
170 Scott Street
Winnipeg
(204) 474-0212

www.rainbowresourcecentre.org/youth

Peer Project for Youth is a program that offers LGBTTQIA* youth a safe, fun place to learn new skills, create projects and celebrate our identities! PPY seeks to build the capacity of LGBTTQIA* youth to support and encourage their peers to learn more about sexual orientation, gender identity and anti-homophobic education. PPY focuses on providing LGBTTQIA* youth with the opportunity to be positively supported and affirmed as LGBTTQIA* individuals; to create social change while learning valuable skills; and to increase self-esteem and self-confidence while increasing social networks, contacts and support communities for youth.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings PPY offers workshops and events that are decided upon by YOUTH! If there is a workshop you would like to see take place, a skill you want to learn or a discussion you think we should have, give us a call or send us an email! Monday night workshops include a focus on leadership capacity building, developing new skills, engaging in facilitated discussions, creative expression and community building. At each program we offer free tasty snacks and free bus tickets in case you need a way home.

Events are updated monthly on our website and through our Facebook group.

If you would like to receive our monthly calendar of events by email please contact peerproject4youth@rainbowresourcecentre.org.

You are welcome to call ahead of time (204-474-0212, ext. 202, or 210) to confirm times and locations of programming or to schedule a tour or meeting with our Youth Program Coordinator to see if PPY is a good fit for you! But you can also just drop in.

★ PFFOTI

(Parents, Friends and Family of Trans Individuals)
Meet 2nd Tuesday of each Month – September to June.
7PM-9PM at the Library at the Rainbow Resource Centre.
Group facilitators can be reached at pffoti@gmail.com

Social support group for parents, friends and family members of trans individuals. Open to the general public.

★ PFLAG

(Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
Winnipeg Chapter
170 Scott Street, Winnipeg
(204) 474-0212

PFLAG meets at the Rainbow Resources Centre on an as-needed basis. Call the RCC if you want to contact them.

★ Rainbow Ministry

1622 B St Mary's Road
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R2M 3W7
(204) 962-1060

rainbow@wpgpres.ca

Rainbow Ministry is an outreach ministry of the United Church of Canada working solely for and with the LGBTTTQQ community in Winnipeg and surrounding areas. The ministry focuses on issues of faith, sexuality and gender expression, recognizing the hurt that has been done to the LGBTTTQQ community, historically from faith communities. The minister is available for one on one conversation around sexuality, gender and faith, as well as being available for workshops around bible interpretation and new possibilities that enable the LGBTTTQQ community to be affirmed - at the Rainbow Resource Centre.



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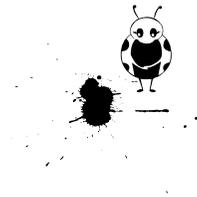
facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280300125172/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

The Rainbow Resource Centre is the community centre and resource centre for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer and ally communities within Winnipeg, throughout Manitoba and within north-western Ontario. The Centre provides counselling, anti-homophobia education and training, and youth programming and services. The Centre also provides a meeting space for community groups, peer support groups, and offers community programming at free/low cost (i.e. book club, knitting club, art classes, yoga, tai chi, ballroom dancing, etc.). The Centre hosts an extensive library that members can access with a library membership, featuring a collection of books, dvds, journals, audio books and magazines all with LGBTTQ themes.

The Centre works to provide a safe space to support the community, but to also act as a meeting place for community members to learn, gather, and come together. We operate from a place of support, harm reduction and a belief in providing a positive space for healthy learning and growth.

★ **Trans Health Clinic**

At Klinik Community Health Centre
870 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg
(204) 784-4090
www.klinik.mb.ca



★ **Two Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.**

Winnipeg
www.twospiritmanitoba.ca

To improve the quality of life of Two Spirit (Aboriginal gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) people in Manitoba, which includes raising funds for and assisting in providing appropriate advocacy, education, health services, housing, employment training and cultural development.

★ **Winnipeg Transgender Support Group**

3rd Friday of each month, year-round. 7:30PM-10PM.
Group Room at Rainbow Resource Centre.
170 Scott St. Winnipeg
(204) 474-0212

<http://winnipegtransgendergroup.com/>

Our gatherings are informal. There is no dress code and there are no expectations about gender appearance. They are intended to offer an opportunity to meet and chat with others who understand what it means to be transgender, share information and experiences, in hopes to learn from and support one another. The group also is an opportunity for people to present in their preferred gender in a safe and affirming place. Male to female and female to male, all ages welcome. Open to the general public.



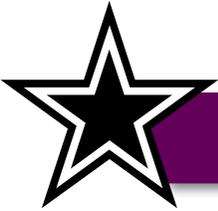
Y.E.A.H. (Youth Educating Against Homophobia)

Rainbow Resources Centre
170 Scott Street
Winnipeg
(204) 474-0212

www.rainbowresourcecentre.org



Y.E.A.H. is a youth education program that is designed to offer awareness on the impacts of homophobic bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and those perceived as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or two-spirit. These fully interactive workshops identify homophobia, biphobia and transphobia while examining the roots of oppression and discrimination. Y.E.A.H. sessions provide a safe space to name the hurtful myths and stereotypes that face youth. They also provide an opportunity to ask questions anonymously and come together to discover ways to combat homophobia in their school/community.



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Canada

★ **Native Youth Sexual Health Network**

<http://www.nativeyouthsexualhealth.com/index.html>

The Native Youth Sexual Health Network (NYSHN) is an organization by and for Indigenous youth that works across issues of sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice throughout the United States and Canada.

★ **The North American Aboriginal Two Spirit Information Pages**

<http://people.ucalgary.ca/~ptrembla/aboriginal/two-spirited-american-indian-resources.htm>

A variety of information including general information and history, academic papers, movies & videos, the arts, Health and HIV/AIDS information, Internet resources, and books.

★ **Two Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society**

(780) 474-8092

The Two Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society aims to repatriate and enhance our traditional roles and responsibilities as two spirit people in Indigenous communities while creating supportive environments within all societies for contemporary two spirit peoples.

★ **2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations**

www.2spirits.com

2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations is a non-profit social services organization whose membership consists of Aboriginal gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in Toronto.

The 2-Spirits organization's programs and services includes HIV/AIDS education, outreach, prevention and support/counselling for 2-spirited people and others living and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Our vision is to create a space where Aboriginal 2-Spirited people can grow and come together as a community, fostering a positive image, honoring our past and building a future. Together we can work toward bridging the gap between 2-spirited lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities, and our Aboriginal identity.

★ **Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance (Atlantic)**

<http://w2sa.ca>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgG1o-JcKdw>

A group of two-spirited people and their supporters named the Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance. The alliance is comprised mostly of First Nations people from the Maritimes, Quebec and New-England who identify as two-spirited. First Nations people that embody both traditional male and female roles who also identify as part of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender

community are considered to be two-spirited. Organize gatherings where the main goal is to create a safe space, free of drugs and alcohol, where two-spirited people can connect with their peers and feel free of social constraints regardless of their gender or sexuality. Sweats, smudging, traditional singing and craft workshops are some of the activities that take place.

USA

★ **Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits**

<http://www.baaits.org/>

Bay Area American Indians Two-Spirits (BAAITS) exists to restore and recover the role of Two-Spirit people within the American Indian/First Nations community by creating a forum for the spiritual, cultural and artistic expression of Two-Spirit people. BAAITS is a community-based volunteer organization offering culturally relevant activities for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Native Americans, their families and friends.

★ **Dancing to Eagle Spirit Society**

<http://www.dancingtoeaglespiritsociety.org/about.php>

We are dedicated to the healing and empowerment of aboriginal and non-aboriginal two-spirit individuals their friends and their allies. The society seeks to honor the dignity of the individual, building personal and community self esteem by providing emotional support and spiritual needs using traditional Native American ways and culture.

★ **Montana Two Spirit Society**

<http://mttwospirit.org/about.html>

The Montana Two Spirit Society formed in 1996 through a joint effort by Pride Inc. (Montana’s LGBT advocacy organization) and the Montana Gay Men’s Task Force to conduct an annual two spirit gathering. Over the years, the gathering has grown from a handful of participants to nearly 100 attendees from not only Montana but surrounding states as well. Tribes from all over the west are represented at the gathering.

★ **NativeOUT (USA)**

<http://nativeout.com>

NativeOUT was originally founded in 2004 as a local social group named the Phoenix Two Spirit Society, by Corey Taber, Ambrose Nelson, and Victor Bain. Since that time, we’ve evolved into a national nonprofit volunteer education, multimedia, and news organization actively involved in the Two Spirit Movement. Although we are currently not incorporated, it’s a goal we intend to achieve in the future.

We utilize the internet, through our website, multimedia, and social networks, and in-person presentations to educate about the Indigenous LGBTQ/Two Spirit people of North America.

★ **North East Two-Spirit Society (USA)**

<http://ne2ss.org/>

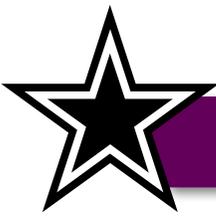
NE2SS.org is devoted to providing information about and for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirit American Indians of New York City and the tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut). According to the 2000 US Census, more than any other city in the country New York City is the home to the largest urban Indian population.

NorthEast Two-Spirit Society (NE2SS) works to increase the visibility of the two-spirit community and to provide social, traditional and recreational opportunities that are culturally appropriate to the two-spirit community of NYC and the surrounding tri-state area. At the heart of the efforts by NE2SS is community development for all our peoples.

★ **Tribal Equity Toolkit (USA)**

http://graduate.lclark.edu/programs/indigenous_ways_of_knowing/tribal_equity_toolkit/

Developed in the USA, the toolkit includes numerous resources, including a section on Education that features an Education Equality Ordinance. The developers of the resource state that “Colonization taught Tribal communities a great deal about homophobia and transphobia. As we work to consciously reclaim and return to our traditions we must also reexamine how the effects of colonization remain enshrined in Tribal Policy, Law and Structure. For Tribal Nations, LGBT Equality and Decolonization are inextricably linked, one cannot be truly be achieved without the other.’



LGBTQ NATIONAL

NATIONAL LGBTQ AND LGBTQ-FRIENDLY ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMMES, & RESOURCES

★ Amnesty International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Support Network

<http://www.algi.qc.ca/asso/amnistie.html>



French-language website of the Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Support Network of Amnesty International's Canadian Section (French-speaking), based in Montréal. Includes information on obtaining French-language texts of LGBT-related AI publications, how to become a member, and information about the Network's regular bulletin Le Dire! with news updates and action alerts.

★ Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS)

<http://www.caaws.ca>



Part of CAAWS' mandate is to promote participation in sport by girls and women. Homophobia in sport is often an obstacle to participation, presenting barriers and challenges to individuals, both homosexual and heterosexual. In particular, many girls and women shy away from sport out of fear they will be perceived as lesbians. CAAWS has started this work to initiate discussion about addressing homophobia in sport. CAAWS views it as a first step in a longer-term strategy to reduce homophobia in Canadian sport and to make sport an inclusive and safe place for all participants.

★ Canadian Committee on the History of Sexuality (CCHS)

<http://www.cha-shc.ca/cchs>



The aim of the CCHS is to provide an organizational focus within the Canadian historical profession for all those who are

researching, writing, teaching, and otherwise interested in the historical study of sexuality. The Committee sponsors sessions at CHA annual meetings, compiles news by and about historians of sexuality, awards a prize for best article in the field, and organizes social events. The CCHS connects scholars from all parts of the country and promotes the study of sexuality as an integral aspect of the Canadian past. Our website includes resources for the study of sexuality, including bibliographies and course materials, as well as useful web links to research sites and organizations.

★ **Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network**

<http://www.aidslaw.ca>



The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network promotes the human rights of people living with and vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, in Canada and internationally, through research, legal and policy analysis, education, and community mobilization. The Legal Network is Canada's leading advocacy organization working on the legal and human rights issues raised by HIV/AIDS.

★ **Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives (CLGA)**

<http://www.clga.ca>



Our primary mandate is to collect and maintain information related to LGBTQ life in Canada—though we have lots from elsewhere as well. We gather material on people, organizations, issues and events. We arrange that material, record it, store it—and secure it for the future. It is also our mandate to make this information available to the public, for education and research. Over the years we have helped hundreds of people—students, artists, journalists, lawyers, filmmakers—working on various projects. We also welcome those who just want to browse. And now you can browse online. The What We've Got page of this site will

lead you to our many different kinds of material. For each one you'll find further pages offering detailed descriptions and—as available—guides, directories, related documents, and ways to search contents.

★ **Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (CPATH)**

<http://www.cpath.ca>



: CPATH Charities

CPATH is the largest national professional organization for transgender health in the world. Our members are diverse, representing and identifying within the trans community—from medical students to social workers to psychologists. CPATH is a professional organization devoted to the health care of individuals with gender variant identities. As an interdisciplinary, professional organization, CPATH will further the understanding and health care of individuals with gender variant identities by professionals in medicine, psychology, law, social work, counselling, psychotherapy, family studies, sociology, anthropology, sexology, speech and voice therapy, and other related fields. Within this definition, we strive to include representation from community support groups and trans identifying persons on committees and the board and as members at large.

★ **Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC)**

http://sexualhealthcentresaskatoon.ca/qyouth/p_crhc.php



CRHC/CSAC is a national organization whose objective is to address the various health and wellness issues that people who have sexual and emotional relationships with people of the same gender, or a gender identity that does not conform to the identity assigned to them at birth, encounter. Check out the Educational Resources and Specific Populations sections in particular. Resources are available in both English and French.

★ **The Canadian Safe School Network (CSSN)**

<http://www.canadiansafeschools.com>



The Canadian Safe School Network (CSSN) is a national, not-for-profit, registered charitable organization with a mandate to reduce youth violence and make our schools and communities safer.

★ **Egale Canada/Egale Canada Human Rights Trust (ECHRT)**

<http://www.egale.ca>



The Egale Canada Human Rights Trust (ECHRT) is Canada's national LGBT human rights charity; Egale Canada is the national LGBT human rights organization: advancing equality, diversity, education, and justice. Egale Canada is a registered not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1986 and incorporated as a federal not-for-profit organization in 1995. We have intervened before the Supreme Court of Canada in every LGBT rights case that has reached the Court, most notably the Marriage Reference, which legalized same-sex marriage throughout Canada. Egale maintains an active commitment to bringing an intersectional approach to our work, meaning that respect for each individual's full identity requires that the struggle for LGBT equality cannot be carried out in isolation from the struggle for equality of all disadvantaged communities.

In 2007, the ECHRT began the First National School Climate Survey in Canada—up to this point, no large-scale study on the extent and impacts of bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity had ever been undertaken here. The lack of a solid Canadian evidence base has been a major impediment faced by educators and administrators who need

to understand the situation of LGBTQ students in order to respond appropriately and to assure their school communities that homophobic, biphobic, and transphobic discrimination and harassment are neither rare nor harmless, but are major problems that need to be addressed in Canadian schools today.

Through the Safe Schools Campaign, Egale is committed to supporting LGBTQ youth, youth perceived as LGBTQ, youth with LGBTQ parents, other family members, and friends as well as educators, librarians, guidance counsellors, education support workers, parents, and administrators and to helping make Canadian schools safer and more inclusive, respectful, and welcoming learning and working environments for all members of school communities. The Safe Schools Campaign features resources for facilitating change in Canadian learning environments: the national LGBTQ safer schools and inclusive education website, *MyGSA.ca*; Equity and Inclusive Education Resource Kits; and an anti-heterosexism, anti-homophobia, anti-biphobia, anti-transphobia, and intersectionality workshop series.

★ **Gay Canada**

<http://www.gaycanada.com>



Founded in 1994, the Canadian Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Resource Directory is an organization dedicated to the collection, compilation, and distribution of information important or of relevance to the GLB communities across Canada.

★ **Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868**

<http://www.kidshelpphone.ca>



Kids Help Phone is Canada's only toll-free, national, and bilingual phone and web counselling, referral, and information service for children and youth. We provide immediate anonymous and confidential support, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

★ **MyGSA.ca**

<http://www.mygsa.ca>



MyGSA.ca is the national LGBTQ safer schools and inclusive education website. It is your link to community, safer spaces, and education and information about LGBTQ matters in Canada. Here, youth can find local Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs), community organizations, and campus groups; discuss queer popular culture and ideas for GSA events; and organize with others around the country to make positive change in schools and communities! Educators can use MyGSA.ca to find LGBTQ classroom resources and school board policies; discuss inclusive curriculum and GSA activities; and collaborate with other teachers around the country to help make Canadian schools safer and more welcoming learning environments.

★ **Native Youth Sexual Health Network (NYSHN)**

<http://www.nativeyouthsexualhealth.com>



The Native Youth Sexual Health Network (NYSHN) is a North-America wide organization working on issues of healthy sexuality, cultural competency, youth empowerment, reproductive justice, and sex positivity by and for Native youth. The reclamation and revitalization of traditional knowledge about people's fundamental human rights over their bodies and spaces,

intersected with present-day realities is fundamental to our work. We work within the full spectrum of reproductive and sexual health for Indigenous peoples.

★ **PFLAG Canada**

<http://www.pflagcanada.ca>



PFLAG Canada is a registered charitable organization that provides support, education, and resources to anyone with questions or concerns about sexual orientation or gender identity. PFLAG Canada has chapters or contacts in more than 70 communities across Canada. If you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, intersex, queer, or questioning, or if you care about someone who is, our compassionate volunteers are ready to help.

★ **Report Homophobic Violence, Period (RHVP) (Toronto)**

<http://www.rhvp.ca>



Report Homophobic Violence, Period is a public awareness campaign aimed at young people, aged 13 to 25, to address reasons for homophobic attitudes and spur others to report harassment and violence to adults and police.

★ **TransParent Canada**

<http://www.transparentcanada.ca>



TransParent Canada, an associate organization of PFLAG Canada, offers support to families and friends of trans-identified individuals. You—parent, sibling, co-worker, health-care provider, member of the clergy, or anyone else—may know and wish to support a child, youth or adult on this journey to authenticity. Or you may have questions. TransParent Canada embraces human diversity and is a forum of empowerment and celebration.



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