

SPECTRUM

Rainbow Community Calendar

The *Rainbow Community Calendar (RCC)* is a monthly publication serving the LGBTQ community of Waterloo Region. It is named in tribute to the *Pink Triangle Community Calendar* created in 1989 by community activist Lisa Simkins. The *RCC* is issued by the **Rainbow Community Calendar Collective**, an action group of **SPECTRUM–Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space**. Print copies are available at SPECTRUM, ACKWA, and various bars, clubs, cafes, etc. in Waterloo Region.

Online at <http://ourspectrum.com/Comm/CommunityEvents.html>

Send events to info@ourspectrum.com by the **20th of each month**.

SPECTRUM'S **Resource Centre and Drop-In Space** is in Unit 210 at 283 Duke St. W., Kitchener, N2H 3X7 (corner of Duke St W and Breithaupt). Park on Breithaupt St side of building, near the loading dock. Go in the Duke St entrance, up the stairs, through the door, down the hallway to Unit 210.

Website: <http://ourspectrum.com/> (includes hours of opening and much more)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SpectrumCommunitySpace>

Twitter: @spectrumwat Email: info@ourspectrum.com Phone: 226 779-9695

2016, January 1 (Friday)

gaymday. 7-11pm, @ SPECTRUM. Join us to play board games, and assemble puzzles.

2016, January 2 (Saturday)

SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm @ SPECTRUM. An informal afternoon of socializing in a safe and normalizing space. We have friendly volunteers, an extensive collection of games, books and DVDs, and free wi-fi and a jigsaw puzzle on the go.

2016, January 3 (Sunday)

Friends of Dorothy Bowling League

Event. 1:15pm practice; 1:30-4pm bowling, Brunswick Frederick Lanes, 385 Frederick Plaza, Kitchener.

ORG—SPECTRUM'S Outdoor Recreation Group. Lite event: 2-4pm: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ORG.WR/>

2016, January 5 (Tuesday)

Rainbow Connections 2:30-4pm, 9 Wellington St, Unit 1, Cambridge on Tuesdays, For meeting schedules see <http://self-help-alliance.ca/about/calendars-events/>

Queercraft—a Queer Crafting Group. 6-8pm @SPECTRUM.

OK2BME Youth Group—Help us brainstorm topics for 2016. 6-7:30pm.

2016, January 6 (Wednesday)

Trans Peer Discussion Group. 7:30–9:00pm. @ SPECTRUM. For anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella.

2016, January 7 (Thursday)

Rainbow Connections. 7–9pm. Main floor, Self Help Alliance, 67 King St E. Kitchener. Please wait at the doors on Frederick Street and someone will let you in the building for group. If you will be late, please contact us in advance so we know when to let you in. Also note that there is a 15 minute time-period that we can let you in, otherwise it becomes disruptive to group. We will be in the downstairs room, so ring the downstairs doorbell to be let in. Meeting schedules at <http://self-help-alliance.ca/about/calendars-events/>

2016, January 8 (Fri.) - 9 (Sat.)

Cliterature. Cliterature is a transformational and artful celebration of women's sexuality through erotic readings, film, photography, music, dance and more. Victoria Park Pavilion.

2016, January 8 (Friday)

gaymday. 7-11pm, @ SPECTRUM. Join us to play board games, and assemble puzzles.

2016, January 9 (Saturday)

Belonging: LGBTQ+ Arts Program: Drop in for Open Art Studio Days. 12-3pm. \$5 per individual. Use of some art materials available. Bring something to

work on! Come anytime during drop in hours! The Button Factory, 25 Regina St. S, Waterloo. <http://www.facebook.com/groups/422771454596107/>

SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm @ SPECTRUM. See Jan.2 entry. <http://www.ourspectrum.com/>

2016, January 10 (Sunday)

ORG—SPECTRUM'S Outdoor Recreation Group. Regular event: 1-5pm: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ORG.WR/>

Friends of Dorothy Bowling League Event. 1:15pm practice; 1:30-4pm bowling. See Jan.3 entry.

2016, January 11 (Monday)

Plan B Drop-in Hours at SPECTRUM 6—8pm. 283 Duke St W, Kitchener, Unit 210. Plan B is hanging out at SPECTRUM to invite members of our communities to learn more about our vision, ideas and goals. We'd like to meet you and show you how to get involved with Plan B in this exciting time. For more information, visit our website at planbcooperativekw.wordpress.com

2016, January 12 (Tuesday)

Queercraft—a Queer Crafting Group. 6-8pm @SPECTRUM.

Coming Out Older Discussion Group. 7–8:30pm. By SPECTRUM. Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener.

2016, January 14 (Thursday)

Trans Social Night. 6-10pm Brown Dog

Café, 115 Dundas St, N. Cambridge.

Rainbow Newcomers. 7-9pm. @ SPECTRUM. A place for LGBTQ-identified immigrants and refugees to socialize with each other and with LGBTQ people who have been in town for a while, and discuss issues related to being a newcomer to Canada.

2016, January 15 (Friday)

gaymday. 7-11pm, @ SPECTRUM. Join us to play board games, and assemble puzzles.

2016, January 16 (Saturday)

SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm @ SPECTRUM. See Jan.2 entry.

2016, January 17 (Sunday)

Friends of Dorothy Bowling League Event. 1:15pm practice; 1:30-4pm bowling. See Jan.3 entry.

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2016, January 19 (Tuesday)

Queercraft—a Queer Crafting Group. 6-8pm @SPECTRUM.

OK2BME Youth Group - Holiday Party. 6-7:30pm.

Waterloo-Wellington-Perth PFLAG Parents, Family & Friends Peer-Support Group. 7-9pm, @ Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Center, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener.

2016, January 20 (Wednesday)

Trans Peer Discussion Group. 7:30–9:00pm. @ SPECTRUM For anyone who identifies in the trans/gender variant umbrella.

2016, January 21 (Thursday)

Rainbow Connections. 7–9pm. Main floor, Self Help Alliance, 67 King St E. Kitchener. See Jan.7 entry.

2016, January 22 (Friday)

gaymday. 7-11pm, @ SPECTRUM. Join us to play board games, and assemble puzzles.

2016, January 23 (Saturday)

SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm @ SPECTRUM. See Jan.2 entry.

2016, January 24 (Sunday)

ORG—SPECTRUM'S Outdoor Recreation Group. Regular event: 1-5pm: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ORG.WR/>

Friends of Dorothy Bowling League Event. 1:15pm practice; 1:30-4pm bowling. See Jan.3 entry.

2016, January 25 (Monday)

Plan B Drop-in Hours at SPECTRUM 6—8pm @SPECTRUM See Jan.11 entry.

2016, January 26 (Tuesday)

Queercraft—a Queer Crafting Group. 6-8pm @SPECTRUM.

Coming Out Older Discussion Group. 7 – 8:30pm. By SPECTRUM. Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener.

2016, January 28 (Thursday)

Lazy Queer Reading Circle. 6:30-8pm, In SPECTRUM. Come join us as we read short stories/articles and discuss them.

2016, January 29 (Friday)

gaymday. 7-11pm, @ SPECTRUM. Join us to play board games, and assemble puzzles.

2016, January 30 (Saturday)

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SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm @ SPECTRUM. See Jan.2 entry.

2016, January 31 (Sunday)

Friends of Dorothy Bowling League Event. 1:15pm practice; 1:30-4pm bowling. See Jan.3 entry.

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Beyond

2016, March 11 (Fri.) - 13 (Sun.)

Rainbow Reels Queer and Trans Film Festival. Details TBA. <http://www.facebook.com/rainbowreels/>

2016—April

Friends of Dorothy's Best Charity Tournament. Details to be announced.

2015 SPECTRUM Highlights

May—We moved from Waterloo to a space in Kitchener four times bigger!

September—Our Aging with Pride Committee began giving LGBTQ-competency training sessions to senior-serving facilities.—Later that month SPECTRUM had its 1st Annual General Meeting.

November—We became involved with the Waterloo Region Syrian Refugee Resettlement Preparedness Plan.

2016 SPECTRUM Plans

January—We will begin issuing a regular **Newsletter** telling about new developments at SPECTRUM.

February—We will roll out a new, much improved website.

March—We will be in a legal position to start seeking charitable status. Once we have charitable status (likely not until 2017), we will be able to issue income-tax receipts for donations.