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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, ACCKWA, libraries, community centres, government and social services agencies in Waterloo Region.

Online at: <http://ourspectrum.com/rainbow-community-calendar/>

Please e-mail calendar editor Lyn McGinnis with corrections or new information by the 20th of each month to: lynmc@rogers.com please put **RAINBOW CALENDAR in the subject line.**

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

Website: <http://ourspectrum.com/> **NEW!** (with hours of opening and much more)

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

Twitter: [@our_SPECTRUM](https://twitter.com/our_SPECTRUM) **E-mail:** info@ourspectrum.com **Phone:** 226-779-9695

September Events

Starting September 1

KW El-Tawhid Circle, a progressive Muslim social and prayer group which is gender equal and LGBTQ affirmative. Every second Friday afternoon from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. **September 1, 15** and **29**. More information: Fran at franps@golden.net.

day5games. 7-11 PM **September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** at SPECTRUM. Join us as we gather at our space to play board and card games, assemble jigsaw puzzles and fiddle with constructions in an informal atmosphere.

Starting September 2

SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In 2-5 PM Saturdays, **September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. Come and hang out with us in a casual, relaxing atmosphere where you can just be yourself in an LGBTQ-friendly setting. We have refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Starting September 4

Rainbow bereavement support group **Monday, September 4** and **18** 1:30-3:30 PM. All LGBTQ caregivers, spouses, friends suffering loss. 298 Lawrence Ave. Kitchener. Call 519-743-4114 ext. 117. barb@hospicewaterloo.ca

Starting September 5

Queercraft - a Queer Crafting Group. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays: **September 5, 12, 19.** Bring your portable craft to SPECTRUM!

Starting September 6


SPECTRUM Prime. 7-9 PM, first and third Wednesdays of the month - **September 6** and **20** at SPECTRUM. We see things differently as we age. Priorities shift. Social circles change. How can we deal with these challenges? As maturing members of the LGBTQ community, we gather together to create a welcoming environment where we can reduce isolation and expand our network of friends. Please join us for a casual discussion and social group for maturing adults. <http://ourspectrum.com/older-adults-group/>

The Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo Wellington reconvenes on **September 6**, at Harcourt United Church, 87 Dean Ave., Guelph. We are a community chorus that welcomes members of all genders, sexualities, and gender expressions - and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. We invite members from all levels of experience who enjoy singing a diverse repertoire of choral music, no audition required. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. and rehearsal is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come on out to learn what we're all about, sing your heart out, and meet new friends! All are welcome! <http://rainbowchorus.ca>

Starting September 7

SPECTRUM Transgender Peer Support Group. 7-9 PM on the first and third Thursday of the month. **September 7** and **21.** New day - new time - new facilitators. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at SPECTRUM.

ORG needs your input to make our Fall plans! Check out our Facebook page, or email us at: outing@ourspectrum.com



Starting September 12

OK2BME Youth Group. 6-7:30 PM Alternate Tuesdays- **September 12** and **26** More information: <http://ok2bme.ca/>

OutFest 2017 returns this September! Join us for a week long celebration of LGBTQ+ stories brought to life through theatre, dance, and music!

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., Talkback Join host Jennifer Campbell as she chats with Drake Jensen and Patrick Masse about the challenges of being openly LGBTQ+ artist's in country music. Grand River Highschool, 441-487 Heritage Dr, Kitchener.

Wednesday, Sept 13, 7:30 p.m. Registry Theatre, OutFest will kick-off this season with a bang! Join Drake Jensen, Patrick Masse, and the band for an evening of smooth tunes, and feel good music.

Thursday, Sept. 14 to Saturday Sept. 16, at Registry Theatre, Stage One Taking place over three days, and four performances; local and emerging artists take to the stage to bring life to new characters, and stories that reflect the LGBTQ+ community.

Friday, Sept. 15, Saturday, Sept. 16, Registry Theatre, Stage Two Accompany Drake Jensen, Patrick Jensen, as well as local artist's Jeffery Fleming, and Jo Jo Worthington in an intimate space for a quiet evening of soft tunes, and craft beer.

Saturday, Sept. 16 OutFest Dance! Location: KWMP (Kitchener Waterloo Musical Productions) - 14 Shaftsbury Dr, Kitchener, ON N2A 1N5 For more detailed information: <http://page1.productions/>

Starting September 14

Rainbow Newcomers Thursday, September 14 and **Wednesday, September 27** 7-9 PM at 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. More

information: RainbowNewcomers@gmail.com

September 17

Trans Fams Event. 4:00 p.m., **September 17** (Sunday). Are you interested in meeting other families with Trans and Gender Independent Kids? Want to join our family and others for some fun activities? Contact Holly for more info at: hbmathers@gmail.com

September 19

Waterloo - Wellington - Perth PFLAG, Parents Family and Friends Peer-Support Group 7-9 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. **September 19.** Are you having difficulty coming to terms with the sexuality, gender identity or gender expression of someone close to you? Join us in a warm, welcoming and safe place for all family and friends of people of the LGBTQ community at Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber Street West, Kitchener. More Information: <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAG.WWP>

September 20

Queerly Christian 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Erb Street Mennonite Church, 131 Erb Street West, Waterloo. This is a monthly group of people who identify as LGBTQ+ and Christian. We will gather for conversation and reflection on our experiences around how these different aspects of our identity intersect. Allies are welcome, but please recognize that this is intended as a space for LGBTQ+ Christians to share their lived experience. More information: <https://pastorsinexile.org/2017/03/03/queerly-christian/>

September 26

SPECTRUM Annual General Meeting Join us to learn more about SPECTRUM and what we have been doing over the past year. Multipurpose Room, second floor, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener, 7:00 p.m. Full details can be found at: <http://ourspectrum.com/agm2017>

Good Laughs. 7:00 p.m. until closing, last Tuesday of the month: **September 26.** A safe space for trans people to explore their identity in the community; open to allies as well at Symposium Café, Waterloo (corner of King and Erb) - back room. goodlaughs81@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/goodlaughs81/?fref=ts>

September 27

Rainbow Connections - Kitchener meeting September 27 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. LGBTQ and Mental Health Group Main Floor, Self Help Alliance, 67 King St E. Kitchener. Call 519- 570-4595 to speak with either Jasmina, ext. 4052, or Brenda, ext. 4061 to verify meeting date and time, or for more information: <http://cmhawwselfhelp.ca/events/>

September 29

Sexual Health Awareness Drop in 5-8 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month. **September 29.** Sponsored by ACCKWA at SPECTRUM, 283 Duke Street West, Unit 210.

SPECTRUM Reading Circle 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. **September 29.** In our Reading Circle we read short stories and articles aloud on the spot; no prior reading is required. Then we reflect on what we have read. Join us for this exploration of LGBTQ literature and what it means to us personally at SPECTRUM.

SAVE THE DATE! SPECTRUM PRESENTS A SPOOKY SURPRISE! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017 DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S CALENDAR!