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## Rainbow Community Calendar

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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ourspectrum.com) **Phone:** 226-779-9695

### January Events

**Starting January 2**

**[Queercraft - a Queer Crafting Group.](#)** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays: **January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.** Bring your portable craft to SPECTRUM!

**[OK2BME Youth Group.](#)** 6:00-7:30 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays- **January 2, 16 and 30** More information: <http://ok2bme.ca/>

**January 3**

**SPECTRUM Prime.** 7-9 PM, first and third Wednesdays of the month - **January 3 and 17** at SPECTRUM. We see things differently as we age. Prior-

ities 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/>

**Starting January 4**

**[SPECTRUM Transgender Peer Support Group.](#)** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month.

**January 4 and 18.** And on the second and fourth Monday of each month, **January 8 and 22.** A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at SPECTRUM.

#### Starting January 5

**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. **January 5 and 19.** More information: Fran at [franps@golden.net](mailto:franps@golden.net).

**day5games.** 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. **January 5, 12, 19, 26** 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 January 6

**SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In** 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, **January 6, 13, 20, 27.** 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!

**REFLECTION: find yourself in dance.** **Saturday, January 6,** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 116 Queen St N, Kitchener. Join us monthly for a no shoes, no talk, non-stop dance set to music from around the world. Reflection welcomes people of all abilities, genders, orientations, and religions. No experience or partner required. \$10 per person. \$5 per youth (17-22) and anyone needing a discount. More info at [www.facebook.com/ReflectionDanceKW](http://www.facebook.com/ReflectionDanceKW) and [www.ReflectionDance.ca](http://www.ReflectionDance.ca)

#### Starting January 11

**Rainbow Newcomers Thursday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 24** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 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. [RainbowNewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:RainbowNewcomers@gmail.com)

#### Starting January 15

**Rainbow bereavement support group Monday, January 15 and 29** 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](mailto:barb@hospicewaterloo.ca)

#### January 16

**Waterloo - Wellington - Perth PFLAG, Parents Family and Friends Peer-Support Group** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. **January 16.** 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. <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAG.WWP>

#### January 17

**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. <https://pastorsinexile.org/2017/03/03/queerly-christian/>

#### January 18

We invite you to the **Seniors' Community Lunch** at Wesley United Cambridge (6 Cambridge St) on the third Thursday of every month. Cost \$10. Please call the church office 519-621-

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6060 so we have an idea of how many lunches to prepare. Meet and Greet for Rainbow Seniors LGBTQ+(55yrs) in the Chapel, hosted by Rev. Roy Holton and Laura Wilson immediately following the lunch from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Plan B Co-operative KW's monthly drop-in** hours **Thursday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Treehaus (79 Joseph St, Kitchener). Third Thursday of each month Plan B holds a drop-in space for LGBTQ+ community members to meet and mingle, learn about our programming and events, and just hang out!

#### Starting January 19

**Cliterature - 14th year! January 19 to 20,** Victoria Park Pavilion. Ample parking at 80 Schneider Avenue. An artful celebration of women's sexuality through erotic readings, dance and music. Dance Saturday! For all event details visit [www.secrettevents.com](http://www.secrettevents.com) or find Cliterature 2018 on Facebook. Proceeds will benefit Shore Centre!

#### January 20

**Werewolf in KW!** The Game: Your quiet little 16th century village has suddenly become infested with some very unfriendly werewolves. Can you, the other villagers find them before they devour everyone? Dinner at 6:30 the Game starts at 8:00 at the Barley Works Bar and Grill, 59 King Street North, Waterloo. For more information: [kevin.george.hare@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.george.hare@gmail.com)

#### January 21

**SPECTRUM Outing to the Symposium Cafe** SPECTRUM has established a set of monthly Outings on the third Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to the Symposium Cafe Restaurant and Lounge, 4 King Street North, Waterloo. For more information see: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPECTRUMOutings/>

#### January 21

**Trans Fams Event.** 4:00 p.m., **January 21.** 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](mailto:hbmathers@gmail.com)

#### January 24

**Rainbow Connections - Kitchener meeting January 24** 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/>

#### January 25

**Sexual Health Awareness Drop in** 5-8 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month. **January 25.** 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. **January 25.** 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.

#### January 30

**Good Laughs.** 7:00 p.m. until closing, last Tuesday of the month: **January 30.** 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](mailto:goodlaughs81@gmail.com) <https://www.facebook.com/goodlaughs81/?fref=ts>