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Rainbow Community Calendar

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

Weekly email of upcoming LGBTQ+ events, join the Rainbow e-mail list: <https://da.gd/rnbw>

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/> (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

January Events

Starting January 2

SPECTRUM Prime. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of the month - **January 2** and **16** 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.

Starting January 3

SPECTRUM Transgender Peer Support Group. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays **January 3** and **17** and Monday **January 14** and **28**. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at SPECTRUM.

Starting January 4

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 4** and **18**. More information: Fran at franps@golden.net.

Starting January 4

day5games. 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. **January 4, 11, 18, 25** 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 5

SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, **January 5, 12, 19, 26.** 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.

January 6

Trans Fams Event. 4:00 p.m., **January 6.** 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

January 8 and 22

OK2BME GSA Squad Cambridge Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-01/> for details as they become available.

January 9

Aging with Pride Committee Meeting If you are interested in helping us improve life for older LGBTQ-identified people, please attend this monthly Committee meeting at SPECTRUM 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. <http://ourspectrum.com/projects/aging-with-pride/>

Queerly Christian 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Erb Street Mennonite Church, 131 Erb Street West, Waterloo **January 9** and **23.** This is a group of people who identify as LGBTQ+ and Christian. 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 10

Rainbow Multicultural Connect 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at SPECTRUM. A group where people from diverse cultures gather together at SPECTRUM to discuss what it is like to be LGBTQ+ across the world. We meet on the second Thursday of the month.

January 15

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. 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 15 and 29

OK2BME Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-01/> for details as they become available.

January 17

We invite you to the **Seniors' Community Lunch** at Wesley United Cambridge (6 Cambridge Street) on the third Thursday of every month. Cost \$10. Please call 519-621-6060 so we know 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 17, 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!

January 18 and 19

Cliterature 2019 - 15 year anniversary! January 18 to 19, Victoria Park Pavilion. Ample parking at 80 Schneider Avenue. An artful of celebration of women's sexuality through erotic readings, dance and music. For all event details visit www.secretevents.com or find Cliterature 2019 on Facebook. Proceeds will benefit The Healing of the Seven Generations and SPECTRUM Community Space! Get your tickets here: http://secretevents.com/?page_id=1015

January 20

SPECTRUM Outing to the Symposium Café from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month join us at the Symposium Cafe Restaurant and Lounge, **an accessible location**, 668 Erb Street West on the Boardwalk in Waterloo, 519-749-4616. For more information see: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/%20SPECTRUMOutings/>

January 23

SPECTRUM Converse and Connect Whether you're thinking about coming out, newly out, or out for ages, this group provides an opportunity to talk, share and connect with others in the LGBTQ community aged 19+ in a safe, positive and supportive environment. This group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the SPECTRUM Community Space. For details: <http://ourspectrum.com/converse-and-connect/>

January 29

Good Laughs. 7:00 p.m. until closing, last Tuesday of the month: **November 27.** 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>

SPECTRUM in review - 2018

Without your Support, SPECTRUM would be just another grass-roots organization struggling to make ends meet - worrying about the next rent increase and wondering whether all the effort was worth it. Your financial support and encouragement in 2018 helped changed that for us!

Your Financial Support. A critical development was that in January 2018 the Canada Revenue Agency granted us charitable status. We were finally able to issue income-tax receipts for donations to SPECTRUM. Consequently we saw a significant increase in donations from the community in 2018. We are well on the road to financial sustainability. We are now in a position to think about new ongoing commitments like hiring part-time staff or moving to a new home that is closer to bus lines and better equipped to serve our growing community.

Your Encouragement. Equally important is the moral support that has come from community members commenting on and sharing our social-media messages. It is

sometimes very difficult to determine how the community feels about our work. So when we hear people say "Thank you for the work you do" as we did many times this past year, it makes all our effort seem worthwhile.

Without our Volunteers, none of this would be possible. It is only through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers that we are able to serve our community every week of the year. In 2018, we were fortunate to have a number of new volunteers bring considerable talent and energy to Team SPECTRUM.

Our Partner Agencies. Over the years, we have developed partnerships with community agencies like KW Counselling Services and the KW Multicultural Centre. In 2018, we also began partnering with the Hospice of Waterloo Region, Community Justice Initiatives and Waterloo Region Housing.

And in 2019, you will hear more about our Safe Affordable Housing Committee, as well as the legal-aid clinic and youth program that we will be launching.