



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/>

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

February Events

Starting February 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. **February 1** and **15**. More information: Fran at franps@golden.net.

day5games. 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. **February 1, 8, 15, 22** 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 February 2

SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, **February 2, 9, 16, 23**. 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.

Starting February 3

Youth Under the Rainbow is a Drop-in for rainbow youth ages 13 through 18 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at **SPECTRUM every Sunday**. Hang out, bring friends, and make new ones in a casual, LGBTQ2S-friendly setting. Refreshments provided! <http://ourspectrum.com/youth-under-the-rainbow/>

February 3

Trans Fams Event. 4:00 p.m., **February 3**. 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

Starting February 5

SPECTRUM Tuesday Drop-In This social drop-in event **every Tuesday** afternoon is a great opportunity to meet other people, and to make new friends! We also have cookies and other (sometimes healthier) snacks to share. Feel free to drop in at any time on Tuesday between 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Starting February 6

SPECTRUM Prime. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of the month – **February 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.

Starting February 7

SPECTRUM Thursday Drop-In This social drop-in event **every Thursday** afternoon is a great opportunity to meet other people, and to make new friends! We also have cookies and other (sometimes healthier) snacks to share. Feel free to drop in at any time on Thursday between 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SPECTRUM Transgender Peer Support Group. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on **Thursday February 7** and **21** and **Monday February 11** and **25**. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at **SPECTRUM**.

February 12

OK2BME Coming Out Stories ages 15 to 18 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-02/> for details as they become available.

OK2BME My Gay Valentine ages 12 to 14 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-02/> for details as they become available.

February 13

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/>

Starting February 13

Queerly Christian 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Erb Street Mennonite Church, 131 Erb Street West, Waterloo **February 13** and **27**. 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/>

February 14

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.

February 17

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/>

February 19

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>

February 21

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 LBGTQ+(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, February 21, 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!

February 26

OK2BME TBA ages 15 to 18 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-02/> for details as they become available.

OK2BME Minute to Win It ages 12 to 14 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-02/> for details as they become available.

Thanks, Cliterature, for your generosity!

Cliterature, an artful celebration of women's sexuality, was created by Shelley Secrett 15 years ago and is a much anticipated annual event. From

this year's proceeds, \$1250 was donated to **The Healing of the Seven Generations** and another \$1250 to SPECTRUM.

February 26

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

February 27

Sexual Health Awareness Drop in 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. **February 27.** Sponsored by ACCKWA at SPECTRUM, 283 Duke Street West, Unit 210.

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://our-spectrum.com/converse-and-connect/>

OK2BME Under the Rainbow A show and Dance Fundraiser. Visit <https://undertherainbowok2bme.eventbrite.ca> for details as they become available.

GSA Conference for details: <https://ok2bme.ca/events-calendar/gsa-conferences/>

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