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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/>

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

April Events

Starting April 1

LGBTQ+ Drop-in for International Students, Refugees and Immigrants at Conestoga College Doon Campus, Rm 2D22 **every Monday**, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Connect with people in a supportive environment. Food, games, and bus tickets provided. For more info text or call 226-338-5695 or promise@carizon.ca.

Starting April 2

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.

OK2BME Cambridge April 2, 16, 30 ages 13 to 18 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-04/> for details as they become available.

Starting April 3

SPECTRUM Prime. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of the month - **April 3** and **17** 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 com-

munity, 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 April 4

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 **April 4** and **18** and Monday **April 8** and **22**. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at SPECTRUM.

Starting April 6

day5games. 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. **every Friday** 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 April 6

SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. **every Saturday**. 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.

Beyond Binaries: Creating an Affirming Church at the Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Road, Waterloo from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$25 registration (includes lunch). Whether you are a church leader or just interested in this conversation, you are invited to a day of learning and conversation with Queer Christians and other affirming churches as we explore this question. For more information: <https://pastors-inexile.org/beyond-binaries-event/>

April 6

Friends of Dorothy's Best Fundraiser Brunswick Frederick Lanes, 385 Frederick Street, Kitchener 12:00 p.m. to 5:30

p.m. Bowling Fundraiser in support of ACCKWA and the Grand River Hospital Foundation Cancer Centre. The theme is All Things Scottish: Kilty Pleasures! <http://kwfriendsfordorothy.ca/forms>

Starting April 7

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://our-spectrum.com/youth-under-the-rainbow/>

Friends of Dorothy' Bowling League Brunswick Frederick Lanes, 385 Frederick Street, Kitchener 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We meet **every Sunday** from September to Mid-May. All are welcome to participate. \$16 for three games, plus shoe rental (\$2.50).

April 9

OK2BME Board Games 12 to 14 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-04/> for details as they become available.

OK2BME Event Planning ages 15 to 18 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-04/> for details as they become available.

April 10

Queerly Christian 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Erb Street Mennonite Church, 131 Erb Street West, Waterloo **April 10** and **24**. 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/>

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/>

April 11

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.

April 12

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. **April 12** and **26**. More information: Fran at franps@golden.net.

April 14

Trans Fams Event. 4:00 p.m. 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

April 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. Join us in a warm, welcoming and safe place for all family and friends of people of the LGBTQ community at Multipurpose Room A in the Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber Street West, Kitchener. <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAG.WWP>

April 17

Comic Sans at Patent Social, 17 Erb Street East, Waterloo from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Formerly Alice's Big Queer Comedy Show, Comic Sans is a monthly comedy event that showcases the unique voices of queer/BIPOC/marginalized performers. Produced and hosted by Alice Rose, Comic Sans takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at Patent Social. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/comic-sans-tickets-58681429736>

April 18

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 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 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!

April 21

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/>

April 23

OK2BME Two-Spirited Speaker 12 to 14 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-04/> for details as they become available.

OK2BME Asexuality ages 15 to 18 Visit <https://ok2bme.ca/events/2019-04/> for details as they become available.

April 24

Sexual Health Awareness Drop in 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. 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://ourspectrum.com/converse-and-connect/>