



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

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Saturday: Out On The Shelf/Queer Library Open House, Harm Reduction Kit Making and Naloxone Training, Drag Storytime with Athena McQueen, EnGAYgement: Queer Wedding Advice, Queer Skate Takeover, <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

Cliterature Open Mic 2020 \$ A spoken-word celebration of women's sexuality. PayWhatYouCan at the door in full support of Spectrum. <https://www.facebook.com/events/495444277966841/>

Rainbow Community Council Meet and Greet The Kitchener Market Community Room, 300 King Street East, Kitchener. Come for a warm welcome and learn how the Rainbow Community Council fosters a connected and supportive community in Waterloo Region that is inclusive of the Rainbow Community. Stacey Jacobs: education@shorecentre.ca

SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. **every Saturday.** Join us in a relaxing atmosphere where you can just be yourself in an LGBTQ-friendly setting. We have refreshments.

Starting February 2

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Sunday: Understanding Gender Identity, Get Social and Beat the Winter Blues Challenge <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

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).

Trans Fams Event. 4:00 p.m. Meet 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

disORG Walk - Homer Watson Park to Pioneer Tower 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meet at the Homer Watson Park parking lot at the end of Wilson Avenue. disORG is a queer-friendly exercise group. To RSVP, contact Paul: exercise@pnijar.33mail.com

Starting February 3

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Monday: LGBT2Q+ Women's Social Network <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

SPECTRUM TransMasculine Peer Support Group. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Every first and third Monday.** A normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the TransMasculine variant umbrella at SPECTRUM. **18+** trans@ourspectrum.com

Starting February 4

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Monday: Trans Drop-In at ARCH, 2SLGBTQ+ Harm Reduction Peer Support, Beyond Bras and Binders: Getting Fitted, Feeling Fine! Speaking Our Truths - Queer and Trans Storytelling with Guelph Spoken Word (\$) <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

Starting February 4

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 5

SPECTRUM Prime. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., first and third Wednesdays of the month – **February 5 and 19** at SPECTRUM. We see things differently as we age. 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 6

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

SPECTRUM Transgender Peer Support Group. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday **February 6 and 20** and Monday **February 10 and 24.** A normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at SPECTRUM. **18+**

Starting February 7

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Friday: Face-Mask Fun with the Queer Christian Community, Queer AF Friday's Queer-e-oke & FIERCE! LGBT2QI+ Dance Party (\$) <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

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.

February 8

Under the Rainbow Comedy Fund-raiser (\$) for OK2BME 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/under-the-rainbow-a-comedy-show-fundraiser-for-ok2bme-tickets-90169723069>

February 9

Rainbow Multicultural Connect 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at SPECTRUM. A gathering at SPECTRUM to discuss what it is like to be LGBTQ+ across the world.

February 10

LGBTQ+ Drop-in for International Students, at Conestoga College Waterloo Campus, 108 University Avenue, Waterloo, Library Collaborative Room 5 **second Monday of each month**, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Supportive environment. Food, games, and bus tickets provided. For more info text or call 226-338-5695 or promise@carizon.ca.

February 11

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Tuesday: Guelph Queer Networking <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

Sexual Assault Survivors Group 283 Duke St W, Unit 210, Kitchener, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Group will meet at SPECTRUM. SASC partnership.

February 12

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 On the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. This is a group of people who identify as LGBTQ+ and Christian to explore faith and sexuality/gender in a welcoming community. For more location information contact: pamela@pastorsinexile.org and <https://pastorsinexile.org/2017/03/03/queerly-christian/>

February 13

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Tuesday: Queer Craft Night Market <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

February 15

Rainbow Family Drop-In 10:00 a.m. to noon. Join other LGBTQ2S+ Families from KW and surrounding areas for monthly drop-in programming geared to ages 0-6. All children and families welcome! Light snacks and drinks will be provided. On the third Saturday morning of the month. Email KWQueerFamilies@gmail.com

KPL Free Flicks: Judy. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. <https://kplca.evanced.info/signup/eventdetails?eventid=41173&lib=5>

February 16

SPECTRUM Seven Shores Urban Market and Café Meeting Room from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (kitchen closes at 3:00 p.m.) on the **third Sunday of each month** 10 Regina Street North in Waterloo, 519-342-0916. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/%20SPECTRUMOutings/>

February 18

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>

February 20

Guelph Winter Pride Events for Thursday: Voices of Value, LGBT2QI+ Inclusion Workshop (\$) <https://www.guelphpride.com/winter-pride.html>

February 20

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, learn about our programming and events, and just hang out!

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.

February 22

ACCKWA - Beyond Eggplants and Peaches. This is an interactive communications and relationship workshop from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-eggplants-and-peaches-tickets-88910631091>

Tri-Pride - Into the Rainbow Multi-Generational Rainbow Event (\$) 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1017346675291294/>

February 25

SPECTRUM Legal Aid Clinic usually operates on the **fourth Tuesday of the month**. For more information see: <http://ourspectrum.com/projects/>

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February 26

Sexual Health Awareness Drop in 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the **fourth Wednesday 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/>

February 27

SPECTRUM Transgender Non-Binary Peer Support Group A normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the Non-Binary variant umbrella at SPECTRUM from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. trans@ourspectrum.com

February 28

K-W Unity Mosque, this is a progressive Muslim social and prayer group which is gender equal and LGBTQ affirmative. Join us 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. For more information: ranpappertshannon@gmail.com

Honouring Thom Ryan by Jim Parrott

Thom lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the age of 45. I first met him twenty-two years ago and watched with pride as he became a tireless advocate for the local rainbow community. He supported many groups during that time with his boundless energy and wisdom. Thom was one of a handful of people I would consider to be a long-time pillar of the community. He was my friend, and I miss him.

