

District Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Notes

Tuesday, September 19, 2107

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Conference Room A School Board Office 556 Boleskine Road

1. Welcome and Introductions - Name, School, Preferred Pronouns
2. School Updates
3. Guiding Question
4. Year Ahead Planning
 - Love is Love Conference - Oak Bay has again expressed interest in hosting this event. Please stay tuned for the date. If you are interested in being mentored through this process, please come to our next District GSA meeting.
 - Pride Parade - This was another excellent event for our GSAs. Our presence was felt and appreciated by the community. Please consider joining us next year.
 - Anti-Homophobia/Transphobia Week - We are asking schools to begin updating their materials now and sharing this information as it comes into the schools. Please use these notes as a source of new material as we will include everything that comes our way.

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Meeting Dates (Locations to be determined): Please take a look at the dates below. We still require some locations. Email Harold if you are able to host.

September 19, 2017

October 24, 2017

November 21, 2017

January 23, 2018

February 20, 2018

April 17, 2018

May 22, 2018

School Board Office

Rockheights

Oak Bay Library

Esquimalt Library

Vic West Elementary

School Board Office

Saanich Parks and Rec (and affiliates) Updates:

Upside Teen Center @ Commonwealth Pool

Fridays - 2-Spirit, Queer, Trans and Allied Youth Drop-in - 530-10pm (dinner weekly @ 6)

- Relaxed social setting, space features pool table, ping pong tables, foosball table, video games, recording studio, craft supplies, movie nights, "life-size" chess and a kitchen for making brownies and cookies
- About 30-40 attendees per week from all over Victoria and surrounding area
- Occasional Saturday outings, parties, etc. We had a summer camp, prom and Pride parade marching group this year as well!
- Open to youth **13-18**

<https://www.facebook.com/2qtdropin/>

Saturdays - Apricity Queer + Trans Youth Theatre Project - 12-2pm

- theatre skill-building program and creative platform for youth!
- all skill levels welcome
- multiple methods of engagement offered including acting, directing, dance, creative music, writing, lighting,

costume design and more!
- Open to youth **13-18**

3rd Monday of the Month - QT2IPOC Dinner - 530-830pm

- recurring monthly dinners for self-identified **people of colour** who are also members of queer, trans and 2-Spirit communities

- rotating "dinner facilitators" with different meals every month. Come learn how to cook something new! :)

- Open to all members of the community who identify both as a **person of colour** and as 2-Spirit, queer and/or trans

3rd Wednesday of the Month - Parents of Queer/Trans Children Support Group - 7-9pm

- facilitated discussion group for parents to discuss opportunities, skills, questions and more as they relate to raising children and teens who are LGBT2Q+

Backdoor Teen Center @ Gordon Head Rec

Wednesdays - LGBTQ2+ Youth Hang Out - 7-9pm

- Very chill and intimate social hangout with a smaller group of people. Space offers pingpong tables, pool table, two ovens for making snacks, movies and video games! Also very close to the skatepark

- About 10-20 attendees per week

- Now EVERY WEEK instead of biweekly

- Rotating schedule of speakers and workshops, including tie dye and silk screening tutorials and more!

- Recurring all-bodies swims at Gordon Head Rec!

- Open to youth **13-18**

<https://www.facebook.com/lgbtq2hangout/>



QT2IPOC Dinners

Each dinner will be led by a different facilitator as they lead attendees in preparing the food together.

Who?

For self-identified queer, trans, and/or 2-spirit Indigenous people and people of colour.

When?

Third Monday of every month
5:30 -8:30 pm

Where?

Upside Youth Centre,
Saanich Commonwealth Place
4636 Elk Lake Drive, W̱SÁNEĆ territory

Contact: qt2ipoc.foodsharing@gmail.com

LGBTQ2+ HANG OUT

A drop-in for LGBT, Queer,
2-Spirit (And Ally!) Youth!

Eat snacks, play games,
hang out with
supportive friends
and mentors

A safer space
where you
can be
yourself
♡♡♡

For Youth
13-18
of all
genders
and
orientations

**Wednesdays
7-9pm**

starting Sept 27, 2017!

**Backdoor Teen Center
@ Gordon Head
Recreation Center
4100 Lambrick Way**

**Loryn.Anderson@saanich.ca
250.475.7111**

QUEER, TRANS, & ALLIED

YOUTH DROP-IN

A drop-in for self-identified Queer/Trans and Allied youth between 13-18. This is a fun hang-out space for you to create what you need, meet new folks, make new friends, socialize, or just be you!
A safer, supportive space with Queer/Trans mentors.

Upside Teen Centre at Saanich Commonwealth Place
Fridays, 7-10pm // Ages 13-18

LAUNCH DATE: Friday September 25, 2015

Contact alana.goddard@saanich.ca or 250-475-7624 for more information



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