

Pride at SAIT Newsletter

Welcome! Pride at SAIT works towards building a community on campus that is inclusive of and accessible to all individuals regardless of gender expression, gender identity or sexual orientation. We hope to share resources and important information for our 2SLGBTQ+ community through our monthly newsletter and effect positive change!

Important dates in May:

- May 1-30: [Asian Heritage Month](#)
- May 1-7: [Mental Health Week](#)
- May 5: [National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls \(MMIWG\)](#)
- May 15: [International Day of Families](#)
- May 17: [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#)
- May 21: [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#)
- May 25: [Africa Day](#)

May 17th – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) Event

On May 17th, Pride at SAIT joins queer communities and allies worldwide to celebrate the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) #HereAtSAIT! The Pride at SAIT committee will be serving up free ice cream in the Irene Lewis Atrium on May 17th from 12pm to 1pm. There will also be a “Wall of Care” for students to write notes sharing kindness, care and compassion to our SAIT community! We hope to see you there!

The Importance of May 17th:

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia was created in 2004 to draw the attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics. Source: <https://may17.org/about/>

Queer Inclusion and Belonging at SAIT: Creating an Inclusive Classroom

This course is an introduction to equity, diversity, and inclusion, with a focus on the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

The next offering of Queer Inclusion and belonging module 2 is happening on May 25. Students and faculty can register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/queer-inclusion-and-belonging-at-sait-creating-an-inclusive-classroom-tickets-591456250567>
For all faculty interested in module 1 of the course, it is available on peoplenow for resignation.

A little Inspiration for having a Pride(full) Summer

Make sure your summer reading/listening list has a little pride love!

Check out this link for some great reading recommendations: <https://www.them.us/story/lgbtq-books-2023-preview> and here to check out some great music artists: <https://www.calgaryqueerartsociety.com/music>

Get out into the community and spread the pride!

Organizations such as Calgary Outlink: [Center for Gender & Sexual Diversity](#), [Calgary Queer Art Society](#), and the [End of the Rainbow Foundation](#) is always looking for volunteers! If you're wanting to explore what our city has to offer, The Fairy Tales Queer Film Festival is the longest-running and 4th largest queer film festival in Canada. Early bird pricing goes until April 18th, check it out here: <https://fairytalesfilmfest.com/>

Be a role model full of pride!

Speak up, do not tolerate hate and take advantage of different resources to stop hate! Here is a list of resources to look into: <https://calgarypaeds.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/LGBTQ-Resources-Calgary.pdf>