



Rainbow Newsletter

from RSO - your Rainbow Service Organization
www.rainbowservice.org

February 2012 edition

Upcoming Events: also at www.rainbowservice.org - email events to events@rainbowservice.org

Saturday Feb 4th: Q-Tini Social 7-9 pm

Social gathering for LGBTQ, allies and friends!
The Sapphire Room - 137 Hunter Street, Peterborough

Details & 2012 dates: <http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/000410.html>



Feb 11-Feb 19: Self Love Week (SLW)

Annual Series of events hosted by Trent Queer Collective and other groups.
Details to come at <http://www.trentqueercollective.webs.com/> or on
Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/events/314082901971124/>

Saturday Feb 11th: PARN Events (both 19+ events)

Getting Off and Getting Down (19+ event) 6:30-9:30pm

PARN event @ Sapphire Room - 137 Hunter Street, Peterborough
Details at <http://www.facebook.com/events/234033183349283/>

The Art of Pleasure (Women 25+ Only event) 1:30-4:30pm

PARN event @ Endodontics - 425 Water Street, Peterborough
Details at <http://www.facebook.com/events/308726949175346/>



Saturday Feb 11th: Rainbow Valentine Dance 9pm-1am

Peterborough Lions Club Community Centre - 347 Burnham St
All-ages (AoM to drink) - \$8 or pay-what-you-can at the door
DJ Ted will spin our favourite retro dance tunes - Come love yourself and have fun!
RSO fundraiser presented in partnership with PARN, FAQs and TQC's SLW

Tuesday Feb 14th: Coming Out Workshop 7-9pm

Free discussion on the journey @ Sadleir House - 751 George St. N
Hosted by RSO in partnership with PARN, FAQs and TQC's SLW

Feb 14-Feb 29: Queering of Black History Month

Series of events hosted by Community and Race Relations Committee (CRRC)
Details at: <http://www.facebook.com/events/149050681879742/>

Saturday Feb 18th - Q-Brew 3-6 pm

A coffee, tea, beer and games gathering for LGBTQ, allies and friends...
The Spill - 414 George St. N., Peterborough

Details & 2012 dates: <http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/000409.html>



Sunday Feb 26th: Q-Bowl 2-4 pm

Bowling social gathering for LGBTQ, allies and friends.
Bowlerama - Brookdale Plaza at 845 Chemong Road

Details & 2012 dates: <http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/000408.html>



Wednesday March 7th: Drag Bingo 9-11pm

@ The Sapphire Room - 137 Hunter Street, Peterborough
Fun fundraiser for PARN with hosts Diva and Madge Enthart

Every Tuesday Night: LGBTQ Euchre Nights 6-8pm

@ the Spill - 414 George St. N., Peterborough

"Gender Journeys Peterborough" Group Program Announced

A free group program developed to provide service to members of the Transgendered (Trans) community in the Greater Peterborough area has just been announced.

The program is called "Gender Journeys Peterborough" and it is based on a group model developed by the Sherbourne Health Centre in Toronto and Rainbow Health Ontario, a provincially funded service focusing on the provision of health care for Ontarians who identify as LGBTTIQQ2S.

The program will be facilitated by **Shaun Allan**, a trans man and Social Service Worker who has lived and worked in the Peterborough community for many years, and **Jan Tkachuk**, a Psychotherapist and Clinical Consultant in Private Practice who has served the GLBT communities and their loved ones in Peterborough and Toronto for over 20 years. As mental health professionals working in this community, they have found that the need for Trans specific services is increasingly evident. This group is being offered as a pilot project and they are pleased to be donating their time to provide it. The program is being offered for free.

There has already been significant and positive response from individuals, health professionals, agencies and organizations that support additional services for the health, welfare and inclusion of Trans people as vital members of our greater community.

After completing and evaluating this initial group, they will assess the community need for regular offerings of the group and other Trans related services. Going forward, they welcome opportunities to expand services for people who are Transgendered and their families and loved ones.

Please download and post the program flyer from this link or email this link to those you think might be interested: <http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/genderjourneypeterboroughflyer.pdf>

For more information: Email: genderjourneypeterborough@gmail.com
 Phone: Shaun 705-875-4735 or Jan 705-927-6753

Cool Links

- **Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO)** - <http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/home.cfm>
- **Male Call Canada** is a university-community collaboration that surveys men who have had sex with men. Our participation will help create effective community health programs. website: <http://www.malecall.ca/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MaleCallCanada>
- **PUBLIC ENERGY** is an animator of contemporary dance, theatre, performance and interdisciplinary work. <http://www.publicenergy.ca/>

Peterborough Pride planning is underway for 2012!

The 10th Annual Peterborough Pride week is tentative set for **September 15 to 23rd**. More details to come soon to the Pride Website at <http://www.peterboroughpride.ca>

RSO Continues to Seek Volunteers and Members

We are always looking for volunteers for our working committees and Board of Directors For more on volunteering opportunities email us at rso@rainbowservice.org.

RSO info or apply for membership: http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/RSO_Pamphlet.pdf

RSO Newsletter is produced quarterly and more - send articles, ideas, and questions to:

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Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rainbow-Service-Organization/144726538937602>

The **Rainbow Service Organization (RSO)** is committed to promoting, advocating, and celebrating the interests of the Queer, Questioning, Lesbian, Bisexual, Two -Spirited, Transgender, and Gay community. **RSO** is a volunteer-run, non-profit community organization based in Peterborough, Ontario since 1993.