



Rainbow Newsletter

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Upcoming Events: (Event listing on www.rainbowservice.org. To add events email rso@rainbowservice.org)

JAN 23-25 - REFRAME INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The former Traveling World Community Film Festival: Peterborough has officially become the **ReFrame Peterborough International Film Festival**.

Go to <http://www.quidnovis.com/reframe/#about> for detailed info on the festival and associated events.

In its 5th year the festival will be presenting over 65 films from all over the world! The 2009 program brings together film screenings, filmmakers' panels, children's and high-school programs, workshops, art exhibits, fair trade crafts, international foods, live performances, volunteers, and community partnerships. There are four films that specifically deal with LGBT and gender related themes being sponsored by your community:



Searching 4 Sandeep – Friday 3:30pm @ Showplace

Released: 2007 Australia, Film Length: 56 minutes, Directors: Poppy Stockell

Love in the digital age is complex: immediate, yet distant, emotionally close, yet physically far. When Sydney-sider Poppy Stockell set out to "research" her light-hearted doc about the online lesbian dating scene, she had no idea that it would launch her on a journey that would change her life forever. Frustrated, lonely and single, 28-year-old

Stockell finds more than just research on the Internet. To her surprise and delight she forges a deep online connection with an English woman, Sandeep Viridi. Through raw, incredibly frank footage, Searching 4 Sandeep follows Poppy and Sandeep's tumultuous relationship across two years and three continents.

Sponsors: Rainbow Service Organization



Deb-we-win Ge-kend-am-aan / Our Place In the Circle - Friday 3:30pm @ Showplace

Released: 2008 Canada, Film Length: 21 minutes, Directors: Lorne Olson

Traditionally, the two-spirited person was one who has been given the gift of having both a female and male soul that would allow the individual the ability to see the world from two perspectives at the same time. This unflinchingly honest documentary profiles two-spirited

people united in their experiences of self-discovery and affirmation.

S/He – Saturday 10:00am @ Showplace

Released: 2007 Taiwan, Film Length: 12 minutes, Directors: Gina Pei Chi Chen

S/He deftly illuminates the struggle of one 12-year-old girl to follow her expected gender and cultural roles and while exploring an emerging masculine nature.

Sponsors: Rainbow Service Organization, Affirm United



She's a Boy I Knew - Saturday also 10:00am @ Showplace

Released: 2007 Canada, Film Length: 70 minutes, Directors: Gwen Haworth

She's a Boy I Knew is guaranteed, says the filmmaker, to be the most compelling do-it-yourself, gender-bending, feel-good film directed by a transsexual lesbian you've seen all year! It's that rare thing - a 'home' movie that manages to be both a narrative work of art and a tool for activists to use in the fight for acceptance.

Sponsors: Peterborough Collegiate Institute Gay Straight Alliance, Peterborough YWCA, Affirm United



JAN 31 – 28th Annual One World Dinner ~ ‘Food As Energy’ ~ Doors Open @ 5:30 pm

Peterborough’s 28th Vegetarian Community Potluck! Guest speaker: Professor Haroon Akram-Lodhi.

Everyone brings a vegetarian food dish with ingredient list to share with 4-6 people and a dish pack (plate, cutlery, cup and serving spoon.) No desserts please. Beverages for sale. All proceeds support global education and outreach in Peterborough area through KWIC, JSH, NCC and TISA. Tickets at the door: Suggested \$10/family or pay what you can. St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church Hall at Water and Murray Streets. For more info go to: <http://www.kwic.info>

FEB 4 – FILM SCREENING: “THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK”

OPIRG and the Rainbow Service Organization present “The Times of Harvey Milk”
Wednesday Feb 4th, 7pm, Sadleir House (Lecture Hall), 751 George St. North
The documentary and the organic popcorn are free, but donations are happily accepted!
For more information contact OPIRG at 741-1208.

A devastatingly skillful and emotionally compelling documentary, The Times of Harvey Milk charts the political rise and brutal slaying of the first openly gay city official in the United State, Harvey Milk. Ironically, the same election that brought Milk to the board of city supervisors of San Francisco also elected the man who killed him, a former police officer and fireman named Dan White. After White shot both Mayor George Moscone and Milk, his defense lawyers convinced the jury that White's judgment was impaired by depression and junk food, resulting in a conviction for manslaughter instead of murder--a verdict that prompted riots. --Bret Fetzer

FEB 4 - DRAG BINGO AT THE SAPPHIRE ROOM

PARN Your community AIDS Resource Network invites you to “Drag Bingo”
When: Wednesday, February 4 at 9:00pm
Where: Sapphire Room (Hunter Street in Peterborough)
Host: Glamour Puss - Drag Queen Bingo
Featuring Ms. Madge Enthart and Divalicious”
More details and RSVP at <http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=43768487642>



RSO Continues to Seek Volunteers and Members

As always, we are seeking volunteers for our working committees and our Board of Directors. As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to get involved in public relations, advocacy, fundraising, and organizing events. You will help shape the role of the organization, and improve the quality of life in your community. Oh ya – and it is fun too! For more on volunteering opportunities email rso@rainbowservice.org.

Whether or not you can spare time to volunteer, support of RSO through membership is an important investment in the organization and its future. To learn more about RSO or apply for membership go to our website or click this link to download our pamphlet: http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/RSO_Pamphlet.pdf

WEBSITES TO TRY: Gay news around the world!

<http://www.towleroad.org> - <http://www.365gay.com/> - <http://www.pinknews.co.uk/category/world-news>

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

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Facebook group pages: “Rainbow Service Organization” and “Rainbow Service Organization Events”

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. For more information go to www.rainbowservice.org