



# Rainbow Newsletter

from the Rainbow Service Organization RSO

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**Upcoming Events:** (listing on [www.rainbowservice.org](http://www.rainbowservice.org). email events to [rso@rainbowservice.org](mailto:rso@rainbowservice.org))

**April 7<sup>th</sup> - Drag Bingo at the Sapphire Room** - 9:00pm to 12:00am Sapphire Room - 192 Hunter Street!  
Free to play! Donations to PARN accepted! This is a 19+ event. Join PARN, Ms. Madge Enthat and Divalicious and have fun supporting PARN's prevention programs! For all the details and to RSVP, follow the facebook link: [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=111152912234515](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=111152912234515)

**May 17<sup>th</sup> - International Day Against Homophobia** — details at [www.homophobiaday.org](http://www.homophobiaday.org)

**May 25/26/28<sup>th</sup> – Kate Reid plays Peterborough with 3 great performances!**

For all the details go to this link: [www.rainbowservice.org/archives/000314.html](http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/000314.html)

**June 25 - July 4<sup>th</sup> - Toronto Pride** - details at [www.pridetoronto.com](http://www.pridetoronto.com)

**September 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> - Peterborough Pride** – Keep checking the website: [www.peterboroughpride.ca](http://www.peterboroughpride.ca)

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## March 28 - 2nd Annual Drag Race!

COPS, DRAG QUEENS AND LOCAL CELEBS DRESS IN DRAG FOR PETERBOROUGH'S SECOND ANNUAL "DRAG RACE"

Come join us at 2 pm on Sunday, March 28 at the Trasheteria, 123 Simcoe St. (corner of Simcoe and Water Street). Presented by Mysterious Entity Theatre, the Drag Race features cross-dressing contestants competing in a quirky gender-stereotype obstacle course to raise awareness of gender issues in our community, while also kicking off Mysterious Entity Theatre's 2010 season.

Performers at the opening ceremonies include Beau Dixon (as diva Beauoncé). Commentators and judges include local performers Ray Henderson, Tim Etherington, and Kate Story.

Among the contestants are two police officers from the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police, local drag queens Divalicious and Miss Madge Enthat, Sam Sayer, anya gwynne, Owen McEwan, Catalina Motta, Bill Kimball and more, including some surprise guests! Also - RSO 's own Cindy Ray will be switching it up!

Admission \$10 at the door; advance tickets \$7, available from contestants in the race and Mysterious Entity Board members.

Drag Race showcases organizations making great efforts to educate and raise awareness of gender issues in our community, including: Peterborough Aids Resource Network (PARN), Peterborough Pride, and the Rainbow Service Organization. Last year was such a huge success. Come join us as we celebrate diversity and cheer on these gender-defying contestants in drag!

## April 1<sup>st</sup> - It's RSO Membership Renewal Time again!

To learn more about RSO and apply for, or renew your membership go to our website or click this link to download our pamphlet: [www.rainbowservice.org/archives/RSO\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/RSO_Pamphlet.pdf)

## April 9-11 - *Bodies of Dissent: TransForm* conference

*Bodies of Dissent: TransForm* will take place on the weekend of April 9th to the 11th. TransForm will be focused on developing strategies and networks to change individuals, communities, organizations and systems. We are issuing a call to action to unite to build communities of empowerment and change. Workshops, presentations, films and creative projects will be happening during the days, and performances both musical and theatrical will be occurring in the evenings.

Discussions at TransForm will centre around issues of medicalization and health care, trans bodies, youth, and community building. With these topics in mind, the conference will be open to health care providers, social service providers, trans community members and allies. The 2008 Bodies of Dissent: TransAccess Conference was a huge success, seeing over 200 attendees, raising awareness and building broader networks and communities.

For all the details and to register for the 2010 conference go to: [www.trentwomenscentre.ca/trans/](http://www.trentwomenscentre.ca/trans/)

## April 22/23 - The Perils of Hate: Understanding Bias and Building Community Capacity conference

The Perils of Hate: Understanding Bias and Building Community Capacity conference 2010 is an opportunity to bring justice professionals and the community together to learn about the impact that hate bias has on individuals and community.

Participants will have access to information that will facilitate ongoing discussions and assist in developing strategies that support proactive efforts to provide safe, respectful and inclusive communities.

The conference has been designed to provide front line officers, police supervisors and community agencies with an opportunity to strengthen partnerships through this networking and joint education initiative. The Perils of Hate: Understanding Bias and Building Community Capacity conference is being put on by the Peterborough and Lakefield Community Police Service in partnership with Trent University as part of the 5th annual National Victims of Crime Awareness Week. This conference is funded in part by the Department of Justice Canada.

Check out [www.trentu.ca/understandingbias](http://www.trentu.ca/understandingbias) to find out more information about the conference and to download the registration package.

## Websites to Watch for Queer News and Views

Micheal Archer, RSO's newest Board Member, recommends some websites to checkout:

- [www.365gay.com](http://www.365gay.com) - based in the US but with some writers from Canada and some very good opinions/blogs comparing/contrasting US and Canada policies
- [www.pinknews.co.uk](http://www.pinknews.co.uk) - based in the UK but reporting on world news (similar to BBC)
- [aboutmag.com/v2](http://aboutmag.com/v2) - based in Toronto , some interesting reports and columns
- [www.xtra.ca](http://www.xtra.ca) - based in Canada (general focus on major urban centers of Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver , and Montréal)

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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](http://www.rainbowservice.org)