

## **SUBJECT: QUAQE February Monthly Newsletter!**

Hello QUAQE members! Please find below our exciting highlights for this month!

1. ERG Featured in the Gazette, Launch of Email, Website Coming Soon
- 2. New QUAQE Logos Available for VOTING!**
3. Release time and Work Lunches
4. Upcoming AGM
5. Friday Happy Hour!
6. Community Request for LGBTQ2S+ Mentors

### **1. ERG Updates**

Hopefully you saw our article introducing our new ERG in the Gazette or on the FAS website the end of last month, if not you can see it here:

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queer-support-launched-queen-s>.

With this we have also launched our email – [quaqe@queensu.ca](mailto:quaqe@queensu.ca) - and have been getting lots of inquiries about membership! We are working on getting information onto the website and will be launching that soon as well.

### **2. QUAQE Logo Voting**

The Organizing Committee has 3 Logos available for the membership to vote on! The vote is available in the “Important News” channel of MS Teams from Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> until Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please go there and vote soon so we can have an official QUAQE logo! *(Voting members are persons who identify as Queer and have an employment relationship with the university. If you fit this definition and have not been added to the MS Teams site yet, please email us at [quaqe@queensu.ca](mailto:quaqe@queensu.ca))*

### **3. Release Time & Work Lunches**

We have received a positive initial response from Deputy Provost Teri Shearer’s office in response to our joint ERG request for employee release time for ERGs. We will provide you with further updates when we have more information.

In the meantime, we will be continuing with our social/work lunches. If you are interested in participating in our working/social lunches, please fill out this Doodle Poll to help us schedule around everyone’s needs:

[https://doodle.com/poll/8rrg7p722xvxa8wv?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/8rrg7p722xvxa8wv?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link).

### **4. Upcoming AGM**

Our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) date has been set, it will take place on **April 15th from 3-4:30pm**. Please mark your calendars! Your organizing committee has been working on reviewing and creating Terms of Reference for subcommittees. We will share these with you closer to the AGM date!

## 5. Friday Happy Hour!

Last but not least, First Friday Happy Hour continues, and with our new QUAQE specific Zoom account! **So please join us for our Happy Hour this Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 6:00pm.** Recall you can see upcoming social events on the QUAQE MS team's Social Calendar (click Calendar tab at the top of the Social channel). You can also add this calendar to your outlook if you're forgetful like me!

Here is the link for Happy Hour:

<https://queensu.zoom.us/j/99849656981?pwd=am5VcXFKSjdrODJtdFlsS29MTFAzdz09>

Meeting ID: 998 4965 6981

Passcode: 307280

## 6. Community Request for LGBTQ2S+ Mentors

The InSight Mentoring Program is looking for LGBTQ2S+ mentors for local youth! Mark Richardson from our organizing committee has offered to be in contact with the organization if we have some interest from our group. Please comment on his post in MS Teams or email him directly at [mark.richardson@queensu.ca](mailto:mark.richardson@queensu.ca). You can see the original request for mentors on the [Kingston subreddit here](#).

Thanks again and stay safe and healthy (in body and mind). We've included some other resources below.

-Sarah & the QUAQE organizing team

### Resources for the QUAQE Community

Positive Space Resources (some COVID specific):

<https://www.queensu.ca/positivespace/resources>

Education on Queer Issues Project (EQuIP):

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/equipqueens/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/equipqueens/about/?ref=page_internal)

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