

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

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

1. **Get Involved** – Meeting Dates for Subcommittees!
2. **Poll Results: Share with us!** - Favourite Places to Grab a Food/Drink
3. **Share Your Thoughts** - QUAQE Needs Assessment Survey
4. **Social & Working Lunches** – Schedule
5. **Reminders**
  - a) MS Teams Social Calendar
  - b) September Virtual Happy Hour - Moved to September 10<sup>th</sup>!
6. **What's On the Calendar in September**
7. **Resources for QUAQE Community**
8. **Opt Out Options**

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1. **Get Involved** – Meeting dates for Subcommittees


If you have any interest in joining any of our subcommittees, please see information below:

- **Communications Subcommittee:** 9:30-10:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month
- **Outreach and Education Subcommittee:** Second Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm
- **Events Subcommittee & Member Advocacy & Support Subcommittee:** keep an eye on the MS Teams Social Calendar for upcoming dates
- Zoom links can be found in the MS Teams Social Calendar, or email [quaqe@queensu.ca](mailto:quaqe@queensu.ca) to be added to the outlook invite.

**Join the QUAQE Communications Committee**

**If you...**


- ↳ Have an interest and/or experience with digital marketing
- ↳ Have an interest or talent for crafting correspondence, developing questionnaires, writing reports
- ↳ Have an interest in community-building & queer advocacy



**Join the QUAQE Events Committee**

**If you...**


- ↳ \* Enjoy bringing people together and facilitating interactions
- ↳ \* Have an interest and/or experience with successful event planning
- ↳ \* Have an interest in community-building and queer advocacy



**Join the QUAQE Member Support & Advocacy Committee**

**If you...**


- Have an interest in or experience with professional development, advocacy needs or mentoring programs
- Solicit ideas and suggestions from the wider QUAQE community for support that they might need and ways to advocate for them.
- Have an interest in community-building & queer advocacy



**Join the QUAQE Education & Outreach Committee**

**If you...**

- Solicit ideas and suggestions from all stakeholders for opportunities to provide education-related activities and support.
- Assists with the planning and organization of educational activities and events.
- Have an interest in community-building and queer advocacy



## 2. Poll Results: Share with us!

**Thank you for sharing some of your favourite places to grab a bite to eat and drink. Here are the places you shared:**

Amadeus, The Wellington Duke, Chez Piggy, Daft Brewery, Spearhead, Wooden Heads Stone City Ales, Iron Duke, The Golden Damrei (Thai), Otter Creek Farm Food Truck, Kelly's Landing, Brew Pub

## 3. Share Your Thoughts – QUAQE Needs Assessment Survey

The Communications Subcommittee has put together a need assessment survey as a starting point to determine the type of programming that is most valuable for members of QUAQE. If you have a few spare minutes, kindly fill out this survey

## 4. Social & Working Lunches

Our subcommittees are looking to continue our social & working lunches. These will be scheduled more regularly in the fall, so keep an eye out for those updates.

The next virtual lunch social will be taking place on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm EDT

**Zoom Link:**

<https://queensu.zoom.us/j/98387058724?pwd=UStUMjcrbzFPUEVIQkZTcnNWTXErZz09>

Meeting ID: 983 8705 8724

Passcode: 282909

## 5. Reminders

- a) **MS Teams Social Calendar** – find our dates and links for the Social/Work Lunches, Friday Night Happy Hours, and any other events in the Social Calendar in MS Teams
- b) **September Virtual Happy Hour** - please note that Happy Hour will be taking place on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm EDT

Join when you can for as long as you can :)

### **Zoom link:**

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

Meeting ID: 998 4965 6981

Passcode: 307280

## 6. What's On the Calendar in September:

Kingston will be hosting Pride events throughout the month of September. You will find a schedule of events on the [Kingston Pride website](#).

### **September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> - Kingston Pride Festival**

- QUAQE will be marching in the Parade from 10am-12pm on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> and plans to have an information booth as part of the Pride Fair on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (There just might be some awesome Pride t-shirts involved!)

**Please let us know if you are interested in marching and/or volunteering for a shift at the QUAQE booth by emailing [quaqe@queensu.ca](mailto:quaqe@queensu.ca)**

## 7. Resources for the QUAQE Community

Queen's lists of Queer-positive resources can be found in the following places:

- Queen's University Positive Space Resource  
List: <https://www.queensu.ca/positivespace/resources>
- Queen's Positive Space COVID-19 LGBTQ+ Resources and Supports: <https://www.queensu.ca/positivespace/covid-19-lgbtq-resources-and-supports>
- Inclusive Queen's Gender and Sexuality Resource  
List: <https://www.queensu.ca/inclusive/resources/gender-and-sexuality>
- Queen's Department of Gender Studies Student Resources: <https://www.queensu.ca/gnds/about-us/resources>
- Queen's Library has put together a small virtual collection for Pride Month highlighting some of the LGBTQ2+ resources available through the library. This is part of a pilot project to test out a feature of our new(-ish) discovery

system (Omni). <https://library.queensu.ca/about-us/news-events/resources-pride-month>.

Queer resources in the Kingston Community can be found in the following places:

- Kingston Queer Women & Gender Diverse Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/973351622872611>
- TransFamily Kingston <http://www.transfamilykingston.com>
- Reelout Queer Film Festival <http://www.reelout.com/>
- Transgender Health Care (Kingston Community Health Centres) <https://kchc.ca/weller-avenue/transgender-health-care/>
- HARS (HIV AIDS Regional Services): <https://m.facebook.com/harskingston/>
- Beyond the Binary (non-binary group through HARS): <https://m.facebook.com/groups/2708613622711681>
- TWCM (Together We Conquer Mountains) <https://m.facebook.com/groups/375598746106193/>
- Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) Kingston <https://www.facebook.com/OpirgKingston/>
- Kingston PRIDE <https://www.kingstonpride.ca/>
- Coming Out Living After (COLA) <http://comingoutlivingafter.yolasite.com/>
- Beers for Queers <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonb4q/events/>

Online and resources for any geographical area can be found here:

- GEGI: Website for gender advocacy in schools: <https://www.gegi.ca/>
- Rainbow Health Ontario: <https://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/>
- Rainbow Health Ontario – Trans Health Knowledge Base: <https://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/lgbt2sq-health/trans-health-knowledge-base/>
- Trans Lifeline Canada: [www.translifeline.org](http://www.translifeline.org)
- PFLAG Canada: <https://pflagcanada.ca/>

## 8. Opt Out Options

We are looking into different options for sending out the newsletter, and when we have that set up, we hope there will be a way to opt out of the Newsletter while staying on the QUAQE Listserv.

Right now, the only way to opt out of the newsletter is to remove yourself from the QUAQE Listserv. If you would like to be removed from the QUAQE Listserv please email [quaqe@queensu.ca](mailto:quaqe@queensu.ca) to request this.