

SUBJECT: QUAQE October Monthly Newsletter!

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

1. **Upcoming QUAQE Events**
 - a. Virtual Happy Hour (This Friday October 1st!)
 - b. Social Lunches (Monday October 18th!)
2. **Share Your Thoughts** - QUAQE Needs Assessment Survey
3. **Get Involved** - Meeting Dates for Subcommittees!
4. **What's On the Calendar in October**
5. **QUAQE Update** – Kingston Pride Recap
6. **Resources for QUAQE Community**
7. **Opt Out Options**

1. Upcoming QUAQE Events

- a) **October Virtual Happy Hour** - please note that Happy Hour will be taking place on Friday October 1st from 4:30-6:30pm EDT

Happy Hour Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 998 4965 6981

Passcode: 307280

- b) **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 Monday October 18th, 2021 from 12:00-1:00pm EDT.

Social Lunch Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 983 8705 8724

Passcode: 282909

2. Share Your Thoughts – QUAQE Needs Assessment Survey

The QUAQE Education and Outreach Subcommittee has put together a needs assessment survey as a starting point to determine the type of programming that is most valuable for members of QUAQE. If you have some extra time, kindly fill out the [QUAQE Needs Assessment Survey](#). This will take roughly 10 minutes to complete.

Please feel free to share this survey with your networks!

3. Get Involved – Meeting dates for Subcommittees

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

- **Communications Subcommittee:** Second Tuesday of every month at 9:30am
 - **Outreach and Education Subcommittee:** Second Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm
 - **Events Subcommittee:** Third Monday of every month at 4:30pm
- Zoom links can be found in the MS Teams Social Calendar, or email 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

4. What's On the Calendar in September:

- October 1-31 – LGBT History Month
- October 8 – International Lesbian Day
- October 11 – National Coming Out Day
- October 20 – International Pronouns Day
- October 21 – Spirit Day (Anti-Bullying)
- October 18-23 – Asexual Awareness Week
- October 26 – Intersex Awareness Day

<https://www.queerevents.ca/notable-lgbtq-dates#lgbthistorymonth>

5. QUAQE Update: Kingston Pride Recap

QUAQE members had a great time at Kingston Pride last weekend! The weather was beautiful, and it was so great to see all of you who stopped by the booth. We had 10 members march with us and the banner in the parade. Queer groups at Queen's have recently come together to form an umbrella group, Queer @ Queen's (Q@Q), through which we could network. With Q@Q we got the alumni office, the Queer Alumni Chapter, Q+, etc. to be present with us at the QUAQE spaces at Pride. We made a linktree (<https://linktr.ee/queeratqueens>) to consolidate different Queer groups and resources in one place. A QR code of this was incorporated into our signage.



6. 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
- PFLAG Canada: <https://pflagcanada.ca/>

7. 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 Listserve.

Right now, the only way to opt out of the newsletter is to remove yourself from the QUAQE Listserve. If you would like to be removed from the QUAQE Listserve please email quaqe@queensu.ca to request this.