

Post-Conference Report

British Columbia's GSA Forum

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Introduction

The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity, in partnership with Burnaby School District 41, presented the third annual British Columbia GSA Forum at Moscrop Secondary School in Burnaby BC.

It was our pleasure to team up with Burnaby School District 41 again and to work with Dan Adrian, the board's most prominent Equity Officer, to deliver another great day of LGBTQ2S+ to the province of British Columbia. Students from across the province travelled in to Burnaby with the help of their school boards, teachers, and parents and were able to connect and share with others at Moscrop Secondary.

Over the day, over 300 students and teachers were able to take part in a wide array of workshops such as: LGBTQ2S+ 201, Great LGBTQ Books, Trans and Non-Binary Identities, Media Literacy, and Queer History.

Schedule

- 8:00 - 9:00am** - Arrival/Registration
- 9:00 - 9:15am** - Opening and Land Acknowledgement
- 9:15 - 10:00am**- Keynotes (Lisa Salazar, Molly Billows, Tru Wilson)
- 10:15 - 11:30am** - Workshop Session 1
- 11:30 - 12:30pm** - Lunch
- 12:30 - 1:45pm** - Workshop Session 2
- 2:00 - 2:30pm**: Closing Remarks

Presenters

Lisa Salazar; www.LisaSalazar.com : Keynote Panelist and Trans and Non-Binary: Well, What do You Know?

Tru Wilson; www.bigloveball.com: Keynote Panelist

Molly Billows; www.qmunity.ca : Keynote Panelist and LGBTQ 102

Jeremy Dias; www.ccgds-ccdgs.org : Queer History

Steve Mulligan; www.sogieducation.org : Safe if Not Enough: Essential Knowledge and Resources to Create a SOGI Inclusive Classroom and School

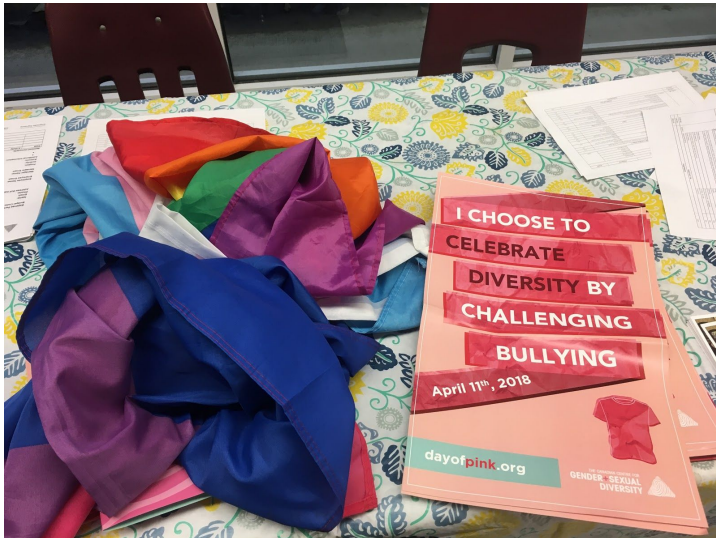
Robert Bittner; Awesome LGBTQ Books for Teen Readers

Jen Sung and Serene Carter; www.outonscreen.ca : How would your story change the world?: Queer and Trans Short Films

Bridget and Brynn; www.vch.ca : Media Literacy

Ghada Dbouba; www.blush.ca : Sexual Well-Being

Masashi Yoshida; www.ibelong.ca : Is Canada a Queer Haven? I Belong Program for LGBTQ newcomer immigrants and refugees



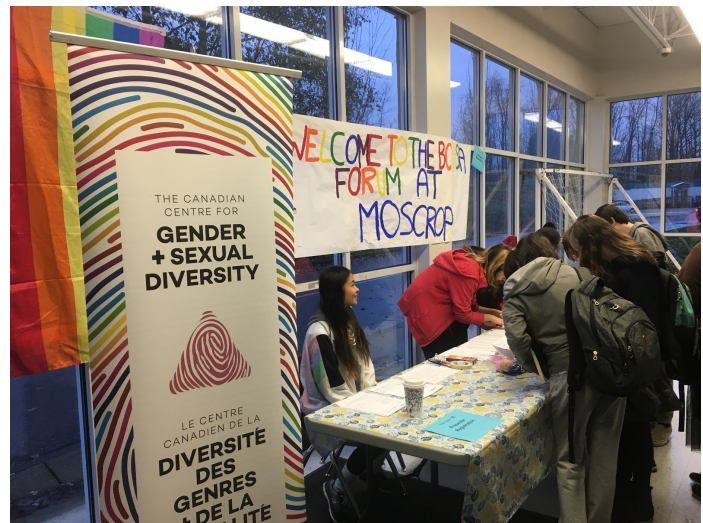
Quotes of the Day

"The students are so excited. I've never seen some of them come out of their shells like this."

"Before we start I just want to say: Thank you all for giving each other the possibilities I never had."

"I'm so happy right now!"

"I couldn't sleep last night I was so excited."



"I want to be like Molly when I grow up!"

"This brings tears of joy to my eyes."

