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Post-Conference Report

Georgian Bay District Secondary School LGBTQ2+ Youth Forum

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*Georgian Bay
District Secondary
School Forum*

865 Hugel Ave, Midland, ON

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Introduction

The Georgian Bay District Secondary School Forum is targeted to youth to focus on issues of homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny, bullying, intersectional violence, and discrimination in schools. It's a full day of workshops, speakers, and resources specifically designed to suit the needs of its community.

Specifically for the Grade 9 class in the school, this forum was the first time that many of these youth are taught about such a subject matter in their classrooms. Jane Dewar and the Jeremy Piamonte decided it was best to focus on workshops that were all-encompassing, light, and easy to grasp. Speakers were asked to present LGBTQ2S+ 101 to the workshop participants to ensure that the students understood the key concepts and terminology in the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Our hope is that the 100 students in attendance left their workshops with a deeper understanding of the LGBTQ2S+ community and the gender and sexuality spectrum so that they may continue to show openness and inclusivity throughout their freshman year and into their transition through highschool and into their adult lives.

Schedule

9:00am - Welcome from the school and the CCGSD

9:30am- Keynote Presentation - riVerse

10:10am- Break

10:20am - Student Workshop Session 1

11:35am - Lunch

12:35pm - Student Workshop Session 2

1:55pm - Student Debrief and Open Discussion

Speakers

riVerse (Keynote): Musical group from Toronto, ON. <http://www.riverselive.com/>

@riVerseLIVE

Jane Dewar: Arts Leader at Georgian Bay District Secondary School. @cjanedewar

Jake Feldam: Youth Inclusion Coordinator at the Gilbert Centre.

<http://www.gilbertcentre.ca/>

Eliot K. Waddingham: Education Coordinator at the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity. <http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org>

Amanda Myerson: GSA Coordinator at the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity. <http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org>

The Students of Georgian Bay District Secondary School's GSA

Quotes of the Day



"Thanks for the presentation! I think the message you are trying to get across is amazing!"

"Loved you presentation! You are so brave and inspiring!"

"...I send love to all parts of the LGBTQ2IA community!"

"Thank you for coming to talk about this"

"Your presentation was very informative and clearly explained difficult concepts for students."



"...I believe that you have a story to share and that the world world needs to accept change..."