

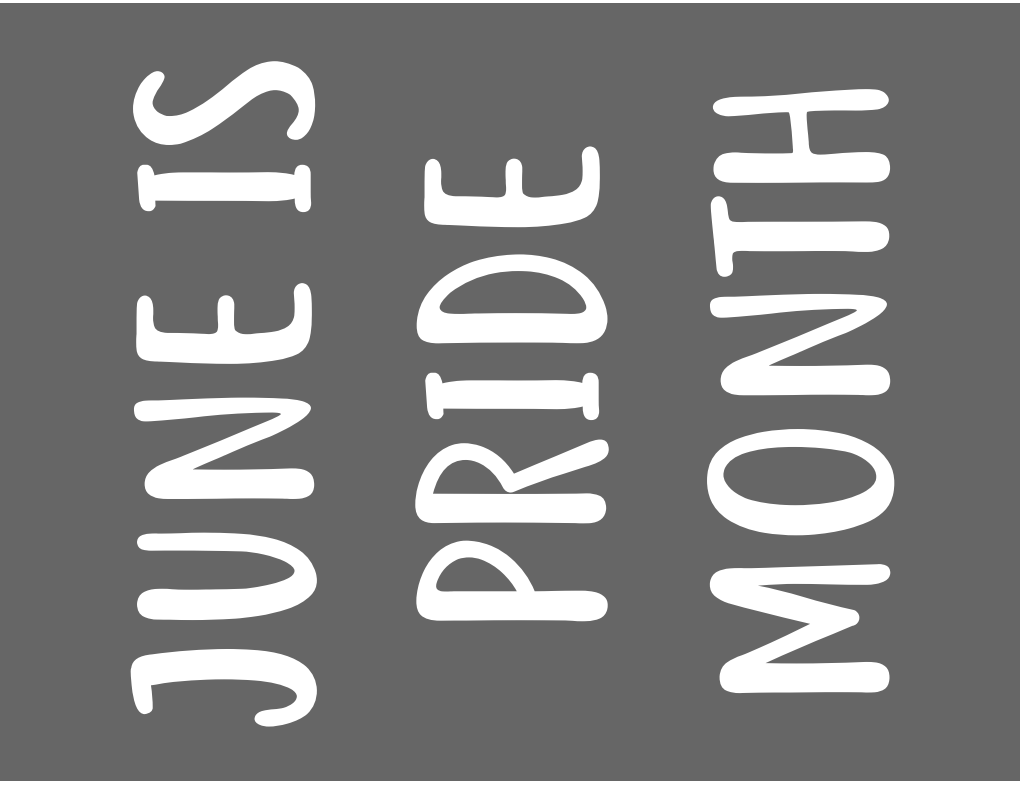


Celebrate

PRIDE MONTH

THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR
**GENDER+SEXUAL
DIVERSITY**





History of the Flag

The iconic rainbow/pride flag was created by Gilbert Baker in 1978 and was first raised in the San Francisco pride parade. The first flags were hand dyed and originally consisted of 8 stripes, the added colours being pink, representing sexuality and turquoise, representing magic. Years later it is now synonymous with the LGBTQ+ movement and it has become somewhat of an icon. Queer people all over the world can now, thanks to Gilbert Baker, unite under one common flag.

Meanings of the Colours

The rainbow flag has often been praised for its diverse use of bright, vibrant colours each, with their own significance: The red represents life, the orange, healing and the yellow, represents sunlight. The green represents nature and its abundance, the blue, represents serenity and the purple, represents the spirit. The 6 colours majestically come together to form the iconic flag.

Why do we have Pride?

Pride parades have been a common sight in the month of June since the 1970s. Unfortunately, some people question the importance and relevance of the pride parade. Despite this, pride parades are essential to the very survival of the LGBTQ community, they help queer people be visible, be free, and open minded about themselves and their identities. Pride helps us unite together as marginalized people for a night, a day, a week of celebrations. Celebrations that commemorate who we are as people.

Definition of “pride”

Pride as a concept was a reaction to the idea that LGBTQ+ people should be quiet about their identity and seek to change it. Nevertheless, they persisted and fought to be who they are and love who they love. Because of this, the LGBTQ+ community grew proud of their accomplishments and proud of who they were as individuals.



Usage

The rainbow/pride flag has been a symbol for the LGBTQ+ community since the late 1970's. It's been used for generations to represent queer liberation and the fight for equal rights. Fly this flag to show your acceptance for the LGBTQ+ community as well as demonstrating your support for LGBTQ+ people. Wherever this flag flies people of all genders and sexualities will know that they can feel safe.



About the CCGSD

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<http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org>

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