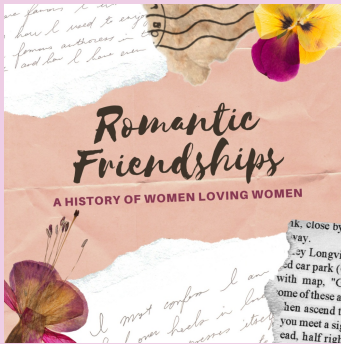




Welcome to our October 2020 Newsletter!



NEW RESOURCE: ROMANTIC FRIENDSHIPS

This month, we're releasing a resource on Romantic Friendships. It discusses the historical relevance of romantic relationships between women, with evidence in the form of letters, diaries, and photographs. These "romantic friendships" between women occurred as early as the 1850's. These pieces of evidence play a large role in 2SLGBTQ+, specifically WLW, history in Canada. [Check out the resource here!](#)

INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY: OCTOBER 26TH 2020

October 25th was Intersex Awareness Day.

Approximately 1 in 100 (1% of) human bodies differ from normative male or female sex characteristics (via [ISNA](#)). Intersex folks make up a significant portion of the world; as such, their identities, communities, and issues should be properly represented.

Our cultural assumption is that sex is binary, but this is hardly the case. Intersex folks can exist in a variety of forms, because sex is based on a variety of characteristics, such as gonads, genes, hormones, internal structures [\[1\]](#).

Intersex folks face barriers in both the medical and legal systems as a result of the misrepresentation of intersex bodies as abnormal, tragic, or deviant. It's important



2SLGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH!

October was 2SLGBTQ+ History month, and the CCGSD has

been happy to provide you with new history resources.

Our Communications and Advocacy Department has been working with our Queer History programming team to produce a diverse range of 2SLGBTQ+ Canadian History learning materials over the past few months. We're happy to continue bringing you more content!

Through the month of October, we've been sharing "Voices of History," a series of posts and resources on 2SLGBTQ+ Canadian History, including some info on the evolution of political and legal rights for 2SLGBTQ+ folks, as well as events such as We Demand. [Follow us on Instagram](#) and stay tuned for quick-learning posts from us!

that we educate ourselves on normalizing intersex bodies and lives.

Our Intersex Coordinator, Mel Thompson, guest starred on the Podcast *Ladies, Let's Talk About Sex!* As an Intersex person and an activist, Mel discusses their experience and the experience of other intersex people in various stages of life, and talks about the medical prejudices against intersex folks.

[Listen to the podcast episode here!](#)

[Check out our Intersex Awareness and Allyship page.](#)

Check out all of our other [2SLGBTQ+ Canadian History resources](#) on our website! Here you'll find learning materials for many ages, such as Queer Canadian Trailblazers, Queer History Crosswords, and 2SLGBTQ+ historic Black activism!

In addition, feel free to visit our [Commemorate Canada programming page](#) to see all the cities we visited in 2019-2020 to discuss 2SLGBTQ+ Canadian History with youth across the country!

SUPPORT THE CCGSD!

LIVESTREAM LEARNING - AN UPDATE ON OUR PROGRAMMING!

The CCGSD has been working to improve our online learning for youth across Canada in accordance with the health guidelines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Ontario Forums program has worked to create Lunch and Learn Livestreams on our [Facebook Page](#). Here, we present our favourite workshops and viewers can drop in, watch, comment, and interact with us live! We've presented youth-focussed workshops such as Gender & Sexuality 101, Intersecting Identities, Introduction to Anti-Oppression, and Queer History!

We're happy to announce that we'll have more coming in November. We have six streams lined up for the month. The dates and times are below; **no registration required**. Just make sure you like our Facebook Page so you don't miss each stream!

Monday, November 9th - 10:30-12:00pm
Tuesday, November 10th - 10:30-12:00pm
Wednesday, November 11th - 10:30-12:00pm

Monday, November 23rd - 10:30-12:00pm
Tuesday, November 24th - 10:30-12:00pm
Wednesday, November 25th - 10:30-12:00pm

In addition to this, we've been hosting FREE biweekly digital youth conferences on Blackboard Learn! These sessions contain three workshops each and can be adapted to many grade levels. Our Blackboard conferences this month are below:

Friday, November 13th - 9:30-1:00pm
Friday, November 27th - 9:30-1:00pm

If you're interested in a Blackboard conference for your school, email ahmed@ccgsd-ccdgs.org to register.

If these dates don't work for you this month, you can book a FREE digital conference for your school. Digital conferences run for 180-225 minutes of learning. Reach out to community@ccgsd-ccdgs.org if you'd like to book a day-long event.

Don't want a full-day event? We offer hour-long workshop sessions digitally across Ontario. Please reach out to eliot@ccgsd-ccdgs.org to book a single workshop for your classroom.

Athletics-based learning environments may enjoy a workshop on Sports Inclusion. Contact sports@ccgsd-ccdgs.org to book a virtual Sports workshop.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA MEDICAL STUDENTS!

This year SHOUT is partnering with CCGSD. We will be offering three (3) volunteer placements for medical students to work with the us to provide workshops to youth in Ontario.

These virtual placements will span the course of the academic year (November to April) and will require a ~30 hour commitment including training. SHOUT is willing to coordinate with the Faculty of Medicine to apply these hours toward the required Community Service Learning (CSL) Program for those in first year. All hours completed in this program will count as community hours for SHOUT.

To apply, please fill out [this form](#) by 11:59pm November 13th, 2020. We are very excited and fortunate to be able to offer virtual placements this year. For more information about this opportunity, please email uomedshout@gmail.com.

We hope that everyone is staying safe, healthy, and responsible during these times of uncertainty.

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