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THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR  
**GENDER+SEXUAL**  
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# *2SLGBTQ+* *HISTORY PROGRAM*

## INFORMATION PACKAGE



## *ABOUT THE PROGRAM*

The 2SLGBTQ+ History Program is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage under its Youth Take Charge Program and is run by the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity (CCGSD). The CCGSD is a non-profit organization based in Ottawa with the mission of empowering gender and sexually diverse communities through education, research, and advocacy; our vision is a world without discrimination.

With COVID-19 precautions in place, we are adapting to the realities of online education and have created a set of resources that can be used in the classroom or via virtual learning. These digital resources allow flexibility to educators and students alike, and offer opportunities for further learning.

2SLGBTQ+ history is a topic often left out of school textbooks in Canada. This program seeks to actively remedy this fact by highlighting the ways in which queer history has dramatically impacted the Canadian landscape. We teach about history with the intention of centering pre-colonial understandings of gender and sexuality and we aim to amplify QTBIPOC voices and realities. The program provides a positive learning platform for youth ages 14-29 to learn about events that have shaped the 2SLGBTQ+ experience and reinforce a shared sense of identity.

This program connects youth directly to 2SLGBTQ+ advocates who have, and continue to, fight for dignity, equality, and the preservation of our heritage. By sharing the queer narrative through a historical lens, this program empowers youth to exist as part of the ongoing legacy and to contribute new ways of shaping the future and working toward a world without discrimination. Students will complete the program by creating their own exhibition of 2SLGBTQ+ change-makers.

The program content is available in English and French and is free to educators of all provinces and territories.

## *CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS*

The 2SLGBTQ+ history program content meets provincial and territorial requirements in various subjects across the curriculum. The program most closely supports the educational outcomes of the following courses: Social Sciences, History and Canadian History, Canadian Law, Indigenous Studies and Indigenous History, Political Sciences, Human Rights and Social Justice. However, the program also includes content that can support outcomes in the fields of Art, Health, English Language Studies, and more.

The program aims to strengthen critical thinking skills and analysis while forming a deeper connection to ideas of identity, community, and an inclusive society. Students will examine issues that have profoundly shaped this country from various diverse perspectives and worldviews, inspiring thoughtfulness and a greater appreciation of what connects us and what sets us apart. This program will introduce students to a narrative of the past that is often overlooked that will contribute to a greater sense of belonging and an evolving comprehension of how past events impact current and future realities.

## *TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES*

As an educator, we need your help to ensure that this program is a great success! Here's what we'll need from you:

- When you register to participate in this program, you will need to provide some basic information about your school/organization and you will need to report the number of youth participating, whether in person or virtually;
- Teachers are asked to complete a brief feedback form after using the program materials;
- Teachers are responsible for ensuring that students have completed the program evaluation forms that are provided;
- Share the opportunity with your network and spread the word about this awesome, free resource!

### **DEADLINE TO REGISTER**

Registration must be completed by 21 May 2021

Participation must be completed by 31 May 2021

# *LEARNING MATERIALS*

The learning materials include four videos and a set of educational documents that touch on key themes around 2SLGBTQ+ history. All materials are accompanied by a facilitation guide for educators to ensure a smooth delivery!

## Educational Videos

Each video highlights a significant theme in 2SLGBTQ+ history and features clips from 2SLGBTQ+ educators, activists and academics who share their own knowledge and lived experiences.

### Video 1: Pre-colonial gender & sexual diversity

This video explores how gender and sexual diversity existed among many First Nations across Turtle Island prior to colonization and the roles and responsibilities that Two-Spirit people held within their communities. The video also examines how colonization and the imposition of religion and colonial values aimed to erase Two-Spirit people through violence and assimilation. Students are also introduced to Indigenous ways of knowing and how history is passed among generations through oral traditions.

### Video 2: Laws & Legal Changes

This video examines the question of why laws exist and more importantly, who is excluded from laws and protections within society and how that exclusion may change with time. The video focuses on the impact of sodomy laws on 2SLGBTQ+ people throughout history and the partial decriminalization of homosexuality in 1969. We then follow a timeline of significant legal changes up until today, including the inclusion of sexual orientation as protected grounds from discrimination, the passing of the Civil Marriage Act, and the fight for legal protections for gender identity and gender expression under Bill C-16.

### Video 3: Protest & Civil Disruption

This video highlights some of the protests and civil actions that were instrumental in pushing forward the gay rights movement and fighting for legal protections. The video looks at significant events that shaped the landscape such as the LGBT Purge and the AIDS crisis, and other key moments including the 1971 We Demand Protest, public response to police raids and police surveillance, and the Black Lives Matter Toronto protest at the 2016 Pride parade.

### Video 4: Community Organizing & Celebration

This video focuses on the importance of community organizing as the movement for 2SLGBTQ+ rights evolved over time. Students will be introduced to organizations that emerged to create space and support for Two-Spirit, Queer and Trans Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (2SQTBIPOC) such as Gay Asians Toronto, Kush, ZAMI, and Salaam, among others. The video also touches on moments of community celebration such as the first national Pride Week in 1973, the first Dyke March, the Desh Pardesh festival, the 1990 Gay Games hosted in Vancouver, Blockorama, and the first Trans March in 2009.

### *2SLGBTQ+ History Educational Booklets*

The learning materials also include a set of 10 educational booklets that each focus on a key topic of 2SLGBTQ+ history. Some booklets support events or concepts brought up in the videos, and others offer new themes. Each booklet includes a short accompanying video and a set of discussion questions.

### *Additional learning materials*

- Provincial and territorial 2SLGBTQ+ history brochures
- "Further learning" resources
- A facilitation guide for educators with discussion and activity guidelines
- The opportunity for a live virtual Q & A session

### *Physical Resources*

All educators that participate in the program will also receive a free package of 2SLGBTQ+ history resources in the mail!

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

Visit [ccgsd-ccdgs.org](https://ccgsd-ccdgs.org) to register now or contact the Program Coordinator for more information:

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