



# CCGSD – CCDGS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our April 2021 Newsletter!



## Thank you!



### THANK YOU OTTAWA SENATORS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

We're so happy to have received such generous support from the Ottawa Senators Community Foundation this month. Contributions such as theirs are so important to building capacity for our 2SLGBTQ+ Sports Inclusion and advocacy initiatives.

Donations like these are vital in allowing us to reach the 2SLGBTQ+ youth we serve. Want to support our work in fostering 2SLGBTQ+ inclusive sports? It's never too late to make a donation.

**Donate to support our advocacy initiatives!**



**QUEER HISTORY PROGRAM: ONE MONTH COUNTDOWN!**

This is the final month to register for the 2SLGBTQ+ History Program! Don't miss your chance, sign-up now to receive free digital 2SLGBTQ+ history resources. The opportunity is open to anyone who works with youth between the ages of 14-29, and youth can sign-up individually as well. Visit the program webpage to learn more and register.

Registered participants will be receiving more information shortly about the program impact assessment we are conducting. Stay tuned for the opportunity to fill out a feedback survey and to join one of our focus groups!

If you still haven't registered to receive your FREE resources, you have until May 31st, 2021! Visit the [Queer History Webpage](#) to learn more and sign up!

If you have any questions, email our Queer History Coordinator at [commemorate@ccgsd-ccdgs.org](mailto:commemorate@ccgsd-ccdgs.org).

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### COMING MAY 5TH - GEGI.CA!

CCGSD's Team Education is excited to be on the advisory board for a new LGBTQ+ learning resource for students, GEGI.CA!

The resource [gegi.ca](#) was created following a study of how Ontario school boards are responding to their new legal responsibilities to offer an environment free from two separate forms of discrimination: for who you are gender-wise (your gender identity), and how you let others know through things like your clothing, grooming, and behaviour (your gender expression). We discovered that many school boards have begun to make changes across their policy portfolio, but many have not, and we have heard that many school staff don't yet understand what these changes require even if their hearts are in the right place. [gegi.ca](#) was created to empower thousands of K-12 students across Ontario to self-advocate for their gender expression and gender identity human rights within their very own schools, using knowledge and skills that are typically only held by legal professionals.

As of May 5th 2021, each Ontario school board will have dedicated Student and Staff web pages on [gegi.ca](#). The site will also host a series of downloadable and concise resources containing the most up-to-date law-and research-informed guidance we can provide on the changes required to fulfill every school's duty to create a learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of gender expression or gender identity.

Beginning in Fall 2021, [gegi.ca](#) will feature a suite of resources to support students in planning and managing their advocacy process, including telling their story,

aligning what they have experienced with caselaw and policies, countering claims of 'undue hardship' in response to needed changes, tracking action steps, and keeping themselves safe and well in the process.

We believe that this new learning tool will have a huge impact on affirming 2SLGBTQ+ youth identities across Ontario. Stay tuned, and make sure to visit [www.gegi.ca](http://www.gegi.ca) on and after May 5th!



## ED UPDATES

UPDATES FROM  
OUR EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR



### APRIL ADVOCACY UPDATES!

Debbie has been circulating a variety of virtual spaces this month, with a particular focus in the context of the recently announced 2021 Federal Budget.

Debbie had a conversation with Wisdom2Action's Fae Johnstone in the month of April analyzing the 2021 Federal Budget from a queer perspective. They reflected on what the recent announcements mean for 2SLGBTQ+ community building and capacity, and asked some key questions about how impactful the allocations will actually be for queer and trans communities. [Check out Wisdom2Action's "A Queer Analysis of the 2021 Federal Budget" for more information!](#)

In addition to this conversation, Debbie was one of 14 social impact leaders that gave the 2021 Federal Budget a score through Future of Good's Scorecard on the quality of the budget's social safety net. You can learn more by reading Future of Good's article [here](#).

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

