Canada’s limitations on gay blood donations ‘ridiculous’: HIV researchers

UN calls for the investigation of Chechen ‘concentration camps’ for gay men

Nova Scotia to allow gender change on birth certificates

Transgender and unemployed: Businesses shut doors to trans workers
‘When employers aren’t supporting [trans people], they’re compromising the health of those people’

Eskasoni First Nation holds first Pride events
Organizer describes days’ events as a ‘foot in the door’

The Murder Rate Of Transgender Women In The U.S. Isn’t Declining

THIS IS WHY.
Welcome to the 30th Halifax Pride Festival!

On behalf of the Halifax Pride Society, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all those visiting Halifax from away, as well as a Happy Pride to the entire 2SLGBTQ+ community here in Halifax!

We would like to acknowledge that the Halifax Pride Festival takes place in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People.

This marks a big year for us. Thirty years ago, members of Halifax’s 2SLGBTQ+ community rallied to plan the city’s first Pride march in response to growing unrest concerning rampant prejudice and discrimination. This act of community solidarity planted the seed for an event where the beauty and vibrancy of Halifax’s queer community would blossom once a year.

The planning and execution of this year’s festival has not been without significant challenges. It is important for us to recognize that, for too long, the voices of many members of our community have gone unheard. While we celebrate how far we have come as a movement, the fact remains that many within our community are still fighting to be their true selves without fear for their jobs, their safety, and in some cases, their lives. We have spent the past twelve months listening.

Halifax Pride works hard to capture the diversity of our community’s experiences and personal stories. We embrace radical activism, advocacy, and politics. We have worked to highlight moments of progress, victory, and celebration. We have offered spaces to education, to conversations, and to love. We have attempted to showcase the colourful, gritty, amazing community we live in and real lives of the folks who form it. #ThisIsWhy

From the bottom of our hearts, it has been a pleasure to work with the most wonderful team of volunteers, community members, sponsors, and of cause our incredible Executive Director, whose contributions make this memorable festival possible. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

As always, we remain Better Together.

2017 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

As the first Executive Director of Halifax Pride, allow me to say how honoured I am to serve this society, festival, and community. I am deeply thankful for the work done by thousands of Halifax Pride volunteers over the years, and for your interest and engagement. As we celebrate our 30th gathering, the board and I are conscious of the diverse and significant role this event plays, and we do not take our responsibility lightly.

It has been a tumultuous year for our community. 2SLGBTQ+ communities both locally and around the world have experienced increased pressure over the past months, and I recognize the need for healing, empathy, understanding, and support. Pride must always be open to change to meet the needs of the community, and for that reason, re-imaging the festival, and the Society more broadly, have been at the forefront of our work. We have been hosting meetings with community members, gathering feedback, and reconsidering how we operate. Some of the changes we have made are apparent (new events, new parade dates, etc.), while other changes will be less noticeable but certainly no less important. Policies around promoting safer spaces, a community event funding program, and waived parade fees are a few examples of the changes we have implemented this year, with more to come as we continue to explore how best to make this festival serve the community.

It is an incredible honour to serve in this role, to be entrusted with the development of this festival, and to work with so many wonderful individuals to make this a diverse and community focused endeavor. I believe strongly in the power of Pride to affect positive change. This is why I am passionate about making Pride better. This is why we must reflect and celebrate. This is why I work with Pride.

Happy Pride!
Adam Reid
2017 Executive Director

Halifax Pride
The Halifax Pride Society is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to producing a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, 2 Spirited, Asexual, Pansexual, and Allies (2SLGBTQ+) Pride Festival that is: Accessible to all; Fiscally responsible; Rewarding for all who participate, and Reflects and celebrates the best of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and culture in Halifax and throughout Nova Scotia.

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Happy Pride!
Halifax Pride has been a vibrant celebration of the diversity that brings Canadians together. During this celebration, we must not only celebrate the progress we have made, but also recognize those that came before us and the work we still have ahead of us.

The journey towards equality has not been easy, and generations of Canadians have lived and worked under intense discrimination to ensure that life could get better for those who came after. We must honour them by redoubling our commitment to fight bigotry and discrimination of any form. Together, we fight for a better future.

Thank you to the organizers of this amazing event and to all of you who are participating in this year’s festival. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration and a Happy Pride!

Ottawa 2017

As the Member of Parliament for Halifax, I’d like to wish everyone a very happy Pride!

This year marks 30 years since the first Halifax Pride Festival. Over the course of these three decades, we’ve seen important strides in securing legal rights for the 2SLGBTQ+ community in Canada: the addition of sexual orientation as prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; the passing of the equal marriage bill; the introduction of trans rights Bill C-16, currently before Parliament, which will protect Canadians from discrimination based on their gender identity or gender expression.

But make no mistake, the fight to end discrimination is not over and a lot of hard work still needs to be done. This is the important work Halifax’s tenacious 2SLGBTQ+ community undertakes every day. On behalf of the Government of Canada, thank you. You push this nation forward. Together, we will ensure that all Canadians are treated equally and with the respect we all deserve.

Whether you call Halifax home or you’re just stopping by, take time this week to celebrate the diversity that shapes this city. For three decades now, Halifax Pride Festival has shown us that we are strong, not in spite of our diversity, but because of it.

Congratulations to the Halifax Pride Society board, organizers, and volunteers who make this festival an outstanding cultural experience year after year.

Happy Pride, Halifax!
Andy Fillmore, MP
Halifax

It is my pleasure to wish you a happy Pride Festival on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia is a diverse province. It is an inclusive province. It is a place of many cultures and a rich heritage that make residents and visitors alike feel connected to the vibrant communities across our province.

We have been celebrating the contributions of Nova Scotia’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community during the Halifax Pride Festival for 30 years. This year’s festival will again be an opportunity to highlight those contributions and remind us all that our diversity is an essential part of what makes Nova Scotia such a wonderful place to live.

I am proud to say that last year, Nova Scotia became the first province to have guidelines supporting trans and gender variant employees in the public service.

It is an important example of how everyone deserves to be treated with respect, whether it is in the workplace, at school or in the community.

Sincerely,
Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.
Premier

As Mayor of Halifax and on behalf of Regional Council, I am delighted to extend warm greetings and a special welcome to everyone taking part in Atlantic Canada’s largest 2SLGBTQ+ Cultural Festival.

One of the most anticipated events of the summer, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 50th year of the Halifax Pride Festival. We are fortunate to live in a city where we can embrace the culture and pride of our diverse communities by fostering awareness, understanding and appreciation, and come together in celebration.

I want to acknowledge, with gratitude, the Halifax Pride Society, our Pride community, the many volunteers, and sponsors who make this vibrant cultural event happen. Your commitment and dedication is appreciated.

Enjoy the fun and festivities of Halifax Pride 2017.

Kindest regards,
Mike Savage
Mayor

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IN MEMORY & COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING

IN MEMORY OF
This section serves to acknowledge and remember those from our community who have left us but we keep in our hearts.

GILBERT BAKER, 1951 - 2017

On March 31, 2017, the rainbow community of the world and the pride movement lost a visionary artist, writer, and activist. Gilbert Baker, best known as the creator of the now-iconic rainbow pride flag, died in his home in New York at the age of 65. Baker first designed the original nine colour rainbow flag at the request of Harvey Milk in San Francisco in 1978. The symbol grew rapidly to represent pride protests, struggles, celebration, and community.

Born in Kansas in 1951, Gilbert served in the US Army and was stationed in San Francisco near the beginnings of the pride movement. After an honourable discharge, he taught himself to sew, making banners, flags, and displays for gay and anti-war protest marches. He continued his activist work all his life, speaking and writing on behalf of human rights all over the world.

In 1994, Gilbert created a mile-long pride flag to be carried down the streets of New York to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Sections of that flag were then offered to pride organizations around the world, and through the efforts of Raymond Taavel, Halifax Pride came into possession of its own portion of the flag. Displayed at each Halifax Pride Festival, and numerous other events throughout the year, it is a symbol of the history and sacrifices of the pride movement. This year, we display it especially for Gilbert Baker in thanks and memory of the gift he gave to our community and movement.

“Flags are torn from the souls of people.” - Gilbert Baker, 2007

MOMENT OF SILENCE

During the parade at approximately 1:45 PM, we will be observing a moment of silence. When you see Parade Volunteers stop and raise their finger in the air, this is your signal to do the same, join your neighbours in silence, and mark a moment of reflection.

COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING

This year, the Halifax Pride Society launched a new program to offer financial support for 2SLGBTQ+ community events hosted by non-profit societies, adhoc groups, or individuals during the festival. The goal of this pilot program was to encourage community events that celebrate our history, build bridges between diverse populations, and foster community pride. Halifax Pride is proud to support the following festival events:

Speed Friending - Dramatic Changes Artist Society
Swag-Making at the Library - The Youth Project
Opera Backwards: A Very Queer Show - Halifax Summer Opera Festival Association
LGBTQIA Refugee Claims in Canada: a Legal Perspective - Halifax Refugee Clinic
Shout Out Photography Show - Phillip Joy
Resilient Queer Hearts: A Celebration of Queer Youth and Mental Health - Laing House
Know Your Neighbour - IMove
Puppy Pride, Gaysiders Gaybourhood Gathering - Gaysiders
Queer People are Magic - The Magic Project
Pride Shabbat - The Atlantic Jewish Council
Triptych - Workshirt Opera
FORGING OUR FUTURE, TOGETHER: 
2017 HALIFAX PRIDE INITIATIVES

Halifax Pride is in a period of transformation to better meet the evolving needs of our 2SLGBTQ+ community and to create space for folks who have encountered barriers to their full participation in the festival. We are committed to continuous improvement through reflection on past mistakes and shortcomings by listening to constructive community criticisms and ideas.

Halifax Pride strives to provide a platform where all 2SLGBTQ+ peoples can share their lived experiences, stories, and talents. We hope to create a diverse festival that honours our history of grassroots activism, celebrates our advancements, and continues to protect injustice, prejudice, and discrimination to create meaningful positive change for our community.

We received considerable feedback leading up to and following the 2016 festival, and Halifax Pride acknowledges the need to do better. We have worked hard in the past few months to implement initiatives and policies that make Halifax Pride more accessible, transparent, accountable, and reflective of the many groups that make up the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We recognize this is just the beginning and there is much more work to be done.

The following are some of the changes we have undertaken to improve Halifax Pride:

- Newly developed Safer Spaces Statement offered at the start of all meetings and activities
- Acknowledgement of the territory of the Mi’kmaw People at the start of all meetings and activities
- Begun hosting Monthly Community Meetings
- Developed the Halifax Pride Partner Initiative Survey to gather information about the work our sponsors and partners are doing in support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community
- Offered training workshops to sponsors and partners to review 2SLGBTQ+ terminology and best practices, presented in partnership with Pride at Work Canada
- Calls for board nominations prioritizing individuals from trans and black, indigenous, and communities of colour (DEBPOC) resulted in Pride welcoming two new board members from those communities
- Launched a Community Event Funding Program to offer financial assistance to 2SLGBTQ+ festivals, prioritizing DEBPOC applicants
- Removed parade fees for not-for-profit 2SLGBTQ+ focused organizations
- Developing a new committee structure for improved planning and community inclusion. Committees include:
  - Accessibility Committee
  - Advocacy Committee
  - Communications Committee
  - Governance Committee
  - Programming Committee
  - Youth Committee
- Renewed focus on policy development. Policies include:
  - Dispute Resolution Policy
  - Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy
  - Safer Spaces Policy
  - Community Market Policy
- Issued a public apology for the action and inaction that lead to the hosting of an AGM that was harmful and damaging to our community
- Begun discussions between community groups affected by the 2016 AGM, with the goal of cooperating on a conflict resolution
- Commissioned a legal review of our by-laws and conducted community consultation on the membership provisions
- Focused on board training, hosting sessions on trans community concerns around Pride and Board fiduciary responsibility
- Hosted Community Meetings and online surveys to gather input on police presence at Halifax Pride; continued the dialogue with police to build greater mutual understanding
- Discontinued the Community Fair; developed the new Community Market to prioritize 2SLGBTQ+ artisans and not-for-profit organizations
- Moved the parade to the first weekend of the festival, to better share information about the full festival to our largest audience
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- Organized numerous one-on-one meetings between the Executive Director and community leaders and members.

We are grateful for your feedback, your encouragement, and your criticism.

SAFER SPACE STATEMENT AND ACCESSIBILITY LEGEND

Halifax Pride is committed to encouraging conditions for safer spaces at our festival and community gatherings. We aim to ensure everyone feels respected, valued, and able to freely express themselves, regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, age, physical or mental ability.

Our Safer Space Policy (found at halifaxpride.com) guides Halifax Pride in organizing events that are safe and barrier free. We encourage our community partners to take similar steps and have asked all those organizing events during the festival to identify steps they have taken to ensure their events are welcoming, inclusive, and accessible. Below is a list detailing some of the amenities that organizers indicated would be available at their events:

- 19 years of age or over event
- Wheelchair access
- Drug and Alcohol free
- ASL Interpreters on-site
- Security
- Closed Captioning
- All-Gender Washrooms

EVENTS LEGEND

PRIDE ORGANIZED EVENTS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZED EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

TD BLOCK PARTY

Birmingham St.
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Free

The community is invited to join TD as Pride closes off a city street and celebrates with all kinds of block party fun - games, photo booth, snacks, crafts - any age can join in and the best part - it’s all free!

THURSDAY, JULY 20

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Plan B Merchants Co-op - BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free

A photography exhibit showcasing the photographs of Phillip Joy and stories of 2SLGBTQ+ Haligonians. On daily from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, July 20-30.
CELEBRATE PRIDE

We’re thrilled to once again be a Gold Sponsor of the Halifax Pride Festival.

GAYSIDERS GAYBOURHOOD GATHERING
5:00 PM | Free
Join the Gaysiders for a gaybourhood meet and greet in Dartmouth! There will be food, music, and a bouncy castle! Visit Gaysiders on Facebook for location and full event details.

HALIFAX PROPRIDE PANEL AND RECEPTION
The Prince George Hotel (1725 Market St.)
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free
Join Pride at Work Canada for a panel discussion on the importance of fostering workplace cultures that are inclusive of gender identity and gender expression (6-7pm) followed by a lively networking reception (7-8:30pm). Please pre-register online at prideatwork.ca/halifaxpropride.

OPERA BACKWARDS: A VERY QUEER SHOW
Bus Stop Theatre (2203 Gottingen St.)
7:30 PM | $20
Halifax Summer Opera Festival presents its third annual salute to Halifax Pride, “Opera Backwards”. Come and experience gay and lesbian stories told through the great arias and duets of opera and operetta. Hosted by Kristi Davidson.

PRIDE YOUTH DANCE
Garrison Grounds
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Free
Time to shake it under the stars! It’s a youth dance and it’s gonna be full of glitter! Open to 2SLGBTQ+ youth and their allies, ages 19 and under. // Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain and may present barriers to folks with mobility issues.

KING & QUEEN OF PRIDE 2017: AFTER DANCE PARTY
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
11:30 PM | $10
Celebrate with the newly crowned “King & Queen of Pride 2017” and all the contestants. DJ Kape will have this dance party bumping! Visit Menz & Mollyz Bar on Facebook for more information.

BRETT HENNICK PRIDE
Reflections Cabaret (5187 Salter St.)
10:00 PM - 3:30 AM | $4
Real Dance Music and VibeZ. Our most popular Thursday DJ spinning the EDM you love.

YOUTH PROJECT FLOAT-BUILDING!
The Youth Project (2281 Brunswick St.)
1:00 PM | Free
All youth are welcome to join us on our Pride float! But first we have to build it. Youth aged 25 & under are welcome to help us build, paint, and create our parade entry! We’ll also have a BBQ and provide snacks.

TORPEDO’S OUT OF TOWNERS PARTY
Torpedo Sauna & Spa (2199 Gottingen St.)
4:00 PM | Prices vary
Out of towners and locals meet up and things get steamy! Open 4pm through 11pm Sunday at 10pm, Torpedo has a hot tub, sauna, showers, and both private and public rooms. There is also a sex swing, black out rooms, and a glory hole.

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW:
OPENING RECEPTION
Plan B Merchants Co-op – BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Reception 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM | Free
The official opening reception of this photography exhibit showcases photographs by Phillip Joy and stories of LGBTQ Haligonians. Stop by to view the work, chat with the artist, and enjoy some refreshments.
THE BUMP

GARRISON GROUNDS
FRIDAY, JULY 21
9:00 PM - 2:00 AM
DOORS OPEN 8:30 PM

FEATURING
KATYA
WITH BARBADA

AND
KRISTI DAVIDSON

SIMON THIBAULT
BAMBI
DJ DAVIE INDA HOUSE

Featuring

THE GRIND

GARRISON GROUNDS
SATURDAY, JULY 22
9:00 PM - 2:00 AM
DOORS OPEN 8:30 PM

Hosted by Erin Hopkins
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Featuring

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FESTIVAL DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 22

RAINBOW RUN
›› 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM ‹‹
Come down to the Parade route early to cheer on the fabulous and vibrant participants of our 5km Rainbow Run, or register early and take part! HalifaxPride.com to register.

HALIFAX PRIDE PARADE
›› 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ‹‹
Each year the collective creativity, talents, and energy of our Halifax communities come together to wow the festival crowds, all while celebrating the diversity and variety of life here in the HRM.

FESTIVAL GROUNDS
›› 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ‹‹
Gather at the Festival Grounds immediately following the parade for Mainstage music, drag, dance performances, an expanded kids area, food trucks, a beverage garden for those 19+, and more!

KIDS AREA
GARRISON GROUNDS
›› 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ‹‹
Halifax Pride offers a children’s area where face painting, petting zoo, arts, crafts, and kid-friendly entertainment are all waiting!

3RD ANNUAL PRIDE POOL TOURNAMENT
Dooley’s Young Street (3128 Kempt Rd.)
7:00 PM | $20/person
Dooley’s 3rd Annual Pride Pool Tournament welcomes all skill levels! Contact Amanda at 902-455-2588 or email young@dooleys.ca to REGISTER today!

COSMIC DRAG QUEEN BINGO
Cunard Centre (961 Marginal Rd.)
8:00 PM | $25-75
Buckle up, darlings! Drag Queen Bingo is back! This feather and sequin-filled bingo roller coaster ride is an event you won’t soon forget! A bigger venue, bigger prizes, and amazing drag queen celebrity talent! In support of Feed NS.

THE BUMP
Garrison Grounds (Sackville St & Bell Rd) 8:30 PM doors, 9:00 PM - 2:00 AM | 19+ | $5
The Bump is Halifax Pride’s drag celebration dance party! KATYA from RuPaul’s Drag Race will pound it into the ground, with beats by DJ Simon Thibault and performances by Barbada (Mr. Fierté Canada Pride), Kristi Davidson (Mz. Gay Halifax), and more! Party under the stars at Halifax Pride’s most fabulous outdoor dance party! Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain which may present barriers to folks with mobility issues. An accessible viewing platform is being planned for the site.

PRIDE FAMILY FUN ON THE PLAZA
Halifax Central Library (5440 Spring Garden Rd.)
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | FREE
Show your Pride! The Central Library Plaza will be abuzz as we await the parade. Celebrate all the colours of the rainbow with stories, songs, and parachute play.

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Plan B Merchants Co-op - BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
See Page 9 for details.

ENZYME
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.) - Rainbow Room
10:00 PM | $5 before midnight, $7 after
A monthly dance party where the DJs are always breakin’ it down.

MENZ & MOLLYZ OUT OF TOWNER PARTY
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
11:30 PM | $10
Visitors and locals alike mingle at this annual mixer to drink and celebrate the Halifax Pride Festival. This will be a DJ Bear777 top 40 music video dance party! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

MENZ & MOLLYZ NO PANTS PARTY 2017
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
11:30 PM | $15
Coat check your pants and party with us all night long. This will be a DJ Bear777 top 40 music video dance party! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

AFTER PARTY WITH DJ IV
Reflections Cabaret (5187 Salter St.)
10:00 PM - 3:30 AM | $7
Spinning a mix of top 40, gay icons, and hip hop to keep you dancing all night.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

EVENT LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY JULY 21 & SATURDAY JULY 22

EVENT LISTINGS | PRIDE PROGRAM | 15
RAINBOW RUN

SATURDAY, JULY 22
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Visit HalifaxPride.com to register.

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PRESENT: OPEN RECOVERY MEETING
Maritime Museum of Natural History
(1747 Summer St.) Parking level entrance
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free
Join an open support group to share experiences during recovery from substance abuse and/or gambling.

ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREA
Downtown Halifax
(Upper Water St. to Barrington St. to Spring Garden Rd. to South Park Sl)
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free
Every year, the collective creativity, talents, and energy of our Halifax communities come together to wow locals and visitors alike, all while celebrating the diversity and variety of life here in the HRM. Unable to make it to the parade in person? Watch on cbc.ca/ns or CBC Nova Scotia’s Facebook page.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE
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Garrison Grounds
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Free
Gather at the Festival Grounds immediately following the parade for Mainstage music, drag, dance performances, an expanded Kids Area, food trucks, a Beverage Garden for those 19+, and more! Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain which may present barriers to folks with mobility issues. An accessible viewing platform is being planned for the site.

TAKING PRIDE IN ALL OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS.
WE’RE EXCITED TO HOST YOU FOR HALIFAX PRIDE 2017.

GARRISON GROUNDS
SUNDAY, JULY 23
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

WITH SYMPHONY NOVA SCOTIA

A charming afternoon Tea Dance of splendid waltzes for waltzing, bouncy polkas for polking, and light classics for listening performed by Symphony Nova Scotia. Then stick around for a change in tempo as we continue to boogie to disco tunes.

QUEER PEOPLE ARE MAGIC: PRIDE EDITION

Garrison Grounds PHOTOBOOTH
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Free

Queer People are Magic: Pride Edition will capture images from the Halifax Pride Parade and Festival Grounds. After taking part in the parade where we will photograph participants and onlookers, find us at our Festival Grounds photo booth where queer individuals and groups who wish to can have their personal photo taken. Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain which may present barriers to folks with mobility issues.

HOSTED BY THE 2017 PARADE GRAND MARSHALS!

WOMEN’S DANCE

Canadian Forces Base Halifax (2778 Gottingen St.)
8:00 PM | Tickets available at Venus Envy until July 21 for $10, or $15 at the door.
E-transfer excepted at daiseym@ns.sympatico.ca.
Come out & join us for a fun night of dancing. Requests welcome. Great bar prizes, 50/50, & lots of parking. Photo ID is required to get in through the main gate. Once inside the Gate across from Subway follow the signs that lead you to the Fleet Club. For more information call 902-433-1601 or text 902-223-7482

THE GRIND

Garrison Grounds
8:30 PM doors, 9:00 PM - 2:00 AM
19+ | $5

The Grind is Halifax Pride’s outdoor DJ dance spectacle. Witness the transformation of Garrison Grounds as thousands turn a grassy field into a dancefloor where stars, glitter, lights, and bass fill the night. Featuring LAL, PlaysW/Music, DJ Fadzwa, and Jules Bangsworth! Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain which may present barriers to folks with mobility issues. An accessible viewing platform is being planned for the site.

JAWBREAKER AURORA: PRIDE EDITION

Reflections Cabaret (5187 Salter St.)
10:00 PM - 3:30 AM | $9

Our regular monthly show with Bridget Von Snaps and Friends. She knows what you want.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Plan B Merchants Co-op – BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
See Page 9 for details.

PUPPY PRIDE
Shubie Park (54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth)
11:00 AM | Free
Pride is for the puppers and doggos too! Join us for a doggy day in the park and meet new friends and go for a walk! Hosted by Gaysiders.

PRIDE RIDE
Sir Stanford Fleming Park (260 Dingle Rd.)
12:00 PM | Free
Come ride with Pride! The Halifax Scooter Council will host a public Two-Wheeled Pride Ride, beginning with a meet’n greet and ending the ride at Good Robot.

TEA DANCE

FEATURING SYMPHONY NOVA SCOTIA

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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free

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PAINT NITE!

St. John’s Anglican Church (1215 Main Street, Dartmouth)
6:00 PM | $30
Come learn to paint with acrylics and walk away with a beautiful painting of a tree with the colours of the Pride rainbow. Space is limited, so please contact aliciababineau@gmail.com to register.


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MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: HALIFAX CITY HALL, 1841 ARGYLE ST.
WEDNESDAY: GRAND PARADE, 1841 ARGYLE ST.
>> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM <<

MONDAY
TRANS HEALTHCARE IN NOVA SCOTIA

TUESDAY
THE IMPACTS OF DATING APPS

WEDNESDAY
TUNES AT NOON EDITION
FEATURING LAURENN MARCHAND

THURSDAY
REDEFINING TWO SPIRIT IDENTITIES

FRIDAY
CORPORATIZATION AND PRIDE FESTIVALS

MONDAY, JULY 24

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Plan B Merchants Co-op - BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
See Page 9 for details.

HAUS OF JECKYLL GOES DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
9:00 PM | $10
Come join the Haus of Jeckyll and the Peltrinestone Sisters as they team up to bring you a drag show extravaganza not to be missed.

HELLA GAY DANCE PARTY
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
11:30 PM | $7
Not just "gay", this late night dance party is "Hella Gay"! This will be a DJ Master dance party and he will be mixing up a storm to wrap up the first weekend of Pride! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

PRIDE GAME DAY
The Board Room Game Cafe (1256 Barrington St.)
5:00 PM | $5
A night of diverse gayming hosted by The Board Room, Hal-Con, and Cape and Cow! Come out to the Board Room and enjoy some board game demos, tournaments, RPGs, and other table top gaming fun! Proceeds go to the Cape and Cow Safe Space.

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING KIMAHLI POWELL
Rainbow Railroad: Helping Persecuted International LGBTQI People
Halifax Central Library - Paul O'Regan Hall (Spring Garden Rd.)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free
Kimahli Powell, Executive Director of Rainbow Railroad, will discuss their work to bring persecuted LGBTQI people to safety in Canada. Kimahli will also provide an update on the situation in Chechnya and explain how Canada and Rainbow Railroad are taking a leading role in saving lives. This is the first talk in Halifax’s Pride’s free series of lectures addressing issues concerning the 2SGLBTQ+ community.

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We're proud to live in a country that supports all types of love. Join us in celebrating the Halifax Pride Festival and share your Pride story with us at #StandForCanada.
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KAMAL AL-SOLAYLEE

KIMAHLI POWELL

RAINBOW RAILROAD: HELPING PERSECUTED INTERNATIONAL LGBTQI PEOPLE

HALIFAX CENTRAL LIBRARY
5440 SPRING GARDEN RD.
MONDAY, JULY 24
7:00 PM

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DYLAN MARRON

COMEDY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC
1675 LOWER WATER ST.
TUESDAY, JULY 25
7:00 PM

Dylan Marron is a Drama Desk and Gotham Award-nominated comedian, activist and all-around internet sensation. Most recently Dylan was the most popular star of Seriously.TV and he is best known for his viral video series that seamlessly blend activism and comedy like “Men Kissing Men,” “Unboxing,” “Sitting in Bathrooms with Trans People” and “Every Single Word Spoken by a Person of Color”.

KAMAL AL-SOLAYLEE

SEXUAL RIGHTS AND RACIAL WRONGS

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC
1675 LOWER WATER ST.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
7:00 PM

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OLIVIA NUAMAH

HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC
1675 LOWER WATER ST.
THURSDAY, JULY 27
7:00 PM

Pride Month: June 2017
Hire Date: February 17, 2017
Pride Toronto’s Executive Director, Olivia Nuamah, joins us to discuss the triumphs and learning moments experienced while planning and executing North America’s largest Pride festival against seemingly insurmountable odds.

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Eureka Love hosts everyone’s favourite Drag makeover pageant. First time drag queens compete for the title of The Swine.

**GET YOUR DRAG ON**
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
9:30 PM | $3
A weekly, open drag show for people of all skill levels and genders.

**HOWLING MOON KARAOKE**
Menz & Mollyz Bar - Rainbow Room (2182 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM | $5
Hosted by John Shadow, this alternative music karaoke night boasts a massive collection of metal and hard rock in its library. See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

**$ROCKIN’ 4 DOLLAR$ HISSYFIT**
Reflections Cabaret (5187 Salter St.)
10:00 PM - 3:30 AM | $1 before 10PM, $3 after
Bands in drag. Always a favourite. (The 20th year for this event!!)

**DANCE PARTY FOR ALL!**
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
11:59 PM | $5
This dance party promotes acceptance and is intended for all (19+) to attend! DJ Master will be spinning all night in the Main Bar for this dance party! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

**QUEER PERSPECTIVES: The Impacts of Dating Apps**
Halifax City Hall
(1841 Argyle St.)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free
Has the popularity of mobile dating apps caused greater harm than benefit in the 2SLGBTQ+ community? Hear what the research has to say and consider personal stories about the positive and negative repercussions of these convenient dating tools.

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**

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11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
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**LUNCH AND LEARN:**
UNDERSTANDING LGBTIQ+ HEALTH
IWK Health Centre - Parker Reception Room
(5980 University Ave.)
12:00 PM | Free
A presentation and discussion hosted by prideHealth.

**YOUTH COFFEE HOUSE**
The Youth Project (2281 Brunswick St.)
6:00 PM | Free
Got a talent you want to share? Lipsync in a fabulous outfit? Just take it all in with a Pride-themed drink? We got you covered. Come to the Youth Coffee House! Open to 2SLGBTQ+ youth & their allies, ages 25 & under. Free admission, free drinks, & snacks.
EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING DYLAN MARRON
Comedy and Social Justice in the Digital Age
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
(1675 Lower Water St.)
7:00 PM | Free
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MR. MILK GOES TO CITY HALL
Halifax City Hall (1841 Argyle St.) – Halifax Hall
6:30 PM doors, 7:00 PM show | Free
Free screening of the 2008 Gus Van Sant film Milk at historic City Hall. Hosted by Councillor Waye Mason, tickets available (75 total) on EventBrite. Visit halifaxsouth.ca/pride for details.

BOARD ROOM TRIVIA: PRIDE
The Board Room Game Cafe (1256 Barrington St.)
7:00 PM | $5
Hosted by The Board Room’s own Abbey Ferguson, teams of 2 to 6 players compete in a challenging Pride-themed trivia showdown.

SPEED FRIENDING
Radstorm (6050 Almon St.) – Second floor
7:00 PM | Free
Join us for a gentle afternoon of making new friends. We will guide you through some exercises to help you approach new people, overcome the feeling of awkwardness, and cut through the small talk to really get to know someone. Hosted by Dramatic Changes Artist Society.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
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Plan B Merchants Co-op – BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
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EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING KAMAL AL-SOLAYLEE
Sexual Rights and Racial Wrongs
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
(1675 Lower Water St.)
7:00 PM | Free
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SPEED GAMING AT BOARD ROOM BEDFORD
The Board Room Game Cafe - Located in the Village Centre shopping hub (936 Bedford Highway, Bedford)
7:00 PM | $5
Make new friends and play a series of lightning-fast board games at The Board Room’s new Bedford location!

ALL TONGUE & NO CHEEK
Art Bar + Projects (1873 Granville St.)
7:30 PM - 1:00 AM | $10 or PWYC
Join artists Claudia Legg and Kate Grey for a night of hilarious live readings from the Literary UK’s ‘Bad Sex in Fiction’ awards, spill your secrets in the Sex Confessional, and dance the night away at Clam Jam with Halifax DJ Pearl Monsoon’s 80s mix tapes.

YOUTH WATCH PRIDE!
The Youth Project (2281 Brunswick St.)
7:45 PM | Free
Open to 2SLGBTQ+ youth & their allies ages 25 & under, we’re screening PRIDE (the film!). Join us for some freshly popped popcorn and a 2SLGBTQ+ themed film as we celebrate Pride, outside on the big screen!

THE STALLION
Atlantica Hotel Halifax – The Guild Room (1980 Robie St.)
9:00 PM | $12
Eureka Love hosts as girls get Drag King makeovers and compete for the title of “The Stallion”.

CROWN KARAOKE
Menz & Mollyz Bar – Rainbow Room (2182 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM | $5 (Free if you’re in drag)
The stage is calling you! Dianne is hosting a wild karaoke party, and you’re all invited. Come sing with us, and maybe even walk away with one of our door prizes. Not to mention the Toonie Song is over $1700! Come in drag and get in free!

MENZ AND MOLLYZ PRESENTS: TITLEHOLDERS
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM | $10
A talent-packed, star-studded evening of title holding King, Queens and Queers in our community! Hosted by Craven Blood.

THURSDAY, JULY 27
SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Plan B Merchants Co-op – BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
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QUEER PERSPECTIVES:
Redefining Two-Spirit Identities
Halifax City Hall
(1041 Argyle St.)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free
This panel discusses Indigenous (First Nations, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit) identities in the context of Pride. Two-Spirit identity is presented as a unique identity within Indigenous communities. Strategies will be presented for culturally appropriate ways to engage Indigenous LGBT and Two-Spirit people within the pride movement.

2SLGBTQ+ REFUGEE CLAIMS IN CANADA: A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE
McInnes Cooper (1969 Upper Water St. #1300)
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | Free, lunch provided
The Halifax Refugee Clinic is presenting an information session on representing refugee claimants whose claims are based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Keith MacMillan, a staff lawyer at the Refugee Law Office in Hamilton, ON, will highlight his experiences working with refugees whose claims are based on sexual orientation and gender identity, focusing on challenges, strategies and approaches in legal representation. All are welcome!

RESILIENT QUEER HEARTS: A CELEBRATION OF QUEER YOUTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
Laing House (1225 Barrington St.)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free
Resilient Queer Hearts is a celebration of the lives and experiences of Laing House’s queer members, featuring Youth Speak personal stories, live music performances, an indoor and outdoor art gallery, guided tours of Laing House, button-making, and light refreshments.
**DYKES VS DIVAS SOFTBALL GAME**

HALIFAX COMMONS BY COGSWELL ST.
SUNDAY, JULY 30
>> 1:00 PM <<

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**SWAG—MAKING AT THE LIBRARY**

Halifax Central Library – Second Floor (Spring Garden Rd.)
6:00 PM | Free

The Halifax Libraries & The Youth Project are teaming up to bring you a Pride Swag Party! Make stuff that represents you, and rock it during Pride (or all year ’round). Free supplies & snacks provided!

**QUEER DHARMA OPEN HOUSE**

Halifax Shambhala Centre (1084 Tower Rd.)
6:30 PM | Free. (Donations appreciated.)

A vegan dinner, guided meditation practice, and contemplative discussion.

**EVENING SPEAKER SERIES - OLIVIA NUAMAHA**

Hitting the Ground Running
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7:00 PM | Free

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**STRIP SPELLING BEE! PRIDE EDITION**

The Seahorse Tavern (2057 Gottingen St.)
7:00 PM | $6

The word is… sa·la·cious. Come see contestants compete to keep their clothes on and show their cunning linguistic skills as they compete for fabulous prizes! Hosted by Georgie Dudka. Wanna compete? E-Mail filthyemails@gmail.com to sign up! Get at us @stripspellingbee on Instagram.

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**SO YOU THINK YOU GOT TALENT**

Menz & Mollyz Bar – Main Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM | $7

The classic Menz Bar event returns! Watch as Halifax’s drag performers compete to win a fabulous cash prize. Hosted by Dianne bis, AKA DJ Queen.

**PRIDE PARTY CRUISE**

Foundation Sea Wall (5050 Salter St.)
9:00 PM boarding, 9:30 PM departure | $22

The annual boat cruise through the Halifax Harbour is setting sail again! This popular sell-out event includes a DJ, dancing, cash bar, and tons of fun as we climb aboard the Kawartha for a nighttime cruise. Visit mtch.ca for ticket info.

**GRAB THAT DOUGH (PRIDE EDITION)**

Menz & Mollyz Bar – Rainbow Room (2182 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM | $5

Perform and get your name in on 2 draws for a chance to win a $100 cash prize and lots more! Hosted by Mz Vicki.

**DJ QUEEN**

Menz & Mollyz Bar – Main Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
11:59 PM | $7

DJ Queen is a Top 40 powerhouse. Your favourite drag queen DJ is live, on-stage, and dancing until dawn. You won’t believe your senses when you experience the electric audio and visual delights she has in store. Come into the light!
FRIDAY, JULY 28

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Plan B Merchants Co-op - BSIDE Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free
See Page 9 for details.

QUEER PERSPECTIVES:
Corporatization and Pride Festivals
Halifax City Hall (1841 Argyle St.)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free
With the popularity of pride festivals around North America ever growing, how do organizers strike a balance between welcoming supportive corporate partners and the community around which the organization first formed? Does sponsorship detract from the message of pride, or allow for greater festival visibility and community inclusion?

INTERSESSIONS:
AN INCLUSIVE SOUND INITIATIVE: PROVIDING SAFER SPACES FOR WOMEN & 2SLGBTQ+ FOLKS
Alteregos Cafe (2193 Gottingen St.)
3:00 PM | $10
This seminar aims to address the significant gender and sexuality based imbalance within the music industry, offering DJ and sound focused workshops for female identified folk, and those within the 2SLGBTQ+ spectrum. Intersections provides safe spaces for participants to support one another, access equipment, receive mentorship and build community. We strive to promote diversity through access, support, and the power of music. To register, please visit halifaxpride.com.

RAINBOW FAMILIES!
Halifax Central Library
(Spring Garden Rd.) - Second Floor
4:00 PM | Free
Join the Youth Project as we celebrate gender-creative kids and families with same-sex and transgender parents! Open to children 12 & under, we’ll be making crafts and playing games that celebrate who we are. Parents/Family welcome to hang out & get support/resources!

PRIDE SHABBAT
Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market rooftop
6:00 PM | General Admission $18; Unwaged $8
The Atlantic Jewish Council welcomes diverse community members to join us on this Friday evening as we mark the start of the Jewish Sabbath with a meal and a variety of traditions. Learn more about our customs and enjoy wonderful food as we celebrate the intersections within our Jewish and pride communities. To book tickets please visit www.theajc.ns.ca/product/pride-shabbat-tickets/

GOTTINGEN BLOCK PARTY
GOTTINGEN STREET
FRIDAY, JULY 28
6:00 PM - 2:00 AM

A celebration of Halifax’s queer and North End community is set to fill the venues and sidewalks of Gottingen Street!

FEATURING
BEST OF THE NORTH END, VOL. 1 AT THE MARQUEE
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM $12 AT THE DOOR

WITH
RICH AUCOIN
CENTURY EGG
HILLSBURN

PLUS
COMMUNITY MARKET WITH QUEER VENDORS AND COMMUNITY BOOTHS
KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR BBQ AT THE NORTH END LIBRARY
FOOD TRUCKS
DJS
PERFORMANCE, ART, AND SO MUCH MORE!

GOTTINGEN BLOCK PARTY
Gottingen St.
6:00 PM - 2:00 AM | Free
This neighbourhood block party celebrating the North End and our 2SLGBTQ+ community will include the events listed below, plus DJs, BBQs, Community Market, food trucks, concerts, art shows, and more.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR
North End Memorial Public Library
(2285 Gottingen St.)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Free
You’re invited to an all ages BBQ in front of the North End Library! There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, refreshments, and snacks! We’ll have art activities for kids, music, and more. Come out and get to know your neighbours! Hosted by IMove.
TRIPTYCH
The Bus Stop Theatre (2203 Gottingen St.)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Free
Triptych is a performance for three people where each performer explores a guiding question: How is my love queer? Audiences are invited to investigate spaces and engage in the performances, while creating a safe space for the performers to share and for the public to interact. Presented by Workshirt Opera.

COMMUNITY MARKET
Various
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Free
Explore and sample the offerings of local 2SLGBTQ+ artisans and not-for-profit organizations at Squiggle Park and along Gottingen.

CLIMB WITH PRIDE
Seven Bays Bouldering (2019 Gottingen St.)
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM | $5
Visit Seven Bays on Facebook for details.

BEST OF NORTH END, VOL. 1
The Marquee (2037 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM | $12 door
This is your North End soundtrack featuring Rich Aucoin, Century Egg, and Hillsburn live on the Marquee stage.

TUCKERS & STUFFERS
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.)
9:00 PM | $10
This amazing Halifax-based drag performance troupe, which normally has monthly shows on the last Thursday of each month, are hitting the spotlight on a Friday night! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

MENZ & MOLLYZ TESTOSTERONE PARTY
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.) - Main Bar
11:30 PM | $10
The main dance floor is going to be hot this night as DJ Bear777 gets everyone moving with his top-40 music video dance party! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

GLAMAZON PRIDE DRAG SHOW
Atlantica Hotel Halifax - The Guild Room (1980 Robie St.)
9:00 PM | $15
The Glamazon Army and the Unleashed dancers are back to amaze and delight with a fabulous show crowded full of drag, dance, and comedy. Hosted by Rouge Fatale, Farrah Moan, and Eureka Love.

WHITE HORSE
Lion & Bright (2534 Agricola St.)
9:30 PM - 2:00 AM | $8 advanced / $10 at the door
Hot sweaty nights, heavy thumping beats, lush chords, gender escapism: an exploration of the textural variety in the Queer community.

SHOUT OUT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
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SATURDAY, JULY 29

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PROUDPRANA
Garrison Grounds
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free
Whether you want to limber your body for dancing, or get your guns on for a jam packed Pride festival, we will cover your needs with a free yoga class. Join two guest teachers Andrew Murray & Lara Lauer as they guide you through a practice designed for all levels of ability. *(Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain and may present barriers to folks with mobility issues.)*

TRURO PRIDE PARADE EXCURSION
12:00 PM
Meet at the Garrison Grounds following ProudPrana and we’ll ride share to Truro Pride Parade together.
To Halifax, with Savage Love

Yoga at the Garrison Grounds
Saturday, July 29
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Proud Prana

FREE

Portland Street Pride
Portland Street, Downtown Dartmouth
11:00 AM | Free

Bustle, browse and busk: Downtown Dartmouth comes alive with Pride. Enjoy street entertainment and food as the shops and restaurants in Downtown Dartmouth celebrate Pride.

Pride Storytelling Hike
Woodlawn Public Library (31 Eisener Blvd, Dartmouth)
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Free

Meet at the library, then head over to Rissel Lake Trail where you’ll find talented youth storytellers reading and performing 2SLGBTQ+ inspired stories. Afterwards, come back to the library for a pride-themed puppet show, facepainting, refreshments, and a chance to win a fantastic book bag prize!

Queerioke and Lip Sync Battle
Maritime Museum of Natural History (1747 Summer St.)
Parking level entrance
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Free

A performance event where youth can participate by staging talents, lip-synching songs, singing karaoke, or sitting back and watching. The lineup will entirely be made up of submissions from youth. Do some magic, dress in drag, or lip sync for your life; this event is up to you! With snack and refreshments provided by Halifax Pride. For 2SLGBTQ+ identified youth and their allies 19 and under.

Dj Queen - Special Edition
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St.) - Main Bar
11:59 PM | $15

It’s an experience like none other: DJ Queen is live, on-stage, and ready to make you dance like you’ve never danced before. Get ready to lose yourself on the dance floor to non-stop Top 40 hits, and feel the pulse of the lights in a sea of people.

Menz & Mollyz Full Colour Dance Party
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St) 11:59 PM | $15

This is our largest Halifax Pride Festival dance party each year and this year we have DJ Queen pumping out the beats! See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more information.

Shout Out Photography Show
Plan B Merchants Co-op - Bside Gallery (2180 Gottingen St.)
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | Free

See Page 9 for details.

Dykes vs. Divas Softball Game
Halifax Commons, Canada Games Baseball Diamond
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free

This annual spectacle has become one of the Halifax Pride Festival’s most anticipated events. It’s a free, all ages event full of laughs and fabulous feats of sporting prowess, often performed in heels and gowns. Come out for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, with refreshments and laughs available on site. Please note this event takes place on grass and/or rough terrain and may present barriers to folks with mobility issues.

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Spectrum - A Drag Open Stage
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St) - Main Bar
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | $10 to attend this show ONLY (7pm - 9pm). $15 to stay all night.

Dianne Isis & Lickity Splitt kick off Saturday night with a bang. Hyperdrag, Genderfuck, Kings, Queens, and everybody in-between are invited to this party! One lucky performer will receive a cash prize of $50! All performers welcome!

Halifax Drag Kings Pride Show
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St)
8:30 PM (Doors at 8:00 pm) | $10 to attend this show ONLY (7pm - 9pm) | $15 to stay all night.

Come on out to Menz & Mollyz Bar and celebrate Pride with an evening of dancing, prizes, and sizzling hot performances from Halifax’s top drag kings! This is guaranteed to be a show you won’t want to miss!
DYKES VS DIVAS AFTER PARTY & BBQ
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St)
4:00 PM | FREE entry! FREE hotdog or hamburger with the purchase of a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).
Get out of the heat and cool off with some drinks and a bite to eat! DJ Master will be playing tunes as the BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers are served up hot! All ages welcome. Alcoholic beverage sales 19+

SNATCH GAME
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St)
8:00 PM | $10
Come see the Atlantic Canada Glamazon Army do our own rendition of the popular RuPaul game show. Hosted by Rouge Fatale, we promise you will blank yourself.

PRIDE WIND DOWN DANCE PARTY 2017
Menz & Mollyz Bar (2182 Gottingen St)
11:59 AM | $10
Another Halifax Pride Festival has come & gone. Join us for one last night to party with all of the new people you met this week, along with all of your old friends. DJ Master. See the event page on the Menz & Mollyz Bar Facebook page for more info.

Inclusive Employers Stand Out
At Pride at Work Canada we believe that your gender expression, gender identity or sexual orientation shouldn’t hold you back from getting a job or succeeding in the workplace. That’s why we’re proud to work with over 80 employers that share our vision of a nation where LGBT Canadians can achieve their full potential at work.
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Provocative evenings filled with a mixture of drinks, dance, socializing, performances & play. Nightshade is an all-accepting environment. 19+

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While we celebrate Pride, most of us can think back to when we struggled with challenges around our sexual orientation or gender identity. While we are making progress as a community, many of today’s youth face similar challenges. Our youth continue to deal with the effects of homophobia, biphobia or transphobia and can often feel isolated and alone.

The Youth Project is proud to support youth around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity.

If you are a youth dealing with challenges around these issues, whether you are looking for support and services, or just looking to make friends and connect to people with similar experiences, the Youth Project is here for you. We are a youth driven organisation and we offer a welcoming, supportive and affirming environment where you can be proud to be yourself and to live your life authentically.

We offer supportive counselling, monthly social support groups, amazing special events like our annual queer prom, our summer camps and much more. We are also in schools providing classroom workshops and supporting GSAs. Get involved, make friends, come to some events, have fun and maybe even join our youth board.

We have a full program of Pride activities for youth, 25 and under, during this year’s Pride festival, check out our event listings in this guide. These events will be lots of fun and are a great opportunity to make friends, build connections and realise that you are part of a community. We look forward to seeing you!

At the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, we strive to create an environment in which people living with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS feel empowered and supported. Our goal is to reduce new cases of HIV and bring an end to stigma and discrimination through education, awareness and services. We are a non-profit charitable organization working with over 200 people living with HIV/AIDS across Nova Scotia. We offer a variety of services including one-on-one supportive counseling, advocacy, referrals, treatment information, and poverty-related support. We have a lounge area where you can come and relax, read, use the internet or phone, play cards or just be. You can reach us by phone at 902-425-4882 or 1-800-566-2437, or by email at acns@acns.ns.ca. Visit our website for more information www.acns.ns.ca. Our office is at 5516 Spring Garden Road, Suite 200, in downtown Halifax and we’re open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm from Monday to Friday.
Halifax Pride supports efforts by our sponsors and partners that encourage equality and inclusion within their organizations and is proud to partner with those who support our community. To give our community a better understanding of these efforts, our partners were asked to complete a survey to help us highlight these initiatives. The following is a sample of some of the work being done by our supporters, with further details found at halifaxpride.com/sponsors:

**NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
- We have recently developed guidelines for supporting transgender students and employees, and support the eligible coverage of all surgeries related to transitioning.
- We have mandatory Diversity and Inclusion workshop for all full-time and term employees.

**MURPHY’S THE CABLE WHARF**  
- We have an organization-wide policy that bars harassment and discrimination based on, and specifically referring to, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression.
- We ensure that pay equity and promotion opportunities are accessible to all employees regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

**JAZZ AVIATION**  
- We have documented processes and supporting guidelines in place to assist someone transitioning.
- We have an employee-led 2SLGBTQ+ resource group.
- We participate in the International Day of Pink to support anti-bullying and the fostering of inclusive and safe spaces so that employees can bring their authentic self to work.

**CBC**  
- We are respectful and inclusive of everyone regardless of sexual orientation, age, gender identity, race, ethnicity, class, religion, ability, and/or other factors, and honour one’s right to define, express, and celebrate their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
- On May 16, CBC launched OutCBC, which provides a 2SLGBTQ+ forum for networking, safety, support, respect, education, mentoring and outreach for CBC employees.

**LOBLAW**  
- Loblaw (Atlantic Superstore) is consistently recognized as one of the best diversity employers in Canada.
- Loblaw is a major supporter of Pride activities in Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal, and are excited to now partner with Halifax Pride.

**HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
- We have an active diversity committee.
- We provide diversity training for our front-line workers on 2SLGBTQ+ needs and concerns.

**COX & PALMER**  
- We are a proud member of Pride at Work Canada and the Law Firm Diversity and Inclusion Network.
- We co-sponsor a number of 2SLGBTQ+-related initiatives, including the Dal OutLaw International Women’s Day event, the CBA-NE/KNSG entry in the pride parade and their Diversity on the Bench workshops.

**WACKY’S FLOORING**  
- We are a proud member of Pride at Work Canada and the Law Firm Diversity and Inclusion Network.
- We have openly 2SLGBTQ+ identified people at senior levels in our organization.
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**EAST COAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
- We are a community organization with a focus on inclusion and community engagement in the sport of softball!

**MCINNES COOPER**  
- We have gender neutral parental leave policies.
- We have financially contributed to and/or sponsored 2SLGBTQ+ community groups or events, including the hosting of Pride lunches.

**ADMLR INSURANCE**  
- Admiral employees were involved in the 2016 and 2017 Halifax Pride festivals and Admiral, as a company, was the flagship sponsor of the 2016 Queer Acts Theatre Festival.
- We have gender neutral washrooms for staff.

**DELLOITE LLP**  
- Promotes inclusion through internal social campaign for pride, “Your difference is the difference”, and is promoting inclusion efforts through the Deloitte Pride Network and local office initiatives.
- Developed a set of guidelines for our leaders to help people who are transitioning while working at Deloitte. The Transitioning Guidelines were created with input from our Inclusion and Legal teams, and transgender employees.

**NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS UNION**  
- We have an active equity committee.
- We have an anti-homophobia and anti-transphobia policy.

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- TD was the first major corporate sponsor of Pride and the first Canadian financial institution to profile same-sex couples in mainstream advertising.
- In our communities, TD is involved with over 100 LGBT organizations and initiatives across North America through funding, partnerships, and employee volunteering. We are a highly visible supporter, which includes sponsoring 63 Pride festivals in North America.
- In 2016, we introduced a design change to new and renovated branches going forward, whereby we will build gender-neutral restrooms.

**TJX CANADA**  
- We have an Anti-Discrimination policy on our website that states we are a place of employment that fosters mutual respect and caring and is inclusive to all people, regardless of their sex/sexual orientation.

**TELUS**  
- We empower team members to bring their whole selves to work in a supportive and inclusive culture.
- We enhance our connection with the global 2SLGBTQ+ community by giving where we live.

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Proud to sponsor Halifax Pride.

TD. Forever Proud.
Our support of Canada’s LGBT community is celebrated every day. It’s our differences that make us better together.

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