

Hate Crimes Vigil: A Night of Queer Support

Wednesday November 1st, 2000
Eccles Centre (South Residence)



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Welcome

Rainbow Chorus: "In Remembrance"

Multimedia presentation

Rainbow Chorus: "Sing Me to Heaven"

Human Rights and Equity Office

Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

CSA Human Rights

Guelph Queer Equality

Rainbow Chorus: "Together Proud & Strong"

Closing remarks

Candlelight walk

Refreshments: Lambton Games Room

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show
tolerance
HATE

There is a sickness eating away at the strength of humankind and that sickness is Hate. Daily, throughout the world, men, women, and children are tortured, brutalized, and murdered simply because of their beliefs, their race, their physical state, or their sexuality, and equally guilty as the perpetrators are those among us who remain indifferent and/or silent.

"A 1995 Safe Schools Coalition study of Seattle public schools found LGBTQ youth were more than five times more likely than their heterosexual peers to be targets of violence and/or harassment, almost three times more likely to be injured in a fight severely enough to need medical attention, and nearly twice as likely to be threatened or injured by someone with a weapon. Since the study's inception in 1993, seven young people have reported being gang raped in public schools because of their sexual orientation."

--Safe Schools Coalition of Washington. *Safe Schools Anti-Violence Documentation Project: Third Annual Report, 1996.*

"Of the 8,759 hate crimes reported to the FBI in 1996, 63 percent were based on race, 14 percent were based on religion, 11 percent were based on ethnicity, and 12 percent were based on sexual orientation."

--FBI Uniform Crime Reports

Hate crimes cross all borders: Harassment happens on this campus. This event is in memory of the price paid when hatred and intolerance go unchallenged: With hope for a future that holds peace, safety and equality for all people.

*"We will remember not the words of our
enemies, but the silence of our friends."*

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Resources:

OUTline: (519) 836-4550

Human Rights & Equity Office: ext. 3000

Guelph Queer Equality: ext. 6702

CSA Human Rights: ext. 2629

PFLAG: (519) 742- [REDACTED]

*"You must be the change
You wish to see in the world..."*

Gandhi