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Rainbow Community Calendar

The **Rainbow Community Calendar (RCC)** is a monthly publication serving the LGBTQ community of Waterloo Region. It is named in tribute to the **Pink Triangle Community Calendar** created in 1989 by community activist Lisa Simkins. The **RCC** is issued by the **Rainbow Community Calendar Collective**, an action group of **SPECTRUM-Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space**. Print copies are available at SPECTRUM, ACCKWA, libraries, community centres, government and social services agencies in Waterloo Region.

Online at: <http://ourspectrum.com/rainbow-community-calendar/>

Please e-mail calendar editor Lyn McGinnis with corrections or new information by the 20th of each month to: lynmc@rogers.com please put **RAINBOW CALENDAR in the subject line.**

SPECTRUM's **Resource Centre and Drop-in Space** is in Unit 210 at 283 Duke Street West, Kitchener, N2H 3X7 (corner of Duke Street West and Breithaupt). Park on Breithaupt Street side of the building, near the loading dock. Go in the Duke Street entrance, up the stairs, through the door, down the hallway to Unit 210.

Website: <http://ourspectrum.com/> **NEW!** (with hours of opening and much more)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SpectrumCommunitySpace/>

Twitter: [@our_SPECTRUM](https://twitter.com/our_SPECTRUM) **E-mail:** info@ourspectrum.com **Phone:** 226-779-9695

September Events

Starting October 2

Rainbow bereavement support group Monday, **October 2** and **16** 1:30-3:30 PM. All LGBTQ caregivers, spouses, friends suffering loss. 298 Lawrence Ave. Kitchener. Call 519-743-4114 ext. 117. barb@hospicewaterloo.ca

Starting October 3

Queercraft - a Queer Crafting Group. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays: **October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.** Bring your portable craft to SPECTRUM!

Starting October 4

SPECTRUM Prime. 7-9 PM, first and third Wednesdays of the month - **October 4** and **18** at SPECTRUM. We see things differently as we age. Priorities shift. Social circles change. How can we deal with these challenges? As maturing members of the LGBTQ community, we gather together to create a welcoming environment where we can reduce isolation and expand our network of friends. Please join us for a casual discussion and social group for maturing adults. <http://ourspectrum.com/older-adults-group/>

Starting October 5

SPECTRUM Transgender Peer Support Group. 7-9 PM on the first and third Thursday of the month. **October 5** and **19.** New day - new time - new facilitators. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella at SPECTRUM.

Starting October 6

day5games. 7-11 PM **October 6, 13, 20, 27** at SPECTRUM. Join us as we gather at our space to play board and card games, assemble jigsaw puzzles and fiddle with constructions in an informal atmosphere.

Starting October 7

SPECTRUM Saturday Drop-In 2-5 PM Saturdays, **October 7, 14, 21, 28.** Come and hang out with us in a casual, relaxing atmosphere where you can just be yourself in an LGBTQ-friendly setting. We have refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

tri-Pride presents PRIDEtoberfest! We've brought it back to TheMuseum in Downtown Kitchener this year! Join us as we celebrate the LGBT+ community and the Second Largest Oktoberfest celebration in the world! Show us your pride, your dirndl, leiderhosen and let's party! ONLY \$20 per Ticket. Early Bird Tickets receive a PRIDEtoberfest Pin. <https://www.facebook.com/events/166532270562855/>

Starting October 10

OK2BME Youth Group. 6-7:30 PM Alternate Tuesdays- **October 10** and **24** More information: <http://ok2bme.ca/>

Starting October 11

Autumn Walk in Victoria Park. Come out and enjoy a walk through Victoria Park with us! We will be meeting outside of Williams Cafe (198 King St W, Kitchener) at 6:00 p.m. under the sheltered area off of King Street. Feel free to grab a drink beforehand and meet us outside! We'll walk down to the park from there! Email with any questions. All are welcome. I look forward to meeting you! Brandon. outing@our-spectrum.com

Starting October 12

RainbowNewcomers Thursday, October 12 and **Wednesday, October 25** 7-9 PM at SPECTRUM. A place for LGBTQ-identified immigrants and refugees to socialize with each other and with LGBTQ people who have been in town for a while, and discuss issues related to being a newcomer to Canada. More information: RainbowNewcomers@gmail.com

Starting October 13

KW El-Tawhid Circle, a progressive Muslim social and prayer group which is gender equal and LGBTQ affirmative. Every second Friday afternoon from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. **October 13** and **27.** More information: Fran at franps@golden.net.

Double Freak-Ture at Apollo Cinema starting at 6:00 p.m. Dracula (1931) and The Mummy (1932). See ad in this issue for details. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1734565936848187/>

Starting October 15

SPECTRUM Outing to the KWAG. Join us at 2:00 p.m. at the K-W Art Gallery, 101 Queen St N, Kitchener, where we will view their current exhibits; afterward, we will reconvene at a local café. Organized by SPECTRUM Prime and the Rainbow Newcomers Group. Everyone is welcome. More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/297704374041069/>

Trans Fams Event. 4:00 p.m., **October 15.** Are you interested in meeting other families with Trans and Gender Independent Kids? Want to join our family and others for some fun activities? Contact Holly for more info at: hbmathers@gmail.com

October 17

Waterloo - Wellington - Perth PFLAG, Parents Family and Friends Peer-Support Group 7-9 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. **October 17.** Are you having difficulty coming to terms with the sexuality, gender identity or gender expression of someone close to you? Join us in a warm, welcoming and safe place for all family and friends of people of the LGBTQ com-

munity at Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber Street West, Kitchener. More Information: <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAG.WWP>

October 18

Queerly Christian 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Erb Street Mennonite Church, 131 Erb Street West, Waterloo. This is a monthly group of people who identify as LGBTQ+ and Christian. We will gather for conversation and reflection on our experiences around how these different aspects of our identity intersect. Allies are welcome, but please recognize that this is intended as a space for LGBTQ+ Christians to share their lived experience. More information: <https://pastorsinexile.org/2017/03/03/queerly-christian/>

October 19

The 17th annual Rainbow Reels Queer and Trans Film Festival returns! Thursday, Oct. 19. Opening Film and Gala, Princess Twin Cinema, Waterloo
Friday, Oct. 20. Film + Comedy @ Princess Twin Cinema, Waterloo, Co-Presented by the Laurier Aboriginal Student Centre Plan B Dance Party, Location TBA
Saturday, Oct. 21. Zine and Art Fair, Films @ Faculty of Social Work WLU. Free Filmmaking Workshop (Youth Under 18) at Commons Studio, Kitchener
Sunday, Oct 22. Family Film Day @ Apollo Cinema, Kitchener. Free Filmmaking Workshop (Ages 18 and up) at Commons



Studio, Kitchener <https://www.facebook.com/events/953193768164466/>
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October 25

Rainbow Connections - Kitchener meeting October 25 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. LGBTQ and Mental Health Group Main Floor, Self Help Alliance, 67 King St E. Kitchener. Call 519- 570-4595 to speak with either Jasmina, ext. 4052, or Brenda, ext. 4061 to verify meeting date and time, or for more information: <http://cmhawwselfhelp.ca/events/>

October 26

Sexual Health Awareness Drop in 5-8 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month. **October 26.** Sponsored by ACKWA at SPECTRUM, 283 Duke Street West, Unit 210.

SPECTRUM Reading Circle 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. **October 26.** In our Reading Circle we read short stories and articles aloud on the spot; no prior reading is required. Then we reflect on what we have read. Join us for this exploration of LGBTQ literature and what it means to us personally at SPECTRUM.

October 31

Good Laughs. 7:00 p.m. until closing, last Tuesday of the month: **October 31.** A safe space for trans people to explore their identity in the community; open to allies as well at Symposium Café, Waterloo (corner of King and Erb) - back room. goodlaughs81@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/goodlaughs81/?fref=ts>