



COMMUNITY-BASED HIV/STBBI PROGRAMS
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Newsletter - September, 2017



Pride Week is coming up! PARN participated in the Peterborough Pride 3-pitch fundraiser in July, and youth at Drop In are getting ready for Pride Week by making pronoun buttons!

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PARN is a community-based agency providing support and health promotion for people living with or affected by HIV and/or AIDS. PARN provides education for people at risk for HIV and awareness of AIDS issues to the broader community.

PARN's Board of Directors

Chair:	Vice Chair:	Secretary:	Treasurer:
Mark Phillips	Amanda Campsall	Kirk Parry	Cynthia Lord

Members at Large:

Cheyenne Buck, Lawrence Finnie, Alex Karn, Kim Kennelly, Meredith Richmond

What's Going On September 2017



Rainbow Youth Program Every Thursday - 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Suite 302-2, 159 King Street



Office Hours @ PARN

Monday:

9:30 am–5 pm

Tuesday:

9:30 am–5 pm

Wednesday:

9:30 am– 1 pm, 3 pm–5pm

Thursday:

9:30 am–5 pm

Friday:

9:30 am–5 pm

Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Positive Living Room

Every Thursday - 10 to 11:30am

The Positive Living Room is open to anyone attending the Positive Care Clinic on Thursday mornings. Join us for a light breakfast, coffee and conversation while you wait for your appointment.

The PARN offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th, for Labour Day, reopening at 9:30 am Tuesday, September 5th, and closed **Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th**, during Central East Opening Doors Conference, reopening at 9:30 am Monday, October 2nd.

Men's Sexual Health Clinics in Lindsay and Port Hope

PARN has partnered with Peterborough Public Health and the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit to provide monthly clinics dedicated to men's sexual health in Peterborough, Port Hope and Lindsay. Free and confidential services include testing for HIV, hep C, & sexually transmitted infections as well as condoms, lube & information on sexual health.

Get The Facts! Stay Safe! Know Your Status!



Lindsay - Thursday, September 14 - 5pm to 7pm

HKPR District Health Unit

108 Angeline St. S., Lindsay, ON

Port Hope - Tuesday, September 26 - 5pm to 7pm

HKPR District Health Unit

200 Rose Glen Rd - 905-885-9100

The Prep You Want - Take the survey, get \$5

In an effort to provide affordable solutions to accessing PrEP, the Gay Men's Sexual Health Alliance (GMSH) has created "The PrEP You Want: How to Order PrEP Online" survey as part of The Sex You Want campaign.

The survey is to figure out if guys will order PrEP online and

why/why not. If you do the survey, you'll get \$5. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes and you can find it here: <https://tandom.hostedincanadasurveys.ca/index.php/654827?lang=en>



Queer Movie Night

Queer Movie Night is on hold for September while Peterborough Pride festivities take over the community. On Monday, September 18, Kawartha Lakes Pride and the Rainbow Service organization are teaming up to present an evening of Queer Short Films at Artspace (378 Aylmer Street North in downtown Peterborough) from 8pm to 10pm. See you there!



Gay/Bi/Trans/MSM/2S Focus Group - September 15 & 22

The last two Gay/Bi/Trans/MSM/2S Focus Groups are September 15 and September 22, 2017. These meetings (6 in total) are all about surfacing issues faced by guys who have sex with guys in Peterborough & 4 Counties, and looking at creating interesting, community-led programming/events to address some of these issues. For more info, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/parn.ca/msmptbo/introduction>

Queer Social Nights - Every Friday @ Catalina's!

Regular Friday night socials are back starting September 1st! Come with friends or meet new ones at Catalina's (131 Hunter St W in downtown Peterborough) every Friday beginning at 9pm for Queer Social Night. Alcohol is served, but anyone can come by.



Harm
Reduction
Saves
Lives



Join PARN staff and volunteers every Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30pm to make kits for our Harm Reduction Works program.

Harm Reduction
Works
@
PARN

Welcome from PFLAG Peterborough

PFLAG Canada Peterborough Chapter has been meeting at PARN for over a year. Our Sharing Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in Suite 302-2.

For directions or more information please contact Dianne McKay at 705 749 9723 or ladydi@nexicom.net

PFLAG CANADA
PETERBOROUGH - ON

Visit the website at <http://www.pflagpeterborough.com>

HIV Support Services

@ **PARN**

positive quitting

research, resources, support.

Visit www.positivequitting.ca where you'll find resources, links to smoking cessation helplines, training opportunities, model policies, and facts about smoking and HIV. If you're a person living with HIV who smokes, these resources are for you.

Questions? Talk to Adam Kelly at 705-749-9110 or adam@parn.ca

POSITIVE LITE.COM

Canada's Online HIV Magazine



**Ontario HIV
Treatment Network**

Positive Quitting is led by a partnership between the Ontario HIV Treatment Network and PositiveLite.com.

**transforming
OUR PRACTICE**
new knowledge
new strategies

CATIE is hosting its national, bilingual forum November 23 and 24, 2017 in Toronto. The theme of Transforming our practice: New knowledge, new strategies is in response to a pressing need for dialogue and learning regarding

the frontline implications of new knowledge and approaches in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, testing, treatment, care and support.

This event will bring together 400 people on the front lines of the Canadian response to HIV and hepatitis C, including people living with HIV, people with lived experience of hepatitis C, community workers, healthcare providers, public health practitioners, researchers, program planners and policy-makers. The CATIE Forum will be an opportunity to learn more about advances in HIV and HCV prevention and treatment science and programming knowledge, discuss the implications of this frontline work, share promising practices, and strategize about building and maintaining effective programs.

The deadline to apply for the Unemployed and Community Members rate is September 8th and the deadline for the Early-bird Registration rate is October 13th. For more information, please visit: <http://www.catie.ca/en/forum2017>



September Office Hours

PARN offices are closed all day **September 28th and September 29th** for the 2017 Central East Opening Doors Conference. PARN offices will reopen at 9:30 am Monday October 2nd.

Brittany and Adam are out of office **Monday September 11th** and **Monday September 25th**, and away from the office from **Wednesday September 27th** until Friday September 29th.

HIV Survivors Lunch

Are you living with HIV? Why not come and join us for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of every month? We meet at the PARN office from noon until 2pm. A truly positive space run by positive peers. To find out more please contact Mark Phillips at markyfund@aol.com

Are you someone living with HIV and/or Hep C?

Are you a current or former substance user?

Are you a current or former sex worker?

Are you part of the LGBTQ* Community?

Do you want to help make a difference in our community?



If you answered YES to one or more of the questions above we would love to chat with you!

Join us at the table as we launch our newest advisory group!

**Have your voice heard and work together towards
a shared vision of PARN Programs!**

When:

Stay tuned for the date of the next meeting!

Where:

PARN – 159 King Street, Suite 302

Please contact Brittany Cameron, Peer Engagement Worker, if you would like to get involved.

Email: brittany@parn.ca

Phone: 705-749-9110 ext 204

Drop into the office

PARN Needs Your Support!

Red Scarf Project

World AIDS Day 2017



Supporting people in our communities

The Red Scarf Project raises awareness around HIV support and prevention while also serving the needs of our communities in the winter months. On December 1, 2017, Red Scarves will be placed on lampposts throughout Peterborough and Northumberland for World AIDS Day. If someone is cold, they can take a scarf.

It's all about social knitworking

We are looking for individuals to knit and crochet scarves, volunteers to facilitate workshops, and/or local groups to knit and crochet scarves for the campaign especially in The Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton area. We ask for scarves that are red and approximately 6" by 60" in size, but the pattern is completely your choice! We are also looking for donations of red yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and other supplies. **We will need to collect all completed scarves by Monday, November 27, 2017 to prepare them for December 1.**

If you are interested in contributing or have any questions, please contact Brittany Cameron at brittany@parn.ca or call 705-749-9110 x204.



About PARN

PARN provides support and health promotion for people who are living with, affected by, or at-risk for HIV in the four counties of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton; education and equipment for people at risk for HIV, hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections; outreach and programming for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, 2-spirit, queer and questioning (LGBTQ+) youth and for women who are living with, affected by, or at-risk for HIV; community capacity-building and workshops; and awareness of HIV/AIDS issues to the broader community.

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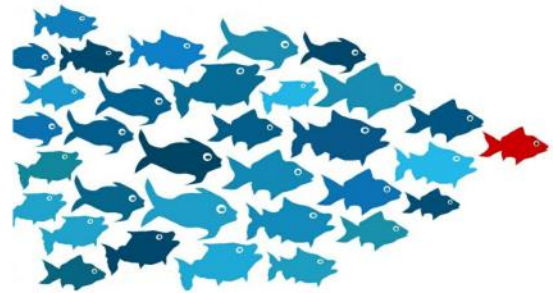
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Meet PARN's 2017-18 Board of Directors

PARN members elected the 2017-18 Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership on June 21, 2017. We're thrilled to announce that Lawrence Finnie, Alex Karn, Cynthia Lord and Meredith Richmond were elected to the Board of Directors and will join returning members Mark Phillips, Amanda Campsall, Kirk Parry, Cheyenne Buck and Kim Kennelly on the Board for the coming year. The new Board is already hard at work having come together for a full-day orientation session in July. They will be meeting again for training September 7. You will find short bios below for each of PARN's Board members.

Our AGM also saw the departure of three incredible members from PARN's Board. We are sad to say goodbye to Sarah Frank, Megan Mattos and Bronson Smith and can't thank them enough for their leadership work at PARN to support people living with, at-risk for and affected by HIV and/or AIDS in the Four Counties.



In Their Own Words: Presenting PARN's New Board of Directors

Cheyenne Buck was first elected to the PARN board in 2015. Cheyenne has a degree in Sociology from Trent University, and a diploma in Community and Justice Services from Sir Sandford Fleming College where she first became interested in the way that our laws affect people living with HIV and/or AIDS. Before getting involved with PARN, Cheyenne volunteered at HARS (HIV/AIDS Regional Services) in Kingston, where she developed a real appreciation for the HIV/AIDS movement. Cheyenne's passion for the work at PARN continues to grow through support from her colleagues on the Board and from the fantastic Staff, her participation in various fundraisers, and from co-chairing the Board Development Committee.

Amanda Campsall has over 16 years' experience working in a non-profit organization assisting a diverse group of individuals with assessing employment services. She has a strong knowledge of community resources and works closely with other organizations to provide service coordination to clients. Amanda was appointed to the PARN Board in October 2016 and has served on the Executive Committee as the Vice Chair of the PARN Board since 2016. Amanda participated in governance training with the PARN Board last November through the Ontario Organizational Development Program, and she attended the Ontario AIDS Network Board Chair/Executive Director Retreat with Kim Dolan in January.

Lawrence Finnie moved to Peterborough from Ottawa just over a year ago for a new job as a Social Worker and Therapist, primarily for adolescents. Lawrence was pleasantly surprised to find vibrant and diverse Queer and Arts communities here. PARN was visibly central at many of the social events he has enjoyed, so Lawrence responded quickly to the opportunity to get involved with the agency. Through his profession, and with some past board experience, Lawrence brings a valuable perspective to the role. He is interested in connecting with the community in a meaningful way through his learning and service on the PARN Board of Directors!

Alex Karn is a husband, father, feminist, musical theatre nut and gay transgender man living in Peterborough. He writes for Metroland Media, creating content for Peterborough This Week's many special sections, along with magazines and other publications. He is a staunch supporter of Peterborough's beautiful downtown corridor and takes every opportunity to promote and highlight members of the city's innovative business community. Alex is pleased to be more involved and connected in Peterborough's LGBTQ community through his role on the PARN Board of Directors, and strives to help support PARN's work and raise awareness of HIV and AIDS issues throughout the four counties.

Kim Kennelly was appointed to the PARN Board of Directors in October of 2016, and has served as Chair of the Fundraising and Communications Committee since 2016. A highlight for Kim since joining the Board was volunteering with the Red Ribbon Campaign. "It was remarkable to see the community's connection to PARN, and folks wanting to support the organization." Kim first became involved with PARN sitting on the Rainbow Youth Coalition. Kim is proud to be involved with an organization whose staff put the well-being and dignity of the folks they serve at the forefront. As a Justice Service Worker and Chair of the Diversity Committee at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kim is most interested PARN's harm reduction work and education in the community as well as the support PARN provides in prisons. "I believe PARN is a leader and example in the 4-Counties with their commitment to anti-oppressive practices and social justice."

Kirk Parry has been a long-time volunteer and activist within the HIV/AIDS movement. For 10 years, Kirk demonstrated his commitment to the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation as a receptionist, intake worker, and as a food bank volunteer. The experience that Kirk has with facilitating and participating in fundraisers, such as the AIDS Walk, Friends for Life bike rally, Pie in the Sky, and Taste for Life indicates his commitment to the cause. Kirk has also worked as the head cook in the weekly meal program at the AIDS Committee of Windsor and was a member on the Board of Directors, volunteering his time in any way possible. Kirk's dedication to these agencies makes him an excellent addition to PARN's board of directors. Since last fall, Kirk has been Secretary on the Executive Committee of the PARN Board. In November he was elected to represent PARN as PHA Delegate at the Ontario AIDS Network. Last December, Kirk assisted with cooking PARN's Annual Christmas Dinner, and this past April, he participated in A Taste For Life fundraising event. Kirk also has an interest in both gardening and fishing, and enjoys spending quality time at home.

Cynthia Lord has lived in the Patch for 35 years where she raised her son and worked as a Bookkeeper for PCSS/Peterborough Communication Support Systems for 30 years. Cynthia served on the first Board of Directors for 4th Line Theatre, and volunteered with the company for years in many roles. Now retired, Cynthia wants to give back to the community, and chose PARN as she was affected by HIV/AIDS in the 1980's and is very interested in the agency's Harm Reduction Program. Since January 2017, Cynthia has been volunteering two mornings per week as a Receptionist at the PARN office. After the AGM election, Cynthia was appointed as Treasurer on the Executive Committee of the PARN Board.

Mark Phillips has been involved with PARN for over 10 years in a number of capacities, including as the agency's PHA designate at Ontario AIDS Network Members' meetings, as well as on the PARN Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and most recently as Board Chair. Mark continues to bring his experience, skills and commitment to PARN. In 2014 Mark completed the Positive Leadership Development Institute course of the Ontario AIDS Network and Turning to One Another Facilitator Training at the AIDS Bereavement and Resiliency Project of Ontario. In addition to serving on the Board, Mark currently hosts the Survivors lunches held at PARN on the third Thursday of every month.

Meredith Richmond is a Registered Psychotherapist with 15 years experience; including 10 years working at FourCAST in withdrawal management, with pregnant and parenting women and the Northumberland Hills Hospital to Home program. Last year, Meredith joined Veterans Affairs Canada as a case manager in their rehabilitation program for medically releasing Veterans. Meredith brings this front line experience to the governance board to support the ongoing work at PARN.

Forty-two people attended PARN's Annual General Meeting of the Membership on the evening of June 21st at Showplace. The AGM opened with a candle lighting ceremony for remembrance and hope. Three Peers shared their own words about their personal experiences living with HIV, and were warmly received by the PARN Membership. If you would like a copy of PARN's 2016-17 Annual Report, which was presented at the AGM, please visit: <https://goo.gl/YFwzWv>



Through the 2017-2018 year, our Board of Directors will be teaming up with countless other volunteers and with PARN staff to fulfill our mission!



PARN is super appreciative of its many volunteers & peers who use their super powers to help the agency run its office & its programs. On August 23rd, PARN treated its reception volunteers to a delicious lunch at BE Catering as a token of appreciation for their contributions. Between 6 long-term receptionists, PARN has benefited from more than **500 hours** of free customer service since the start of this fiscal year in April!



Our staff includes

- Executive Director - Kim Dolan
- People Living With HIV and/or AIDS Peer Engagement Worker - Brittany Cameron
- Community Resource Coordinator - Dylan DeMarsh
- HIV Support Services Coordinator - Adam Kelly
- Women and HIV/AIDS Initiative (WHA!) Community Animator - Ariel O'Neill
- Education Coordinator - anya gwynne
- Harm Reduction Coordinator - Chris Jardin
- Rainbow Youth Worker - Marty Cleary
- Gay/Bi/Trans/Two Spirit/MSM Worker - Jean-Luc Lemery
- HKPR Drug Strategy Coordinator - Charles Shames
- Office Administrator - Peg Town
- Finance Administrator - Erin Dyson

Welcome Erin Dyson who joined us in July! Erin brings over 10 years' experience of bookkeeping for both profit and non-profit companies. She is passionate about community organizations – just one of the reasons we are fortunate to have her on the staff team.

We were also lucky to have two students working at PARN over the summer through the Canada Summer Jobs program:

Robbie Tully joined us in June and July, shortly after graduating from the Social Service Worker program at Sir Sandford Fleming College. His program included a placement at the Yes Shelter for Youth and Families, and during his placement he became very passionate about youth homelessness, and the impact it has on youth. He is starting his Bachelor of Social Work at Trent University this month and his goal is to become a Case Manager, advocating for youth homelessness and LGBTQ youth in the community. "During my opportunity with PARN, I was able to become more involved with LGBTQ youth in the community, and learn more about Harm Reduction models. I've learned a lot about the great initiatives PARN organizes for the community, as well as the amazing programs PARN offers to the public. I'm thankful for this experience with PARN, and will always remember the people who do amazing work at PARN."

Leah Andrews joined us in July and August, and is in the process of completing their Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a minor in Law and Society. Leah first got involved with PARN as a kid, going in the AIDS Walk with their family, and has been involved in various ways since. For them, the work PARN does is the perfect intersection of the two parts of their degree. "I have seen first hand - through my own experience and friends' experiences - the impact of PARN's work with queer communities, support for people living with HIV and/or AIDS, and general presence in the community. It has been an incredible privilege to learn more about and to contribute to the diversity of the work that PARN does. In particular, involving and being directed by the vital members of our community who are affected by the things, and helping us, as peers, make positive change in our communities."

CAMP fyrefly

by Leah Andrews

This summer PARN was involved in the very first Camp fyrefly in Ontario!

Camp fyrefly is an arts-based leadership camp for LGBTQ+ and allied youth that started in Edmonton in 2004. It has expanded to Saskatchewan and Calgary since then, and this year it came to Peterborough and Whitefish River. Camp fyrefly started through the University of Alberta and partnered with Trent University to come to Ontario this year. I had the privilege to participate as a youth leader while I was working at PARN this summer, where I also volunteer as a peer leader (QueeRADicals) in the Rainbow Youth Program.

Like the Rainbow Youth Program at PARN, Camp fyrefly builds resilience, connection, and capacity for young people to thrive in their communities and to make them safer for LGBTQ+ youth and healthier places to live for everyone. Camp fyrefly and the Rainbow Youth Program also help young LGBTQ+ people connect with each other and with many other diverse queer people. PARN did a lot to help young people, families, and services find out about Camp fyrefly Ontario, and contributed lots of personnel, resources, programming, education, community connections, and additional support that helped make this year's camps so amazing.

Camp fyrefly centers young LGBTQ+ people, and many experience being in the majority for the first time as a queer person. The isolation and marginalization that LGBTQ+ people experience have huge negative effects and put our mental and physical health at extra risk. Supportive family and community is one of the most important things for everyone's health. I was lucky to grow up knowing a lot of queer people of different ages, but lots of young LGBTQ+ people don't get to see, be with, and look up to people like themselves who understand them. Having queer people in all roles at Camp - peers, Camp leadership, healthcare professionals, artists and more - was really amazing and way beyond anything I experienced growing up.

@ Trent University, Peterborough
hosted by Trent School of Education
July 13-16

44 campers (across Ontario)
4 staff
21 core volunteers + 5 teacher candidates
25 workshop leaders
1 Elder-in-Residence
1 Artist-in-Residence
1 Spiritual Advisor-in-Residence
1 Camp Mom



@ Rainbow Lodge, Whitefish River First Nation
hosted by Mnaamodzawin Health Services
July 27-28

11 campers (local)
2 staff
6 peer leaders
7 local community health workers
10 workshop leaders
1 Elder-in-Residence
2 cooks



Identity.



*QueeRADicals at Camp fyrefly Ontario
(current and former)*

9 workshop leaders
7 youth leaders
2 in support roles



Queer people are very diverse and having that many LGBTQ+ people gathered means it's easier to find people you have even more in common with. Many queer people are marginalized in other ways too, and there is no one better equipped to support us than people with those shared experiences. For me it was incredibly meaningful as a queer disabled person to not just be in a space with lots of other people who identify as LGBTQ+, but also to be in a space where there were other people - campers, peers, camp leadership - who identified as LGBTQ+ and disabled. A place where celebrating diversity explicitly included celebrating our disabled bodies, brains, and selves. That was especially important because, as a marginalized group, we're more at risk for certain disabilities.

At Camp fYrefly, just like everywhere else, we come together as people who are many things all at once. Even when we all share a desire for queer youth to thrive, we always have things to learn about. When we move forward with that in mind, we show youth how we can advocate for and protect ourselves, how to listen, support each other, and respectfully move forward when we are made mistakes or are made unsafe by others. We are all, including and especially young people, experts in our own experience. The peer model of Camp fYrefly helps us honour the many strengths everyone brings and support LGBTQ+ youth in advocating for their needs and in accessing often inaccessible learning opportunities more equitably. Camp fYrefly helps campers learn and grow into their potential through both the organic experiences of Camp and more structured opportunities. Education and encouragement about health and self care, for example, is present in program design, program content, explicit discussion, and workshop options. Programming also encourages learning and exploration about critical protective factors like consent, history, creative expression, healthy sexuality, and more. We all do our best to make Camp fYrefly a safe environment for LGBTQ+ youth to be their whole selves, to discover, cultivate, and grow the inner firefly and queer magic they have always had.



Many youth found out about this year's Camp fYrefly Ontario through the Rainbow Youth Program at PARN. For these youth this is a place to continue to find the kind of community and opportunity for making positive change in a supportive environment. Camp fYrefly also provided an opportunity for campers to connect with other LGBTQ+ youth, and resources they didn't know were in their area. Seeing young people supporting and coming together for each other the way they did at Camp fYrefly is unforgettably amazing, and it was an incredible privilege to be involved in our broader community coming together for them. Maybe most important of all, though, the first ever Camp fYrefly Ontario was really, really fun. Camp fYrefly gives young people who are often made to feel excluded and unsafe in other places the chance to truly have the fun and belonging they should be having everywhere.

Want to get involved?

There are all kinds of ways to be part of Camp fYrefly, and it is really, really powerful having LGBTQ+ people all around as artists, leaders, experts, workshop leaders, support staff, and more.

To contribute or find out more, please visit the [website](https://www.fyrefly.ontario@ualberta.ca) or email fyrefly.ontario@ualberta.ca

Camp fYrefly Ontario 2017:

Director - Dr. Spencer J. Harrison

Coordinator - anya gwynne

Assistant Coordinator - Rachael Nichols

Elders in Residence: Audrey Caskanette, Esther Osche

Artists in Residence: Kate Reid, Dr. Spencer J. Harrison

Spiritual Advisor in Residence: Pip Josselyn-Hamilton

This September, looking forward to Trent Fleming School of Nursing placement students collaborating with the WHAI program, community coalitions ramping up, harm reduction supports to women's shelters and outreach to sex working women.

If you would like to build your capacity on issues of sex work, stigma, harm reduction and/or HIV, get in touch! Provincial WHAI has released fantastic resources at www.whai.ca

~Ariel

Upcoming webinar:

In response to the need for better guidance on how to ensure the safety of women living with HIV within service and care provision, this webinar highlights current strategies, challenges, and opportunities to implement trauma aware care interventions for women and girls living with HIV. The webinar brings together perspectives from women living with HIV, front-line community workers, researchers, clinicians, and policy makers who will share key considerations and highlight research and service gaps from the

African, Caribbean, Black community, the Indigenous community, and the importance of integrating MIWA principles when designing care and recognizing women's resilience.

Trauma and Violence Aware Care: Canadian Webinar Series on Implementing the WHO Guidelines on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Women Living with HIV
Wednesday September 13th, 2017: 9:00-10:30AM PST, 12:00 -1: 30 EST, and 6:00 -7:30PM in Geneva.
Registration:

To register for the webinar please follow this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4131644024420600833>



CONSENT IS SEXY

Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network (PDAN) had an information table/selfie booth during five Musicfest concerts in July and August at Del Crary park .

We connected with dozens of community members of all ages to spread the word on ways we can support survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence and promote respect and consent in relationships.



Photos were posted on Instagram and Facebook tagged with #ptboconsentissexy

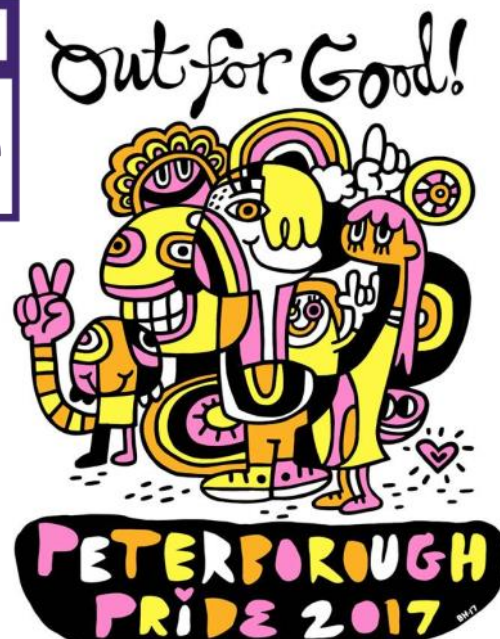
Get involved in the 15th annual Peterborough Pride

The 2017 Peterborough Pride theme is "Out For Good"! Pride Week starts Friday September 15th and ends on Sunday September 24.

Peterborough Pride is run by the community, for the community – and that means you! Pride is looking for help with events, especially on parade day, and with organizing. There are lots of ways to get involved! Click on the links to learn more about volunteering, creating events, joining the Parade, and having a booth at Pride in the Park. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, you can contact Pride through their website or at participate@peterboroughpride.ca

PARN will also be walking in the parade!

If you are interested in walking with us please contact Brittany Cameron, Peer Engagement worker, at 705-749-9110 or brittany@parn.ca. More details to follow!



peterboroughpride.ca

 [ptbopride](https://twitter.com/ptbopride)

 Peterborough Pride

A sneak peek of the Pride Week schedule!

For more exciting Pride Week events and to keep up to date, click [here](#).

Friday September 15th

Pride Flag Raising @ City Hall - 12pm - The Pride flag and the Trans flag will be raised at City Hall to launch Pride Week!

Capture the (Pride) Flag @ Jackson Park, 610 Parkhill Rd. - 6-8pm - Sneak through the forest with Queer Roots for a fun evening of games, nature and s'mores!

Saturday September 16th

Be a Queer Leader! – A Leadership Workshop @ Artspace Peterborough - 9:15-10am - Hosted by PARN, come explore different parts of queer leadership and empowerment!

Monday September 18th

Queer Short Films Screening @ Art Space Peterborough - 8-10pm - Kawartha Lakes Pride and the Rainbow Service Organization are screening short films from the Inside Out Film Festival for free!

Vampire Folk Band and Evan Gentle @ Catalina's - 8pm - Come enjoy performances by the Vampire Folk Band and Evan Gentle!

Thursday September 21st

Take Back the Night Rally and Walk @ various locations - 7pm - A rally and march in each of the four counties! Events start at Fleming College in Peterborough and Lindsay, at Victoria Park in Cobourg, and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Friday September 22nd

Pride Day on Trent Radio – all day @ Trent Radio - A full day of LBGTQ2 programming on Trent Radio!

Trans Day of Resilience starting @ Emmanuel United (East) - 4pm - Our third annual Trans Day of Resilience! The march will start at 6pm, with a community dinner to follow. More details to come!

Saturday September 23

PFLAG Pre-Parade Brunch @ Emmanuel United (East) - 11am-1pm - A chance to meet old and new friends, play some games, and eat some free food before the Parade!

Pride Parade @ City Hall - 1:30-2:30pm - The 15th annual Peterborough Pride Parade! Pre-Parade activities start at 1:30, the Parade sets off at 2pm!

Pride in the Park @ Millennium Park - 2:30-6pm - Post-Parade fun for the whole family with food, music, information, vendor booths, and more!



PARN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

"a place for you and your plants to grow"

**Are you someone who loves all things green?
Have you always wanted to grow your own fruits, vegetables, flowers
and herbs?**

Here is your opportunity!



**PARN has been able to secure a plot in a
community garden in downtown Peterborough!**



We welcome people from all backgrounds, skill levels and stages of life.



**If you are interested in being part of the 2017 Community
Garden Club please contact Brittany Cameron, Peer
Engagement Worker at 705-749-9110 or brittany@parn.ca.**



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River Magazine



Peterborough's only community magazine by people living on a low-income or living in poverty.

Drop off or email any kind of art or writing by **September 30th** and get \$40 if your work is chosen. Email your contributions to theriverpeterborough@gmail.com or bring them to:

**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
466 George St.

One Roof Diner
99 Brock St.

Cameron House
(women only)

PARN
159 King St.,
Suite 302

**New Canadians
Centre**
221 Romaine St.

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Peterborough Square

**Peterborough Social
Planning Council**
Peterborough Square,
Lower Level

Questions? 705-743-5915

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Register Now for...

Earth Rights ROCK!

Youth Challenge

September 24, 2017, Millennium Park

Individuals & Groups

ages 12 - 22

3-10 minutes

poetry, music, theater and song

Speak out on topics tied to food security, local food, energy, climate change, community and your future

Details & Registration Forms

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The Purple Onion Festival is hosted by Transition Town Peterborough

www.transitiontownpeterborough.ca



invites you to hop on the bus to the
Curve Lake First Nations
POW WOW



Bus will load at 11:00 am
Saturday, Sept. 16

Confederation Park

(across from City Hall - George Street @ McDonnell)

Return bus departs Pow Wow
grounds at 4:00 pm.

\$5 round trip (or PWYC) Contact: 705-742-4175

WHAT IS YOUR STATUS



Where to go and what you need
to know to get tested for HIV.



Questions?

Call us or stop by:

PARN - Your Community
AIDS Resource Network
159 King Street
Peterborough ON
Phone: 705-749-9110
OR 1-800-361-2895

For a testing site near you call
the AIDS and Sexual Health
Info Line: 1-800-668-2437



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