

# APR 2011

## UR Pride Newsletter

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**Positive Space Network** is very close to being finalized. It has been a lot of work finalizing plans with the university and we believe that we should be able to start programming in May. So get ready to promote positive space all over campus!

**Youth Programming** has been very successful. We have consistently been seeing upwards of 10 youth coming out on Wednesdays to the youth group as well as hosting some really great events like the Saint Patrick's Day event: Party Under the Rainbow, where 60 people came out to dance to some music from DJ Kid Shine and enjoy some alcohol-free Mock-tails. The feedback has been amazing with one person saying they have never been so comfortable in a room with a bunch of people before!

**Workshops** are still happening all over campus with UR Pride taking part in a Panel Talk for International Woman's Day and presenting at Apathy into Action, all while doing our regular guest lectures in classrooms. We have successfully created a partnership with Counseling Services! This partnership will allow us to present to their counsellors on LGBTQ issues in exchange of having them help educate our peer support team with valuable peer support training. We hope to continue this into the fall programming and get more of our board and staff educated to better serve you.

**Special General Meeting and Board Elections** took place on Thursday, March 31. Those in attendance received an update from Lisa Smith about the many happenings of UR Pride. Leah submitted her resignation from the UR Pride board to pursue the Summer Student Assistant position. After a presentation of the current UR Pride financial report, the meeting continued with the election of new board members to see us through another year. UR Pride is happy to announce that Jonathan, Lara, James, Anna, Renée and Joel will be joining Caitlyn, Dan, Shannon, Karli, Dani and Anna on the UR Pride Board. Thank you to all that attended our meeting. The meeting minutes will become available shortly. If you'd like a copy please email [contactus@urpride.ca](mailto:contactus@urpride.ca) to make sure you're on the list to receive our minutes.

## **DIVAS at The Owl**

With the end of the semester coming up, most of us are focused on getting our assignments done and our essays written. That goes the same for all of us at UR Pride with one exception! **'DIVAS at The Owl'** is coming up on April 9 and we are hope for it to be our most successful year, yet! 'DIVAS at The Owl' is UR Pride's annual fundraiser held at The University's student bar, The Owl. As always, we have asked the Regal Social Association of Regina to provide the wild and outrageous entertainment you've come to expect from DIVAS by our local drag community as well as many performers from out of town! This date also falls on the RSAR Empress' Birthday Show so it is bound to have some great performances. For their help, we will be donating some of the profits to their cause, <http://www.impcourt.org/icis/about/index.html>. We also have door prize donations from The UofR Bookstore, the UofR Art Store, the RPL, and Industrial Luv and are waiting on a couple other businesses to add to this fabulous prize. We will be giving out an Allies Recognition Award. I hope to see you all there to join in the fun!

UR Pride is always doing something every day of the week. We encourage you to get involved with the centre and be a bigger part of our organization. The following is our schedule of weekly activities. If you'd like to attend, just pop by or send us an email for more information about each event.

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## **Mondays at 1:30PM**

GSA/Volunteer Meetings are for students who want to join our volunteer task-force. Meetings include a briefing of what's happening as well as projects for students.

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## **Tuesdays (2nd and 4th of month) at 11:30AM**

Join One Song on a transgender topic discussion in the lounge!

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## **Wednesdays at 7:00 - ~9:00PM**

UR Pride Youth Group (ages 14-24). Come hang out in our lounge where you can express yourself and make friends! Learn about the Queer community and get involved!

## **Wednesdays (1st and 3rd of month) at 9:30AM**

Join AIDS Program South Saskatchewan for discussion in the lounge about an array of topics.

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## **Thursdays at 4:00PM**

UR Pride Board Meetings are held every week. They alternate between general meetings and executive meetings. If you'd like to attend a meeting, we'd appreciate notice in advance.

## **Thursdays (Last of month) at 4:00PM**

UR Pride Membership Meetings are a general meeting for ALL members of the UR Pride Centre. This meeting is for updating the membership on what we're doing and what we have coming up.

**Sat 9**      **DIVAS at The Owl**

The Owl Bar, Riddell Centre Show at 9:00PM

Doors open at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$7 before April 8 (from UR Pride) and \$10 at the door. This event is 19+ only.

**Wed 13**      **International Day of Pink**

University of Regina, All Day

UR Pride will be holding a creative competition for this event. For more information on how you can get involved, find us on [Facebook.com/urpridecentre](https://www.facebook.com/urpridecentre) or send us an email. [www.dayofpink.org](http://www.dayofpink.org)

**Fri 15**      **International Day of Silence**

University of Regina, All Day

UR Pride, in collaboration with the University of Regina Students' Union and the Carillon Newspaper, will be enacting a campus-wide blackout in recognition of the Day of Silence. [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org)

UR Pride is always seeking volunteers to give a hand with everyday tasks as well as special opportunities.

## **Administrative:**

### Library

#### **Organizing Pamphlets**

The pamphlets are finally all organized! Now we just need people interested in keeping them in stock!

#### **Organizing the Books**

We are always getting in new books! We need some people to come put them into the system and get them on the shelves. Bring a buddy, turn on some music, It will be like a party.

### Lounge

#### **Lounge Greeters**

if you sign up for this, you get to sit in the lounge, put on a movie, music, or just read a book/do homework and when people come in you get to show them around and let them know why we're here!

### Behind the Scenes

#### **Writing Manuals**

With our new employee, Katie, this job will be finishing up in the summer. As dull as it may sound, you learn some really great skills writing these them, and who knows what you will find interesting!

#### **Policy Improvement**

Policies are the organizational backbone. They guide the organization and its direction.

## **Events and Outreach:**

### **DIVAS AT THE OWL (April 9th)**

Decorations, doors and coat check, promotional, selling tickets, etc.

### Youth Night (Wednesday nights)

[www.urpride.ca/youth](http://www.urpride.ca/youth)

### Queer Film Night Committee

Need a committee to organize what we hope to be a reoccurring event.

Email us at [contactus@urpride.ca](mailto:contactus@urpride.ca) or stop by the office if you want more information or are interested in helping out!

## TransSask Support Services

**TransSask** is Saskatchewan's province wide Transgender support and resource network. We believe ALL citizens of Saskatchewan, no matter their gender identity or gender expression (Women, Men, Transgender, Transsexual, Two-Spirit, Androgynous, Intersex, Genderqueer, Crossdressers, Transvestites, Drag Performers, Bigender, Third Gender, Pan-Gender, Gender-Variant, Gender-Questioning, Masculine-appearing Women, Feminine-appearing Men, etc.), are deserving of dignity and their basic human rights.

Our vision is that **TransSask**...

- > will compile a directory of various businesses, organizations, professionals, and individuals, who are supportive of the Transgender community.
  - > will provide to all citizens of Saskatchewan easy access to resources and information.
  - > will offer and promote educational and social events in support of the Transgender community.
  - > will develop and provide a province wide peer support network and other services for trans-identified individuals and the loved-ones in their lives.
  - > will conduct local and province wide campaigns of awareness of the many issues that are faced by the Transgender community.
- ...and much, much more.

**Connect with TransSask...** Add us on Skype (transsask)

- [info@transsask.org](mailto:info@transsask.org) (mail us at our main email address)
- <http://transsask.org> (visit us at our website)
- <http://twitter.com/transsask> (follow us on Twitter)
- <http://transsask.blogspot.com> (read us at Blogger)
- <http://youtube.com/TransSask> (watch us on YouTube)
- <http://flickr.com/photos/transsask> (see us on Flickr)
- <http://facebook.com/TransSask.Support.Services> (like us at our Facebook page)
- [http://facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_117771831630511](http://facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_117771831630511) (join us at our Facebook group)
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/transsask> (keep informed through our Yahoo! Group)

...or contact us by snail mail...

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## Get involved!

**TransSask** is a new organization, and as such there are many opportunities available to those who wish to be involved. We are looking for contributors to help build our resources, local representatives from various parts of Saskatchewan, and individuals interested in building **TransSask** in its many aspects as a non-profit organization. If you would like to volunteer in support of **TransSask** and those we serve, email [info@transsask.org](mailto:info@transsask.org).

**Coming together to ensure the dignity and rights of Saskatchewan's Transgender community.**

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**English 395AD\* - Queer Theories - Jes Battis**

Wed 2:30 - 5:15 / CL 418

This course will explore the circulations and peregrinations of same-sex desire in literature and criticism from the Ancient Greek period to the present day. Our material includes poetry, prose, artwork\*\*, critical theory, and graphic novels. We will address a variety of writers, including Sappho (Fragments), Plato (*The Symposium*), Virgil ("Eclogue II"), Leslie Feinberg (*Stone Butch Blues*), Alison Bechdel (*Fun Home*), and Nicole Brossard (*Mauve Desert/Le desert mauve*).

Literary readings will be supplemented by theoretical works on transgender studies (Jay Prosser), gender and performance (Judith Butler), queer history (Michel Foucault), sexuality and Marxism (Jeffrey Tinkcom), and the development of LGBTQI civil rights in Canada, the United States, and Europe.

We will screen two films: *Paris is Burning* (a documentary about drag culture in New York during the 1980s), and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

\* the AD stands for awesomely depraved

\*\* some artwork will be graphic in every sense (Robert Mapplethorpe, Tom of Finland, drawings from the Dubek collection)

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**Camp fYrefly Alberta** (Sask below)

Camp fYrefly Alberta would like to announce that applications for summer 2011 are now available!!! If you are interested in being a camper, a youth leader, or an adult volunteer, visit <http://www.fyrefly.ualberta.ca/> and click "APPLY TO ATTEND CAMP FYREFLY" to complete your online application. Alternatively, if you prefer you can download a paper copy, fill it out, and mail it in to the address listed on the application.

Applications will be accepted until May 15 and Camp runs from Thursday, July 28 through Sunday, July 31 in Edmonton, Alberta.

If you are from outside the Edmonton area, applications for Travel Bursaries will be available shortly. Additionally, if you or someone you know is interested in presenting a workshop at Camp fYrefly those applications will also be available soon.

If you have any questions about Camp or the application process, please feel free to email [fyrefly@ualberta.ca](mailto:fyrefly@ualberta.ca)

The Saskatchewan Camp firefly applications will be available soon. For more information check out <http://www.usask.ca/education/fyrefly/>

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**Regina Pride 2011 Meetings**

Please contact UR Pride for information on when the next meeting is held.

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If you would like to add your event / update to the newsletter, please send your information to [contactus@urpride.ca](mailto:contactus@urpride.ca) with the subject line "Newsletter Update".