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UR Pride Newsletter



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Services

Library Additions We have had a few donations to our library, as well as new additions picked up by Lisa and Caitlyn from *Venus Envy* in Halifax. Check them out in section E-6 of our beautiful library. There are some super exciting titles in there. We have also ordered new resources for our pamphlet section from a great website called www.catie.ca that provides free resources from all over Canada promoting sexual health. Also, while the Executive Director was going crazy and ordering free stuff on the internet she got a bunch of Homophobia awareness posters that are great! This year's campaign is about homophobia in the sports community and one of the posters she got was of two masculine male hockey players making out and in big letters, it says, "shocking? for who?"



Newsletter We have been getting great feedback about the newsletter. We are now in the process of getting our newsletter published on the University's oUR Space: <http://oURspace.uregina.ca>.

Programming

Workshops This month, Lisa has presented two WGST 100 lectures talking about LGBTQ issues, and Caitlyn and Lisa presented a 2 ½ hour lecture about LGBTQ issues and lesbian art history to an Art History class. All of them went smashingly. It's quite interesting to see how many people just do not understand that these issues exist, and the people who do, do not know where to go to make a difference.

Class Projects There have been a couple classes that have great projects this semester such as making an LGBTQ sensitivity training manual for Sask Power, which is a project we have been helping two groups with. A Social Work group put on an amazing event called TransForming Lives Advocacy Project for a class project that we also helped with. Beyond helping with the planning process, Lisa presented a speech at the event. The event went great! Good Job TransForming Lives Advocacy Project!

Media Coverage slowed down this month, however we were asked for Carillon podcast interviews for 16 Days of Activism, and Global TV asked us for an interview about HIV/AIDS and World AIDS Day. There was tons of media coverage at the TransForming Lives Advocacy Project. You can see many media clips on our YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com/urpridecentre.

Open MicapaloozaStockfest Extravaganza Open Mic event was a huge success. We had over 30 people in attendance and had 9 performers who kept people entertained with music, poetry and comedy. It's a wonderful place to come and hear the wonderful talent that we have in our little community at the U of R. Leah hosted the event and got to perform as well. She will also be co-hosting an open mic event that the Seaview Poetry Society is throwing (Dec 2 @ 6:30, ED 193) so come on down and check out some more University talent.

Positive Space is coming along great! We are well on our way to getting to the point where we can present it to the university's VP's and then as soon as they give it the go-ahead we can start the programming. We are hoping to have it done by February.

Administrative Updates

Resignation U of R Dean of Education James McNinch has resigned from our board of directors due to time conflicts. He has assured us that he wants us to keep him in mind for advice and as a mentor.

Policy Review We have been continually reviewing policy! We have had a few people interested in helping with our review (they heard about the policy program from our newsletter, wowie). This is great.

Grants Lisa wrote two grant proposals last month with the help of Leah and Caitlyn and we received confirmation that we are receiving the RPIRG grant of 1500 dollars. This money will be used to provide youth (aged 14-25) with leadership training and events! Thank you RPIRG!

Volunteer Fair We participated in the Career Centre's Volunteer Fair at the beginning of the month, and it was super successful. We gained a whole list full of new volunteers ready to help out with projects and attend our meetings. If you'd like to volunteer, email us at contactus@urpride.ca.

Volunteer Commitment is on the rise at UR Pride. Even though this month is the month of midterms and papers we have jumped again by about a 50% increase from last month. Keep up the great work and continue coming out to help; we need your support. We are making huge strides in getting the word out and making our resources available to people who really need them. GOOD WORK!

Ugly Sweater/Ginger Bread House Party

December 3rd

1:30PM

UR Pride Lounge (Rm 225) Riddell Centre Building, U of R

Pull over those ugly sweaters and make some yummy gingerbread houses!

LUSA + UR Pride Kids Help Phone Cabaret

December 4th

9PM - 1AM

Cathedral Village Free House, 2062 Albert Street, Regina

LUSA (Luther Students Association) and UR Pride are joining forces to create a fund-raising cabaret for Kids Help Phone. All proceeds from this cabaret will be going to Kids Help Phone. We're featuring 3 live bands: The Sidewalk Tuxedos, Fall Suspect and The Classy Chassy.

Doors open at 9PM. Advance tickets are on sale until Friday Dec 3rd.

Busses (\$2 roundtrip) will depart from Luther College to the Free House and back starting at 8:45PM.

Holidays!

The UR Pride Centre office will be closed for the holidays from December 21st until January 4th. During this time we encourage you to enjoy your well deserved break from studying and have fun with your family and friends. Have a good break and see you in January.

If you need to get in contact with us, please send an email to contactus@urpride.ca. We may not be in our offices, but we still check our emails.

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.

Mondays at 1:30PM

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.

Wednesdays at 4-6PM

UR Pride Youth Group (ages 14-18). UR Pride is addressing the city's need for a youth group by offering its lounge space to all 14-18 year olds. We will facilitate discussions, plan activities, and always be available for help whenever it's needed.

Thursdays at 5:30PM

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.

Last Thursday of every month

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.

Seaview Xmas Poetry Fiesta

Thursday December 2nd - Education Building Rm 193, 6:30PM

Seaview Poetry Society is hosting a special Xmas Poetry Fiesta to kick-off the holiday season. Bring your poems and spend a great evening with us. Co-hosted by our Chair, Leah Keiser.

Legit Gay Banter YouTube Show

Some U of R Students have started recording a YouTube video show called "Legit Gay Banter". They get together a few times a week and talk about queer topics and current events. Check it out!

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