



Aging with Pride Conference 2.0

Increasing Inclusion for LGBTQ+ Seniors

A one-day conference for LGBTQ+ seniors and senior-serving organizations in the Region of Waterloo

Details:

September 19th, 2017

At: KW Counselling Services, 480 Charles Street East, Kitchener

Description:

This event is offered in partnership between KW Counselling's OK2BME program, SPECTRUM and Hospice Waterloo Region. This is a one-day conference intended for service providers working with older adults who identify as LGBTQ+.

Schedule:

Time	Room 217	Room 208	Room 209
9am	Introductions/Welcomes Key Note Speaker Bruce Walker presents: <i>The Just Society Report: Grossly Indecent. Confronting the Legacy of State-Sponsored Discrimination against Canada's LGBTQI2S Community</i>		
10am-12pm	Breakout Group 1 SPECTRUM presents Aging with Pride Part 1	Breakout Group 2 OK2BME session on Key Mental Health Considerations for LGB seniors	Break Out Group 3 Hospice Waterloo Region presents Palliative & End of Life Care and Bereavement for LGBTQ Seniors
12pm	Lunch		
1pm	Panel Discussion		
2pm-4pm	Breakout Group 2 SPECTRUM presents Aging with Pride Part 2	Breakout Group 2 OK2BME session on Key Mental Health Considerations for Trans Seniors	Break Out Group 4 Hospice Waterloo Region presents Advance Care Planning for LGBTQ community members
4pm-5pm	World Cafe Networking Event Evaluation and Wrap-Up		

Participants will come away with insight into the experiences of LGBTQ+ seniors and practical information on how to create inclusive spaces. Topics discussed will include:

- Key considerations in Mental Health
- Bereavement and Loss
- “Coming out” later in life
- Special considerations for advance care planning and palliative care
- Unique experiences of seniors in the LGBTQ+ community
- Practical suggestions to support inclusion and equity in service provision

Participants will have access to a range of sessions facilitated by community members with lived experience and local professionals, including opportunities for discussion, for questions and to network. Breakouts group sessions will also provide an opportunity for participants to tailor their experience to their areas of interest.

How to Register:

Register online: https://aging_with_pride.eventbrite.ca

The fee for attendance is \$15. There are a few non-fee spots available. If you would like to reserve a non-fee spot, or to register offline, please contact Mandi at mcowan@kwcounselling.com. This event is capped at 50 participants, registration is first-come, first-served. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided!

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