

Understanding and Supporting Transgender Children & Youth

This varied, lively, and engaging workshop uses gentle humour and lively debate to help service providers explore and begin to understand the lives of transgender and gender-variant children and youth. In addition to providing a basic understanding of the barriers encountered by these children and youth, the presenters will discuss ways in which community-based service providers can better support, both individually and organizationally, these young people.

Newcomers to this work will find it a useful starting point, while those already experienced will have a chance to deepen their understanding. The day will include a wide range of learning opportunities; from slide shows and clips of videos to short lectures and discussions in both small and large groups.

February 9, 2007

Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Social Work

120 Duke St. West *Downtown Kitchener*

9:30 am – 4:00 pm *Registration at 9:00 am*

Cost: \$40 *subsidy available*

WITH SPEAKERS

Hershel Russell is an older, white genderqueer trans man. He is an experienced psychotherapist in private practice as well as a consultant for a variety of organizations, from Kids Help Phone to the Mt Sinai Hospital's Psychology Department. He would never be mischievous enough to describe himself as a Testosterone-Improved Feminist, though feminism continues to inform his life and work.

Elisa Hatton is a life skills coach, community development worker, multi-disciplinary artist, and yoga instructor. She is passionate about co-creating safer spaces for individuals and communities to grow, learn, and thrive together, while respecting and celebrating each other's differences. She has coordinated and facilitated ground-breaking, identity-based groups including: "Trans_Fusion Crew", a group for transgender, transsexual and genderqueer youth; "The Black Queer Youth Initiative", and "Essence", a group where queer/trans youth can explore non-denominational spirituality. She is currently coordinating "Mate Masie: The Kwanzaa & Yoga Youth Project" with The Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention.

TO REGISTER

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