

# 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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