



May/June 2021

Electronic version available for download under Social Justice Publications at bctf.ca.

The SOGI Inclusive Education Summer Institute at UBC will run again this July with an online format and an additional facilitator.

Over the two days, you can expect your skilled team to lead collaborative conversations highlighting inclusive pedagogical approaches, which will assist in the cultivation of SOGI-inclusive practices with an antiracist and decolonizing lens. Since we will be meeting virtually, participants will be joining from across the province and can enjoy learning from the comfort of their own home, back yard, or even cottage!

For more information and to register, check the [UBC Faculty of Education’s Professional Development and Community Engagement website](#) and register soon as limited space will fill quickly!



May is Asian Heritage Month. Visit the [CBC Asian Heritage Month web pages](#) for resources.

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. Following are some BCTF web pages with resources:
bctf.ca/wellness
bctf.ca/SalaryAndBenefits.aspx?id=55738

The International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia is May 17. Here is a lesson plan:
www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/ED/pdf/IDAHO%20Lesson%20plan.pdf

Find resources to celebrate **Aboriginal Awareness Week, May 22 to 25**, and **Aboriginal History Month in June** on the BCTF [Aboriginal Education web pages](#)



Resources for **Canadian Environment Week, June 1 to 5**, and **World Environment Day, June 5**, are available on the BCTF [Environmental Justice web pages](#).

On **June 12**, the **World Day Against Child Labour**, visit the International Labour Organization website for [resources](#).

The BCTF [Refugee Resources page](#) features resources and lesson plans for **World Refugee Day**, on **June 20**.

June 21 is **National Indigenous People’s Day**. Click on the link and check out the reading list just in time for summer!



SOGI resources can be found on the BCTF website: bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx?id=47574

You can also find more lesson plans on Teach BC: <https://teachbc.bctf.ca>



All districts now have a LGBTQ2S+ policy. Have you taken the next steps to make sure this policy is enforced? Please see our guide [“Passed your LGBTQ2S+ Policy?”](#) for help.

A new resource guide is now available from Sher Vancouver (a non-profit society for LGBTQ2S+ South Asians and their friends, families, and allies). It is called, “Destination YVR” and it is a survival guide for newcomers and students in Metro Vancouver with a specific focus on the queer community. Download your free copy here: www.shervancouver.com/resources.html.



Creating a Gender-Inclusive School Culture

This workshop will help develop an understanding of the risks facing trans, non-binary, and gender diverse students, as well as the protective factors. Gain increased familiarity with terminology used by the trans, non-binary, and gender diverse communities, and increased awareness of gender identity and gender expression. Best practices for supporting a student through gender transition within the school system will be covered. Although the focus is on trans, non-binary, and gender diverse students, gender-inclusive schools help all students to feel safe at school.



Reach Out, Speak Out on Homophobia and Transphobia

This workshop focuses on how to be an ally and support LGBTQ2S+ youth within schools. Educators will develop an understanding of sexuality and gender as spectrums and will explore essential terminology and pronouns. It will increase understanding of the impact of homophobia and transphobia on youth and look at strategies and best practices to address these. The importance of GSAs and LGBTQ2S+ policies will be shared. This workshop is highly recommended for educators wanting to create an inclusive school culture so that all students feel safe and included.

These workshops have been adapted for online facilitation.

All the LGBTQ2S+ workshops with descriptors can be found here:

bctf.ca/sj-workshops.aspx?id=17988.



Learn more about Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer at this UBC site:

guides.library.ubc.ca/c.php?g=710755&p=5064369.

Community Resources

The SARAVYC team at UBC has a resource list of LGBTQ2S+ friendly services in the whole province: www.saravyc.ubc.ca/resources/british-columbia.

QMUNITY is based in Vancouver, and works to improve queer, trans, and Two-Spirit lives. We provide a safer space for LGBTQ2SAI+ people and their allies to fully self-express while feeling welcome and included. Our building serves as a catalyzer for community initiatives and collective strength.

Our mission

To improve queer, trans, and Two-Spirit lives through services, connection, and leadership.

Our vision

Vibrant, diverse, and celebrated queer, trans and Two-Spirit communities, where individuals are empowered to live their lives fully, free from discrimination.

Our programs and services

We have programming for LGBTQ2SAI+ youth, seniors, mental health, and counselling services, education, and training engagements.

Contact: reception@qmunity.ca 604-684-5307 www.qmunity.ca

Opportunities for Members



Social Justice workshop facilitators

The Federation offers several workshops on social justice topics, including antipoverty, antiracism, antihomophobia/antitransphobia, peace and global education, gender equity

and women's rights, environmental justice, equity and inclusion, and teaching for social justice.

Training in 2021 will focus on the following workshops with up to 30 facilitators (three-year terms) needed in each area:

Food Security, Water Security, Social Justice through the Arts, Reach Out, Speak Out, Creating a Gender-inclusive School Culture, Strategies for Discussing Controversial Issues, Creating Cultures of Peace, Poverty is a Classroom Issue, and Global Education.

For more information, contact **Todd Patrick** at (toll free) 1-800-663-9163, local 1850; direct line 604-871-1850, or tpatrick@bctf.ca.

Deadline: Friday, May 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

To apply complete the appropriate CV form and send to Marion Shukin by email at mshukin@bctf.ca.

Please ensure you identify which position you are applying for. The curriculum vitae form can be downloaded here: bctf.ca/forms/CV

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