

## Rainbow Nursing Interest Group (RNIG)

**Member Update**  
14 September 2009

### **RNIG Annual Fall Meeting for All Members**

3 October 2009  
10 AM - 2 PM  
Milton

Be involved in discussions on

- developing a Best Practice Guideline on providing accessible and equitable care for LGBTTTIQQA clients and a positive work place for staff
- partnering with RHO to do research
- our involvement at RHO conference

RSVP to [leanne.powell@mlhu.on.ca](mailto:leanne.powell@mlhu.on.ca) by September 28.

Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO) is hosting its first bi-annual provincial conference focused on the needs and issues of our diverse and vibrant LGBT communities, **Improving Access and Equity in Health for LGBT People**, to be held in Toronto, from March 31 –April 2, 2010. Go to [www.rainbowhealthontario.ca](http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca) for the recently released call for proposals, and conference details (as they become available). Discussions on how RNIG will be involved with this conference are currently underway. Want to have a say? Come to the Oct 3 RNIG meeting.

**Research with Pride** is a free, innovative, student-led forum providing the opportunity for students, community members, and academics to come together to explore community-based research with regards to wellness and health among LGBTTT2Q people and communities. Friday October 2, 2009, 155 College (at McCaul) St. To register of more information - [www.researchwithpride.org](http://www.researchwithpride.org)

The **LGBT Giving Network** is a group of charitable organizations that serve the LGBT communities. They have defined six key areas for future development to advance LGBT issues and causes - education, recognition, research, information resources, capacity building, fundraising & endowments. Registration is now open for the 2009 LGBT Philanthropy Conference taking place Nov 6 - 8 in Toronto - [www.lgbtgiving.ca](http://www.lgbtgiving.ca)

The **Gray Queers Association** is a national Canadian association of older (40+) queer (LGBTTTI2Q) people advocating for their concerns, rights, and issues within their family,

### **Of Interest:**

Members of RNIG, colleagues and students marched with RNAO on Sunday, June 28 in the Toronto Pride Parade. The RN Journal (July/Aug 09) included a photo in "Nursing in the News".

The Public Health Alliance for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Two-Spirit, Intersex, Queer and Questioning Equity Workgroup, in partnership with the Middlesex-London Health Unit Presents, **A Positive Space is a Healthy Place - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity: Creating Inclusive Environments**. Friday, October 30, 2009, at the Four Points Sheraton, London. Registration and payment (\$60.00, includes lunch and resource manual) is required by October 16, 2009. For more information and registration form: [Nadina.Khalil@mlhu.on.ca](mailto:Nadina.Khalil@mlhu.on.ca)

community, and civic surroundings. Request an information package by emailing [grayqueers@hotmail.com](mailto:grayqueers@hotmail.com)

### **The B Side: Exploring Bisexuality**

A free 10 week group for people who are exploring their attraction to more than one gender or struggling with what their bisexuality means to them and their life. Wednesdays, October 7 – December 9, at the Sherbourne Health Centre, 333 Sherbourne Street, Toronto. Space is limited and pre-registration is required - please contact Kara Babcock at (416) 324-4100 x5235 or [thebide@sherbourne.on.ca](mailto:thebide@sherbourne.on.ca)

### **Facing Prejudice in the Twilight**

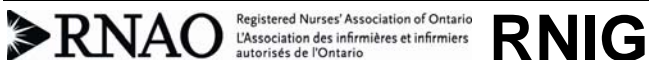
Durham Hospice in partnership with the AIDS Committee of Durham is hosting a 2 day workshop focusing on LGBT issues in palliative care & bereavement. Thursday October 8th and 9th, 2009, Ajax Kinsmen Heritage Centre 120 Roberson Dr., Ajax. Cost: \$ 25.00 (Includes workshop and lunch for both days) To register call: Alyson Miller at 905-430-4522 ext. 17 or [amiller@durhamhospice.org](mailto:amiller@durhamhospice.org)

## **Resources**

The **Let's Talk About Health** email newsletter, from the LGBT Program at Sherbourne Health Centre, is a free service to individuals and organizations interested in health issues for the LGBTQ communities. Join the mailing list by sending a message to [lgbtt@sherbourne.on.ca](mailto:lgbtt@sherbourne.on.ca)

**Training For Change: An Integrated Anti-Oppression Framework** is designed to help trainers use an integrated anti-oppression framework in sexual and gender diversity training. It is geared toward education for health and social service workers and advocates. It is available for download at no charge at: [www.RainbowHealthNetwork.ca](http://www.RainbowHealthNetwork.ca) (click on Resources). For more information, please contact [projectcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:projectcoordinator@gmail.com)

The popular wikipedia website has an LGBT portal which contains a wealth of useful information related to the LGBT communities. Often, we need to find quick answers to questions about symbols, history, laws, religion, famous gay people and so on. Check out <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:LGBT> to see what information is available.



**Mission** To foster and advocate for nursing practice and environments that support people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

**Vision** "Every space a POSITIVE SPACE."

**Values** *We value:* Evidence-informed, inclusive, reflective, respectful, safe and supportive care and environments for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

### **Goals**

- ▽ Challenging invisibility and silencing faced by LGBTTTTIQQAA people.
- ▽ Facilitate evidence-informed nursing care that reflects the needs of LGBTTTTIQQAA clients.
- ▽ To provide resources, support and knowledge for registered nurses, their communities, and each other.

## **Your RNIG Executive**

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