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HETEROSEXISM &
CISSEXISM



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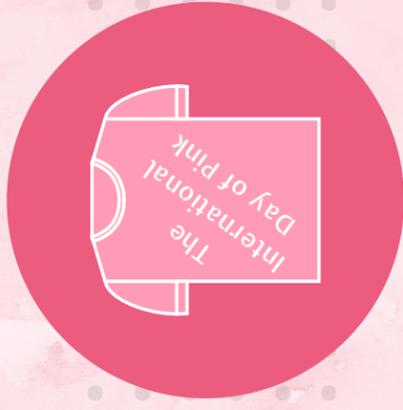
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**GENDER+SEXUAL
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This Year's Theme

Take Action on:

Bullying **Homophobia** **Transphobia**

Bullying

Bullying is a form of abuse at the hands of peers. It is targeted and repeated. It involves power, aggression, intimidation, and shame. It preys on vulnerability and exposes everyone involved to social and mental health problems and a lifetime pattern of abuse which can lead a child to contemplate suicide.

Homophobia

Homophobia is more accurately called heterosexism. It is treating people differently because they are not heterosexual - such as being gay, lesbian, bisexual, pansexual, or anything other than the heterosexual norm. Phrases like "That's so gay!" or assuming something's sexuality are both heterosexist incidences we see on a daily basis.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY BY STANDING UP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

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The International Day of Pink & Beyond

The CCGSD is proud to offer programming, conferences, and opportunities year round. To get involved, or to attend any of these opportunities, please visit the CCGSD website at:

<http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org>

- National Forums
- Youth Forum & Conversation on STBBIs
- Allyship in Action
- GSA Forum
- 20+ **Regional Conferences** across Canada – in every geographical region!
- Free **Workshops** in school and businesses

Transphobia

Transphobia is more accurately called cissexism. It is the notion that those who are cisgender (their gender identity matches with the gender they were assigned at birth) are better than those who are transgender. Recognizing and using people's chosen pronouns and gender identity is one way we can work to eliminate transphobia.

Did You Know?

- 80% of LGBTQ students from schools with anti-homophobia policies reported never having been physically harassed versus only 67% of LGBTQ students from schools without anti-homophobia policies. Your actions in LGBTQ12+ support matter!
- For every 1,000 straight Canadians, 69 reported they had been the victim of either sexual assault, physical assault, or robbery. That number jumps to 142 for lesbian and gay Canadians and skyrockets to 267 for bisexual Canadians.

- Total number of homeless youth in Toronto on any given night 1,500-2,000. 300-500 (1 in 5) of them identify as members of the LGBTQ12+ community



The International Day of Pink was started in Nova Scotia when 2 straight high school students saw a gay student wearing a pink shirt being bullied. The 2 students intervened, but wanted to do more to prevent homophobic and transphobic bullying. They decided to purchase pink shirts, and a few days later got everyone at school to arrive wearing pink, standing in solidarity. The result was that an entire school took a stand and began working together to prevent homophobic and transphobic bullying.

The campaign has continued to grow: it is now an international campaign that thrives in schools, workplaces and communities. The Day of Pink and the conversations, awareness, and acceptance that stems from it are making a real difference in the lives of queer and trans youth. So let's wear pink, spark some action, and inspire acceptance.

History of the International Day of Pink

What You Can Do

- If you feel comfortable, share your experiences!
- Advocate for access to resources, help lines, and accommodations for the LGBTQ12+ community
- Advocate for Anti-bullying policies for LGBTQ12+ people
- Don't be silent! Stand up to bullying when you see it and support the victims
- Get involved in LGBTQ12+ fundraising campaigns
- Organize clothing, food, and funds for local shelters who support LGBTQ12+ individuals
- Support more inclusive, LGBTQ2+ content in the school curriculum and libraries
- Organizing a day to write letters to those in a position of power (mayors, provincial representatives, and members of parliament)
- Organize an open dialogue between community members and a local political or school representative to discuss LGBTQ12+ issues, initiatives already taken, and steps that you can take together to make the community a safer and more supportive place. This can include the suggestions above!
- Promote workshops and campaigns to educate more on bullying, discrimination and the LGBTQ2+ community. You can find campaigns at ccgsd-ccdgs.org/campaigns.

What Does Wearing a Pink Shirt Mean?

Wearing a pink shirt is more than just a one day thing. It's a commitment to allyship that spans the rest of the year. Wearing a pink shirt on the second Wednesday of April is an important first step – it shows that you stand together with those who have been bullied, especially with those who have been bullied for their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The word ally is not a noun but instead a verb. To ally yourself with someone is to be listening and learning about how to care and support different people. It is important to work year round to stand up not just for others, but with them.

It is only with this year round commitment that we can make real progress towards eliminating bullying and discrimination in all communities. So, this year, on April 10th – It's Time to Take Action – but let this be the first of many steps we take.

Everyday is the Day of Pink: Our New Space!

We are excited to announce our new project, building a new museum and office space for the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity. Scheduled to open in 2021, our new 15,000 square foot space in the Lebreton Flats in Ottawa, Canada, will be the first LGBTQ12+ museum in the world, equipped with a two-spirit healing room, a museum with three gallery spaces, a theatre, an educational space and an affordable community space (for meetings and storage).

The CCGSD hopes to raise \$10million toward the space, and we hope you join us in our journey to creating a holistic space where stories can be curated, history can be shared, and memories can be made.

Go to our website, <http://ccgsd-ccdgs.org/newspace/> to donate or learn more!