



GSA CONFERENCE

FOR LGBT2SQ+ YOUTH & ALLIES IN GSA'S IN MANITOBA

You are invited to Rainbow Resource Centre's **StandOUT! GSA Conference**. This conference is created for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two spirit, queer, questioning and allied youth in grade 7-12 across Manitoba that have a Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) or similar group.

Students interested in developing a GSA in their school are also welcome to attend!

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE THEME IS "TAKING UP SPACE"

This theme draws on ideas of reclaiming and creating space both inside and outside of the LGBT2SQ+ community for other parts of our identities. Racism, sexism, ableism, classism, transphobia, xenophobia, fatphobia, homophobia and other oppressive behaviours still exist both inside and outside of the LGBT2SQ+ community/ Collectively, we have the capacity to stand up to these oppressive behaviours by unapologetically taking up space!

APRIL 10, 2018

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GSA REGISTRATION

Each school's GSA will be allowed to send up to **7 youth*** to participate in the **StandOUT! GSA Conference** on **April 10, 2018** at the **Victoria Inn and Suites** in Winnipeg, MB. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The conference will be able to host 350 youth from across the province of Manitoba. If you are a school, please send in a **minimum of 3 applications** (1 teacher, 2 student) to have your 7 student spaces saved. We understand that each school has their own processes (e.g. permission slips) for a full-day event with students, which may not make it possible to have all 7 applications come in at the same time.

** If your school does not have 7 interested youth, your additional spaces will be given to another school to use. If your school have more than 7 youth interested, please have them fill out a form, and they will be "waitlisted"*

The conference will have community organizations tabling with information about their services, and merchandise. There will be a keynote panel in the morning with local folks in the LGBT2SQ+ community who have "taken up space." Students will have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of youth -focused breakout sessions, twice in the afternoon to fit their own personal interests that are specifically related to Gender and Sexuality Alliances and other LGBT2SQ+ youth issues. Options for breakout session selection will be sent out once registration has been received.

A separate stream for Educators and Youth Service Providers will be offered. This will include relevant, current and specific information aimed to provide skills and tools needed to support LGBT2SQ+ youth in a school environment.

The 2018 StandOUT! GSA Conference will be **free of cost for all students**. A meal will be provided at lunch, and there will be light refreshments throughout the day. Each group of students must have at least one teacher supervisor, but may bring two teacher supervisors. There will be a **fee of \$125 per teacher supervisor** (payment options provided in registration).

** Please note that all the student registration forms from each school do not need to come in at the same time*





FUNDRAISING CONTEST

Rainbow Resource Centre wanted to make the **StandOUT! GSA Conference** as accessible as possible for all students across Manitoba. That's why we ensured that students would not have to pay a fee to attend the full-day conference. **All students can come for free!**

We are able to do this thanks to the schools who have been fundraising for Rainbow Resource Centre all school year. Thank you so much, folks! To help raise more funds, we are encouraging schools to join our **StandOUT! GSA Conference Fundraising Contest!**

It's simple! Your school has until **March 23, 2018** to raise as much money as you can for Rainbow Resource Centre. You can do this by organizing a bake sale, hosting a coffee house/talent show, selling buttons, screening a LGBT2SQ+ film, etc. The possibilities are endless, so let's get creative! Any donations your school's GSA has made through the 2017-2018 school year will be added to your final total.

What's the contest prize? The school GSA that fundraises the most amount of money by **March 23, 2018** will receive **four (4) tickets** to Rainbow Resource Centre's **Cirque du so Gay Gala** on **April 13, 2018** (valued at \$600)! *One of these tickets must be given to an adult supervisor (e.g. a teacher or guardian).*

Marvel at the amazing and talented performers, feast on a scrumptious meal and cheer as we support the longest continually-serving LGBT2SQ+ centre in Canada! Ringmasters Ashley and Chuck will present you with a star-studded line-up of performers, including Big City All Star Band, Satina Loren, Tyra Boinks, Lita Takeela, Prairie Sky, and Pharaoh Moans! Our headliner, taking centre stage under the Big Top is – the one, the only... *drumroll* ... **KIM CHI!** This season 8 runner-up on RuPaul's Drag Race is a seven-foot, live-action anime queen who will delight everyone. Cirque du So Gay promises to be our biggest and best!

