

ABCs of LGBTQIA2S+



Instructor: Sébastien LeBlanc

Date/ Time: Wednesdays 3pm - 4 pm

Session Dates: September 27, October 4 (2 sessions)

Location: Crossman Centre

Participants: Minimum 4, no Maximum

Course Outline: The first part of this course focuses on definitions and terminology, the history of LGBTQIA2S+ rights in Canada, as well as myths and facts about the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Terminology is often very important to LGBTQIA2S+ folks as it provides the words to reflect their lived experience. An overview of historical struggles and injustices permits us to understand how rights and protections are important today. And finally, dispelling myths about the LGBTQIA2S+ community will be a chance for students to ask questions in a safe, judgement-free space.

The second part of this course focuses on the experience of coming out (of the closet), challenges and barriers faced by the LGBTQIA2S+ community, as well as how to be an ally. Coming out is a constant process for LGBTQIA2S+ folks, it is not as simple as in/out of the closet. By examining challenges and barriers faced by specific members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, we can better understand the diverse needs of a diverse community. Lastly, we will explore what it means to be an ally to the LGBTQIA2S+ community and how you can contribute to making the world a better place for everyone.

Instructor Bio: Sébastien LeBlanc is a social worker at the Courage Centre/Beausejour Family Crisis Resource Centre in Shediac. They have recently completed a Master of Social Work degree at Université de Moncton. Their research focused on the lived experience of gay and lesbian seniors, specifically the challenges faced in the past and the strategies used in the present. Sébastien's interests include all things queer as well as helping folks heal from trauma, domestic violence and sexual abuse. Originally from Richibucto, they enjoy cooking, reading, and relaxing evenings with family and friends.

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- b) During the course if the instructor gives notice that he or she is ill or unavailable for one of the sessions. The course liaison will attempt to contact those without email by phone, so please ensure the TSC has your correct phone # as well.

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