

GLBT* Ally Program

Education and Professional Development

SERC provides GLBT* workshops, seminars, and programming for a variety of audiences. Each presentation can be adapted and designed to meet the needs of individual requests. Sessions include learning about the issues, challenges, and barriers affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, questioning and queer persons. These workshops are ideal for: teachers, resource staff, guidance/career counsellors, and administrators at all levels of the educational system; child and family service organizations and agencies; helping professionals and members of the private and public sectors; medical staff and health care providers; interested members of the community; and allies.

Workshop Objectives

The Ally workshops seek to contribute to the development of safe, supportive people and spaces for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, questioning, and queer people in the community. Workshops aim to increase awareness and education surrounding sexual and gender identity, as well as the number of knowledgeable persons who are willing and able to support GLBT* people in the community.

1 Day Session Topics

In this workshop, participants will gain the ability to: debunk myths and stereotypes of GLBT* persons; learn positive and appropriate language to help create supportive and affirming environments; develop tools and strategies to implement change; respond to disclosure; and identify privilege.

2 Day Session Topics

In addition to the topics covered in the 1 day workshop, this workshop will examine: gender identity development; gender terminology; the process of transition in Manitoba; the issues, challenges, and barriers for the GLBT* community; and different ways in which an Ally would respond to a variety of situations.

GLBT* Outreach and Support

SERC offers outreach to the GLBT* community, and provides opportunities for the GLBT* community to meet, network, and support each other in a safe environment. The Sexuality Education Resource Centre offers a variety of free pamphlets, information packages and books.

*** (gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender)**

For more information, or to book a workshop, contact the Brandon SERC office at (204) 727-0417, or via email at brandon@serc.mb.ca