



Media Advisory

For Immediate Release

An Open Community Discussion with Pride Toronto

Pride Toronto will be holding two open community discussions on November 25th 2006 at the Ryerson Student Campus Centre, Thomas Lounge, 55 Gould Street.

Cultural Diversity and Inclusion

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

As part of its ongoing commitment to sustain ethno-cultural representation and participation during Pride Week and within the organization, Pride Toronto is proud to host an open community discussion on cultural diversity and inclusion.

All interested individuals and groups, including representatives from cultural organizations who have traditionally participated in Pride Week, and those who would like to take the first steps to participating in Pride Week for the first time in 2007, are invited to join this discussion and share your ideas and thoughts on further developing opportunities for cultural diversity and inclusion with Pride Toronto.

“The LGBTTIQ2S community continues to grow and change, and Pride Toronto is committed to encouraging inclusion and participation from across our diverse community. It is essential to get your feedback and ideas, and create an open dialogue to ensure a diverse and successful Pride Week 2007. This community discussion is a great way to do that”, says David Anderson, Co-Chair of the Pride Toronto Board of Directors.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to volunteer_program@pridetoronto.com.

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Dyke March Community Discussion

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Dyke March is a community driven, grassroots event that takes place every year during Pride Week. Eleven years after the first march, we're still taking over the streets of Toronto to celebrate our community!

"It's important that we take some time now to engage both participants in past marches and those who would like to participate in future Dyke marches, to develop some guiding principles for the future. The Dyke March is a vital part of Pride Week. We feel it is important to get some additional feedback and ideas from the community to build on more than a decade of growth for the Dyke March," says Lenore MacAdam, Co-Chair of the Pride Toronto Board of Directors.

All past participants in the Dyke March and those who would like to participate in future Dyke Marches are welcome to join this discussion. We will be asking you to share your ideas and thoughts as we seek to refine our guiding principles for the Dyke March.

Light refreshments will be provided.
Please RSVP to dykemarch@pridetoronto.com.

Pride Toronto (www.pridetoronto.com) is the not-for-profit organization that hosts Pride Week, an annual festival held during the month of June in downtown Toronto. Pride Week is Canada's largest celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning and two-spirited peoples, and is one of the leading cultural events of its kind in the world.

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