

QUEER SPACE

SPEAKER SERIES

MAY 20, 2026

WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

6:00PM

RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTRE

WELCOME

Queer Space is an evening dedicated to exploring and celebrating the diverse dimensions of queer identity and community.

The event aims to provide a platform for open dialogue; fostering understanding, and promote inclusivity for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.



> “Queer people have always found ways to exist and be together, and there will always be a need for queer spaces.”

— Adam Nathaniel Furman & Joshua Mardell, Queer Spaces: An Atlas of LGBTQIA+ Places and Stories

WHAT IS QUEER SPACE?

"Queer Space" refers to physical or virtual environments that are consciously or organically created to be inclusive, affirming, and supportive of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. These spaces encompass a broad spectrum — from community centres, bars, and neighborhoods, to online platforms and digital communities that foster belonging and visibility.

Queer spaces are not incidental. They are environments where identity can be expressed without fear or shame — spaces that are, in the words of scholars Adam Nathaniel Furman and Joshua Mardell, "truly consonant with one's inner self." For people who must modify their behavior or conceal aspects of their identity in mainstream environments, these spaces are not luxuries. They are necessities.

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WHY IT MATTERS

Queer spaces play a crucial role in providing a sense of belonging and community, allowing individuals to live and express their identities freely. Beyond social function, they carry deep cultural, historical, and political significance. They have served as organizing hubs, sites of resistance, and stages for art, creativity, and joy.

For Rainbow, the exploration of Queer Space is especially relevant given that we are launching Phase 2 of Place of Pride this year — Canada's first purpose-built 2SLGBTQ+ community campus in Winnipeg. Place of Pride is, at its core, an act of spatial justice: a declaration that queer community deserves permanence, dignity, and a home designed with intention.

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THE EVENING:
QUEER SPACE AT THE WINNIPEG ART GALLERY

On May 20, 2026, Rainbow Resource Centre presents Queer Space — an evening of dialogue, storytelling, and community at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. The evening will feature speakers that represent a diversity of queer experience and expertise, continuing to utilize the PechaKucha-style presentations launched in 2024. In addition, the evening will feature panel discussions with queer leaders who are exploring what queer space and culture, means to them: how it is created, what makes it affirming, and what it means to belong.

THANK YOU!



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