

Friday, March 6, 2026

Queer Realities - MacEwan University celebrates Pride Week

Edmonton - The MacEwan Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity (CSGD) is looking forward to once again hosting Pride Week, celebrating the diversity of 2SLGBTQ+ communities and allies. There is a full slate of activities that educate and celebrate the queer community and all are welcome to take part. There will be safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone in the university community while we continue to build bridges and connections to the broader Edmonton community.

Running from March 9 to 13, this year's theme is *Queer Realities*. Hovering somewhere between joy and rage, the modern queer experience is one of duality – we seek the joy of connection and community, while, at the same time, feeling rage and despair at the state of the world around us. The event's theme this year explores this duality by asking: "What does it mean to be queer in the here and now?" The answer is as varied as those who inhabit our communities, and the potential is endless.

Some highlights of the Pride Week events at MacEwan include:

[Pride March and Opening Ceremonies](#)

March 9, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Griffins Landing, Building 6 to Allard Hall

[Faces of Exile: The Arrusi and the Policing of Gender and Sexuality in Fascist Italy Art Exhibition](#)

Opening Reception

Monday, March 9, 5-7 p.m.

John L. Haar Library, Building 7

Exhibition on now and runs to April 5

[Rainbow Market](#)

March 10 - 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Second Floor Atrium, Robbins Health Learning Centre

[Can I Touch It? Kink, Consent and Art Collections](#)

March 10, 5 - 7 p.m.

Roundhouse Event Space, Room 11-159, Allard Hall

[Queer Research Connections](#)

March 11, 10-11:30 a.m.

Roundhouse Event Space, Room 11-159, Allard Hall

[Staff and Faculty Global Pride Dance Party](#)

March 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Main floor, across from Roundhouse, Allard Hall

"We are proud to lead the YEG Campus Pride Network, which is a collaboration between the six major post-secondary institutions of Edmonton: Concordia, The King's, NAIT, Norquest, MacEwan and the University of Alberta," says Jessica Scalzo, program manager at MacEwan's CSGD. "Through

collaboration, we ensure that all students across all campuses have access to high-quality programming for Pride Week.”

A full listing of all Pride Week events can be found [here](#).

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