

Friday, March 3, 2023

**MacEwan University celebrates Pride Week with the theme *Queer Joy***

**Edmonton** - For the first time since 2020, Pride Week will be held on campus at MacEwan with a list of events that includes workshops, hangouts and drag shows.

Running from March 6 to 10, this year's theme is *Queer Joy*—a radical act of resistance and a way to build community and resilience.

“With *Queer Joy* as a theme for Pride Week 2023, our events all seek to explore and revel in that joy,” says Jessica Scalzo, the program coordinator at MacEwan’s Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity (CSGD). “Joyous experiences of queerness allow communities to tell their own stories, rather than merely existing under the traumatic narratives that are imposed by oppressive structures. Claiming your narrative means taking the opportunity to give yourself a past and a future that is yours alone.”

**Some highlights of the Pride Week events at MacEwan include:**

[Pride Week March and Opening Ceremonies](#)

March 6, 10 - 11 a.m.

Bldg 6 Main Floor (start), Allard Hall Atrium (end)

[Elementary School Retake Day](#)

March 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Roundhouse Event Space, Room 11-159, Allard Hall

[Pride Ride: Spin the Beat](#)

March 8, 12:05 - 12:55 p.m.

Room 8-121, Christenson Family Centre for Sport and Wellness

[Intergenerational Community Dialogue: Pride Reflections](#)

March 9, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Roundhouse Event Space, Room 11-159, Allard Hall

MacEwan’s partners in Pride Week are members of the NorthSide Pride Collaborative Group, which includes NAIT, NorQuest, The King’s University and Concordia University of Edmonton. Other events include “Queering the Mall” at WEM, a discussion about queerness and faith at NAIT and a Retro Queer Prom to wrap up Pride Week at the Citadel Theatre.

MacEwan Pride Week is proudly supported by the MacEwan Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity and presenting sponsors TD Bank, ATB Financial and the Students' Association of MacEwan University.

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

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