

# ACEWAN NEWS RELEASE

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#### Queering the Future - MacEwan University celebrates Pride Week

**Edmonton** - From educational workshops and panels to hangouts and drag shows, there is a long list of fun and exciting events as the MacEwan Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity hosts Pride Week, celebrating the diversity of 2SLGBTQ+ communities and allies. This week of education and celebration aims to create and support safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone in the university community, and helps build bridges and connections to the broader Edmonton community.

Running from March 11 to 15, this year's theme is *Queering the Future*—imagining and celebrating our individual and collective futures in a complex world, free from homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

"Queering the Future reflects how imagining and striving for a better future is an important act of resistance," says Jessica Scalzo, the program manager at MacEwan's Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity. "There are several events throughout the week that are open to the public. We hope to see folks join in our celebrations and stand in solidarity with the queer community at MacEwan."

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

#### Pride Week March and Opening Ceremonies

March 11, 10 - 11 a.m. Building 6 Main Floor (start), Allard Hall Atrium (end)

#### Raising the Future

March 11, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Roundhouse Event Space, Room 11-159, Allard Hall

#### **Debunking Gender Conspiracy Theories and Anxieties**

March 12, 5-7 pm

Roundhouse Event Space, Room 11-159, Allard Hall

#### Indigenous Queer Futures

March 14, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Kihew waciston gathering space, Room 9-115U

Queer Horizons Speaker Series • Past, Present and Future: The Evolution of Trans and Gender Diverse People's Rights in Canada

March 14, 5 - 6 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.



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MacEwan Pride Week is proudly supported by the MacEwan Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity and presenting sponsors TD Bank and The Stollery Charitable Foundation.

A full listing of all Pride Week events can be found here.

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