

2SLGBTQ+ News

The 2SLGBTQ+ Committee is up and running again this year. Once again we hope to share resources through the Occasionally Speaking mail out and event information through the Event Newsletters.

November is Trans Awareness Month! We would encourage members to use the [EGALE Days of Significance Calendar](#) in order to see not only the important dates to remember this month but throughout the year as well. [Egale Canada](#) is a terrific organization and their website is phenomenal.

The [ETFO Provincial website](#) also has many resources that members can access throughout the year. They have a wonderful pronouns tip sheet for all to use.

Our committee also keeps an eye on current events. Sadly there have recently been [threats of violence](#) against the queer community in Waterloo Region. Local events have been moved online or cancelled due to advisories by the Waterloo Regional Police who had become aware of planned anti-LGBTQ2S+ actions that would be targeting queer events and programs in the region.

ETFO Provincial reminds all members that, "It is the goal of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario to work with others to create schools, communities, and a society free from all forms of individual and systemic discrimination." I am proud to be part of a union that supports all of its members and recognizes the importance of allyship. During challenging times it is important to speak up and call out hate or violence. Thanks in advance for your support of the Rainbow Community in our region.

Stay safe,

Trish Morgan

Chair of the 2SLGBTQ+ Committee

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