

EDIA news, resources and upcoming opportunities

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Hello EDIA champions,

May 17 is [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia](#). This day honours the resilience and strength of members of the 2S/LGBTQ+ community, and draws attention to the violence, hate, and discrimination experienced by Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and gender-diverse people. This year's theme is *At the Heart of Democracy*, a powerful reminder that truly democratic societies must be rich in meaningful equity and justice for all, fostering the flourishing of the entire community. Learn more [here](#) about taking action and advocating for the rights of 2S/LGBTQ+ people and with Egale's [Tips on how to Practice 2SLGBTQI Allyship](#).

May is [Jewish Heritage Month](#), a commemoration proclaimed by Parliament in 2018 to recognize the many positive contributions made by Jewish Canadians to the fabric of our country coinciding with the holiday of Shavuot (May 21-23), which celebrates the spring harvest and commemorates the gift of the Torah. Check out the [history of Jewish Canadians; podcasts, resources, and blogs](#) available through the Library and Archives Canada; and CBC's curated [reading list by Jewish Canadian authors](#).

Upcoming EDI-related events and webinars

May 14, 12:00 – 1:00pm MT: Join the **One Child Every Child Equitable Pathways Reading Group** as they discuss *Working Together: Practicing the Science of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* by Mikki Hebl and Eden King, once a month until June 11. Join in person or online. More details and registration [here](#)

May 14, 7:00 – 8:30pm MT: A free talk, **liitsiiniiksi'naatsin/Story Robe** by award-winning artist Adrian Stimson is being presented at Loughheed House. Adrian will speak about his journey as an artist which led him to being transferred the rights to create Blackfoot story bison robes, a continuum of Blackfoot ways of being. Details and registration [here](#)

May 20, 1:00 – 4:00pm MT: The UCalgary community is invited to attend an in-person workshop on main campus, **Enhancing a Culture of Respect in the Workplace**. This workshop builds personal and leadership effectiveness by exploring why respect matters, clarifying UCalgary's respectful workplace policies, and defining behaviours such as harassment and violence. More details and registration [here](#)

May 20, 8:00 – 9:00pm MT: The Centre for Disability Research and Policy in Australia is hosting a webinar with CSM's Dr. Alan Martino on **"Crippling" Sex Education: Reimagining Desire, Pleasure, and Autistic Knowledge**. This talk introduces a crip and sex-positive approach to sexuality education—one that does not seek to "fix" or normalize disabled people, but instead learns from their lived experiences and reimagines what sexuality education can be. Details and registration [here](#)

May 22, 12:00 – 1:00pm MT: UCalgary staff, faculty, and learners are invited to an online workshop on **Responding to Disclosures of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence**, offered by UCalgary's Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Support Office. Information and registration [here](#). Also offered [June 26](#)

May 25, 10:00am – 12:00pm MT: CSM's Office of Faculty Development and Graduate Science Education present an in-person session on **Power-informed Supervisory Practice**, for anyone who supervises graduate students at CSM. This case-based learning session will explore how power works in graduate supervision and helps support supervisors in attending to issues of power before they escalate into conflict. Register [here](#)

May 28, 12:00 – 1:30pm MT: UCalgary's Indigenous Research Support Team coordinates an **Indigenous Research Community of Practice for Indigenous and non-Indigenous academics** to network, connect, and create capacity across campus, discussing topics such as mentorship, university processes, and sharing of research projects and initiatives. If you are interested in participating in the virtual meetings that take place the last Thursday of each month, [email](#) for more details.

June 3, 12:00 – 1:30pm MT: The Alliance against Violence & Adversity (AVA) presents a webinar, **Reproductive Violence**. Based on quantitative and qualitative data collected in Quebec, this presentation will illustrate areas of tension between the needs of women and individuals receiving care and the care actually provided. The relationship between healthcare staff and patients will be addressed along with a discussion of autonomy and free will. The session will conclude with some recommendations formulated by those most directly affected. Details and registration [here](#)

June 3, 3:45 – 7:30pm MT: The CSM's O'Brien Institute for Public Health is launching the **Climate Health System Alliance**, brings together leaders from healthcare, policy, industry, and communities. This event will explore how we can transition toward low-carbon, climate-resilient, and just health-care systems. Details and registration [here](#)

June 9, 10:00 – 11:30am MT: Members of UCalgary academic selection committees are encouraged to participate in an online workshop on **Equitable and Inclusive Hiring for Academic Selection**. Learn about equitable and inclusive hiring, how to apply an EDI lens through the recruitment and selection process, the impact of implicit bias, and tools to mitigate bias. More information and registration [here](#) (also offered [July 15](#))

Upcoming EDI-related Courses and Conferences:

June 10, 8:00am – 4:00pm MT: All are invited to register for **UCalgary Breaking Barriers Day**, a free symposium taking place at Foothills Campus and online. Learn how ableism might present in our classrooms, labs, campus, application processes, conversations, and more. Those doing disability research are invited to [submit an abstract](#) for the research posters exhibit.

June 11-13: The [Canadian Women in Medicine Conference](#) takes place in Winnipeg. This accredited conference is the largest gathering of women physicians in North America, and includes inspiring keynote addresses and workshops, social gatherings, and networking opportunities.

Opportunities and Award Nominations

The **2S/LGBTQ+ Health Hub**, supported by CIHR funding, has released a Call for Applications for its **Fellowship Program**, an annual cohort of trainees who will participate in online seminars, training modules, mentorship, and a multi-day in-person gathering. Successful applicants will participate in focused training related to the intersectional, social, cultural, and structural determinants of health, including interventions that address: a) research training, practice and evaluation in racialized and Indigenous 2S/LGBTQ+ health inequities and strengths; b) moving research evidence to policy and practice; and c) supporting non-profit and other sectors working to better 2S/LGBTQ+ health in Canada. Apply by May 31.

The Community-Based Research Centre (CBRC) has launched its **Call for Proposals for the 2026 Summit conference**, taking place in Toronto on Oct. 29-Nov. 1 with the theme, *Building Our Futures*. All are invited to submit a proposal to showcase your work, share personal experiences, report on research, and offer practical and/or innovative strategies to transform healthcare for 2S/LGBTQ+ communities in Canada. Deadline is to submit proposals for sessions, presentations, workshops, panel discussions, and poster presentations is May 31. More details [here](#)

UCalgary is gathering a mailing list of people interested in participating in **Pride events** this year – click [here](#) to be kept informed.

The [Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Laureates nominations](#) are open until June 8, with Builder, Leader, and Research Scientist categories. Nominees should be Canadian citizens whose outstanding leadership, integrity and contributions to

medicine and the health sciences, in Canada or abroad, have led to extraordinary improvements in human health. The CMHF is encouraging more nominations of individuals who identify as women or non-binary, and/or who are Black, Indigenous or People of Colour.

Egale is seeking survey participants for an online survey open to 2SLGBTQI people across Canada to understand the prevalence and nature of [2SLGBTQI people's experiences of harassment and violence](#), how they cope with these experiences, how these experiences affect their mental health, their feelings of safety, and how they engage in resilience and resistance.

Resources:

The recently released report, [Understanding and Addressing Anti-Sikh Hate in Canada](#), is the first comprehensive report dedicated to documenting and analyzing the experiences of hate and discrimination against Sikhs across Canada.

The Tyee has recently published an article on [Who's Behind the Residential School Denialism Movement](#).

Recordings of recent webinars, podcasts and presentations:

[Equity on Life Support](#) is a limited podcast series with Dr. Saleem Razack and guests exploring the intersection of health equity, social justice, and anti-racism/anti-oppressive practices with medical education in Canada.

EDIA Quote of the Day

You're not under attack when others gain rights and privileges you've always had.

~ DaShanne Stokes

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The Precision Equity and Social Justice Office receives notifications of upcoming events and activities related to equity, diversity, inclusion and wellness from external and internal organizations. From time to time, we will be sending out notifications of these opportunities so that you can participate or share them with your colleagues. Please click [here](#) to unsubscribe from the newsletter.