

TRUE COLOURS 2018

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

Keynote #1 : Chief Allan Polchies

Allan Polchies Jr. is from St Mary's First Nation Wolastoqyik, where he was born and raised. Allan was recently elected as Chief of St Mary's First Nation, making him the first two-spirit Chief in Atlantic Canada. Allan has always been very involved in his community working as a Community Planner, Culture Coordinator and as a Band Councillor for over ten years, in addition to sitting on the Economic Development Board. Allan has always been very involved in his community in the role of Customers Service Relations Officer and Entertainer at the St. Mary's Entertainment Centre during the bingo events. He is a member of the Atlantic Two-Spirit Alliance Committee.

Allan is known by his family and peers as "Chicky", a nickname that was given to him by his great-grandmother, Meme. He is known for his flare of fashion, zest for life, sense of humor, and his weekly weather reports on social media. Allan and his partner, Tyler are foster parents who do plan to adopt in the near future. They have been together for over eight years.

Allan is a true champion and ambassador of his culture, community, and Wolastoq traditions. He is a survivor of cancer, and says that one day his feet should be in a museum, as they could tell many stories that reflect him, his spirit, and his personality.



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Saturday November 3rd (UNB)

Session #1 3:00 – 3:45 pm (Saturday)

A) LGBTQ2+: A Global Perspective- Ada McKim

(Student)

Ada McKim teaches World Issues and Law at Saint John High School. She is a TEDx speaker, founder of the UN-partnered Global Goals Educator Task Force, and member of the Pride in Education Board. Ada is a translesbian, a parent to three, and an avid follower of global events.

The LGBTQ2+ community has had much to celebrate in 21st century Canada, but much of the world lags far behind. While some can only dream of marrying the person they love, others are thrown in jail for refusing to hide who they are. In this session we will explore the global realities, the recent progress, and ideas for how we can keep the arc of human history bending towards justice.

B) Empower Your Inner Connection- Tanya Thibeau and Donna Dealy

(Student)

This session will take a look at your world view and how it shapes your current reality. The presenters will help you explore with inner curiosity how you can use your brain and relationships as mindful tools to promote wellness.

C) Queer Jeopardy- Stu Kearney

(Student)

Stu Kearney is a Diversity and Respect Lead ASDS and Pflag Canada: Saint John Chapter Leader.

Come dazzle your friends and win some cool swag while showing off your knowledge of all things LGBTQIA2S+. Cheerleaders are also welcome but everyone will get a chance to participate if you bring Wifi enabled device. So come on down!

D) Not Your LGBTQ+ 101: Practical Information for Educators- Julie LeGresley **(Educators)**

This practical information session for educators will focus on the legal and policy knowledge needed for LGBTQ+ inclusive schools.



E) LGBT+ American Sign Language (ASL) - Sam Durand

(Student & Educators)

Come and learn how to sign some “need to know” words about sexuality and gender, along with the basics of American Sign Language. This hands-on session will be lots of fun and educational, at the same time. Free hand outs will be provided. Don’t be afraid to ask about things that you want to know. Taught by Sam Durand, a student at Oromocto High School with deaf parents and ASL as a first language

F) Trans Inclusion: Re-Thinking Gender - Nolan Pike

(Student)

This workshop will explore the way that social conceptions of gender affect the trans community. It will debunk common myths about trans people and gender in general. We will learn how to work towards trans inclusion by challenging limiting ideologies and practices—everything from toys, to washrooms, to the language we use every day...And we will try to have a few laughs along the way!

BREAK TIME

Session #2 4:00 – 4:45 pm (Saturday)

A) Ukulele Sing- Along -Sam Durand

(Student)

This fun session got its’ start at last year’s Middle School GSA Conference, called “Prism,” at Oromocto High School. This was one of the Prism conferences highest ranked sessions. Enjoy singing along to some popular songs by various artists played on ukulele by Oromocto High School student, Sam Durand.

B) LGBTQ2+ Purge- Diane Doiron

(Student & Educator)

For over 30 years, after being part of the LGBTQ2 Military Purge, I felt so lonely, my life was that of anxiety, depression and PTSD. The shame that my country did not accept me as a soldier because I was a lesbian, kept me from sharing my secret. Even my family had no idea what I had lived through.

But in 2017, everything changed for me and our LGBTQ2 survivor community with the formal Apology by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau after years of struggle and hard work by the "We demand an Apology" Network and the work of so many other individuals.

This is my story/experience with the Purge, living with PTSD, depression and anxiety. My story of never giving up hope and the belief in myself, not just as a survivor, but also learning to be part of the LGBTQ2 community

again. I am so proud that our young people will never know the shame, the embarrassment and the fear that our generation has known.

C) STBBI 101

(Student)

AIDS NB's STBBI 101 presentation provides foundational biological information about HIV, hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted and blood borne infections. The participants will learn about how STBBIs are transmitted, how they can be prevented, and what happens if they think they may have been exposed. This presentation is built to ensure that participants have an opportunity to ask questions so that AIDS NB can confirm facts and dispel myths.

D) Navigating Trans Issues- Dr. Adrian Edgar, Reid Lodge, Amber Chisholm

(Student and Educators)

Each of our panelists will answer some of the most frequently asked questions, based on their own areas of expertise: Dr. Edgar – Medical; Reid Lodge – Activist; Amber Chisholm – Legal and Tammy Strong – Educational Policy. Many concerns and issues are constantly changing/progressing in the Trans community. The panel will attempt to bring the most relevant and up-to-date information forward for the audience. The final part of the session will be impromptu questions from the audience.

E) Non-Binary Fashion Show- Al Cusack

(Student)

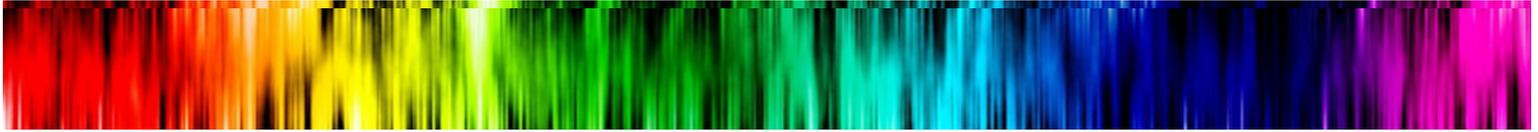
Al Cusack: Non-binary polyqueer St. Thomas University 4th year student honouring in Sociology, majoring in Human Rights, and minoring in Communications and Public Policy. Al is a zine artist, poet and story teller, textile painter, and drag performer with experience facilitating youth sessions and serving the LGBTQ+ community.

What does it mean to look non-binary? Whatever a non-binary person says it means! In this session, which is aimed at non-binary folk, participants will discuss body positivity, gendered and otherwise constricting standards of beauty, and the revolutionary ways non-binary people express themselves. Participants will be given the tools to design their own non-binary fashion looks and talk about how to become their own non-binary fashion icons.

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**G) The importance of Community Safe Spaces for LGBTQ+ Youth: What Does the Canadian Research Tell Us -
Dr. Jackie Oncescu (Educators Only)**

Does your community need a safe space for LGBTQ+ and allies, but you need information to help support your group's claim? Dr. Oncescu from the UNB faculty of Kinesiology will walk educators through 2018 research data from across Canada that demonstrate... what we already know.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH (UNB)

Keynote #2 : Welcome from UNB

Session #3 – 10:30-11:15 pm (Sunday)

A) Art of Activism- Ada McKim (Student)

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Change is not an event – it is a story. A story of an individual who pushed back when it was unpopular to do so. A story of a group that mobilized others. A story of a movement that shifted minority opinions into the majority. In this session we will briefly explore the history of LGBTQ2+ activism, brainstorm our own strategies going forward, and evaluate how best to implement some of them.

B) Rainbow Yoga – Tanya Thibeau (Student & Educator)

This session will lead participants through a series of yoga postures that promote health and balance in each chakra of the body.



C) Consent is Sexy- Andy Marks

(Student)

This session is presented by Andy Marks from the Fredericton Sexual Assault Center and it focuses on consent – how to ask for it, give it, and take it back.

D) Queer Educators Panel

(Educators Only)

Gail Costello -Various LGBTQ2+ New Brunswick Educators

This Q & A style panel will focus on the experiences of our LGBTQ2+ educators in the New Brunswick school system. Educators, representing some of the various identities of the LGBTQ2+ acronym, will discuss their experiences of coming out (or not coming out), challenges in the education system, differences in “safety” between LGBTQ2+ and non-LGBTQ2+ educators, where they see that more work is needed, and more. Panelists will answer pre-set questions, as well as impromptu questions at the end, from the audience.

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