



Edmonton Pride Seniors Group (EPSG)

Tri-City Working Group

The following summarizes Edmonton's project work to date:

- Seeking a contract worker to assist in project-based programming:
 - Creating partnerships with LGBTQ2S+ community, as well as the seniors community
 - Identification of isolated LGBTQ seniors
 - Leverage existing community groups, local programming, resources, and/or events to build and sustain networks of connectivity within and among the LGBTQ seniors community, serving primarily those who would benefit most from social connectedness
 - Support targeted LGBTQ seniors to integrate in a meaningful way
 - Development and implementation of:
 - An archive of community-based resources for the isolated LGBTQ senior that may consist of promotion material of existing events, or resource banks integrated into other community sources of information
 - Communications material (brochures, posters, post cards, web-based, etc.) or other tools to identify isolated LGBTQ seniors and to promote social connectedness
 - Engagement material, such as Educational in-services for homecare workers, and/or providers who come into daily contact with seniors
 - Program material to support social connectedness using existing infrastructure
 - Plan events that foster social connectedness with peers and those in the age ranges of their 40's and 50's
- Partnering with Edmonton's Southside Primary Care Network to leverage their Seniors Centre Without Walls programming. This program provides a telephone-based space for LGBTQ2S+ seniors to call in (anonymously or otherwise) and join a conversation from the comfort and privacy of one's own home.
 - Toll free access
 - Safe space
 - Simple to use, no need to register, users simply dial in
 - Every other Wednesday from 4-5 pm MST
 - Family, friends, and allies welcome
 - Building in more rigor around programming
 - Audio clips
 - Guess speakers
 - Story-telling
- Lobbying the U of A's Institute of Sexual Minority Studies and Services to research the identification of isolated LGBTQ seniors
- Partnering with other Edmonton-based seniors community and LGBTQ community service providers to identify opportunities to build sustainable means of social connectedness among the target audience