LEAD WITH PRIDE

conference series 2021
2021 Lead with Pride Conference Series: U of T’s annual LGBTQ2S+ student leadership conference

February 24 to March 11

Free registration

No leadership experience necessary!

Register to be a part of the Learning Community!

Our campuses, cities and communities thrive when LGBTQ2S+ students are supported in developing their leadership skills. Beginning in 2009, the Lead with Pride conference series has provided over a thousand students opportunities to gain skills to make a positive impact on U of T and beyond, to move our communities towards a more inclusive present and future for all of us.

Though we are apart during COVID times, it is still important for us to connect with one another to meaningfully explore issues that impact our communities and to build our capacity to face these challenges together.

All interested U of T students are welcome to register to be a part of the 2021 Lead with Pride Learning Community, which will offer registrants opportunities to connect with each other over Lead with Pride-specific social media channels and within fun and interactive Learning Community events.

Registrants will also be signed up to attend the much anticipated Lead with Pride Speaker Series featuring renowned speakers Denice Frohman (Poet, Performer, Educator), Arsham Parsi (LGBTQ Human Rights Activist) and Ivan Coyote (Performer, Writer)!

These speakers will talk about issues that impact LGBTQ2S+ communities and share their thoughts on what meaningful leadership might look like, and on how to build community together, even during this time when we are physically apart.

More info ahead ↓
Denice Frohman | Wednesday, February 24, 4-5pm

Denice Frohman is a poet, performer and educator from New York City. A CantoMundo Fellow, she’s received residencies and awards from the National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures, Leeway Foundation, Millay Colony and Blue Mountain Center.


Arsham Parsi | Wednesday, March 3, 3:30-5pm

Arsham Parsi is an Iranian gay activist who is the founder and Executive Director of the International Railroad for Queer Refugees (IRQR). The organization’s goal is to provide support and counselling to LGBT refugees including financial aid for shelter, food and healthcare.

He has received the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)’s Felipa Sousa Award for pioneering gay activism and the Toronto Pride award for Excellence in Human Rights.

Ivan Coyote | Wednesday, March 10, 3:30-5pm

Ivan Coyote is a writer and storyteller who was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. In 2019 Ivan marked 25 years on the road as an international touring storyteller and musician, and released their twelfth book, Rebent Sinner. Coyote’s stories grapple with the complex and intensely personal topics of gender identity, family, class, and queer liberation, but always with a generous heart, and a quick wit. Ivan’s stories manage to handle both the hilarious and the historical with reverence and compassion, and remind us all of our own fallible and imperfect humanity, while at the same time inspiring us to change the world.
LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. Piecing It Together!  
   Feb 26 | 5-6pm
   Teamwork and communication are important leadership skills to develop. Join us for a fun interactive game in which we work together to solve riddles!

2. Through activities and discussion students will work together to learn about and refine outreach strategies for their programming.

3. How to Get People to Come to Your Event  
   March 4 | 12:30-2pm
   Drawing from Indigenous knowledges, students will build an understanding of how to consider their implicit leadership bias and develop decolonial practices during this interactive session.

Indigenous Leadership Principles  
March 11 | 12:30-2pm

Register at uoft.me/LWP
Registered students are invited to connect with one another over a private Discord and Lead with Pride LinkedIn group. We hope that these virtual spaces will provide registrants opportunities to make new friends, create new collaborations and share relevant opportunities with one another.

Details will be shared after registration.

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