Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) youth resources

Following are just a few of the resources available for queer youth and their friends:

QueerBC

Brings together gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people throughout British Columbia, Canada. www.queerbc.com

Bullying Canada

An interactive anti-bullying website where young people speak out against bullying and victimization. Phone: 1-877-352-4497 *bullyingcanada.ca*

Onmyplanet.ca

The goal at onmyplanet.ca is to rid the world of homophobia, transphobia and sexual prejudice, one queer story at a time. *onmyplanet.ca*

Generation Out: Maple Ridge and Tri-Cities

Monday night drop-ins for LGBTQ youth in Maple Ridge and Tri-Cities, starting at 6:00 p.m. *www.genout.blogspot.ca*

Health Initiative for Men (HIM)

Vancouver-based organization dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of gay men. Phone: 604-488-1001 *hcheckhimout.ca*

Kid's Help Phone Line

Canada's only toll-free, 24-hour, national bilingual telephone counseling service for children and youth. Phone: 1-800-668-6868 www.kidshelpphone.ca

PFLAG

Support for parents, family, and friends of queer youth. Phone: 604-626-5667 www.pflagvancouver.com/

Pride Education Network

Advocating for positive change in the educational system for queer students, parents, teachers, administrators, and their supporters. *pridenet.ca*

Qmunity—BC's Queer Resource Centre

A community centre for LGBTQ people and their friends. Phone: 604-684-5307 www.qmunity.ca

The Prideline

Support, information, and referrals. 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. daily. Phone: 1-800-566-1170

LGBT Youth Line

Peer-support phone line for LGBTQ young people. Phone: 1-800-268-9688

Transgender Health Program

Information hub providing access to information about gender-affirming care and supports. Phone: 604-734-1514 Toll free: 1-866-999-1514 *transhealth.vch.ca*

Urban Native Youth Association

Support for Aboriginal youth who identify as GLBT or two-spirited. Phone: 604-254-7732 www.unya.bc.ca

Opt—Options for Sexual Health

Non-judgmental, youth-friendly, sex-positive services. Phone: 604-731-4252 Sex Sense Line: 1-800-739-7367 *www.optionsforsexualhealth.org*

Youth Against Violence Line

For scared youth and to report or prevent a crime, or request police assistance. Phone: 604-872-1811 Toll-free: 1-866-661-3311 *www.youthinbc.com* (Live chat available 12:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.)

YouthCO

Health information for youth on HIV, STIs, and more. Phone: 604-688-1441 *www.youthco.org*

Out in Schools

Queer friendly film screenings and discussions in secondary schools. Phone: 604-844-1615 www.outinschools.com

CampOut

A summer camping experience for BC's queer, trans, and allied youth age 14–21. Contact: Anna White Phone: 1-877-678-2267 www.campout.ubc.ca Sex & U Takes a real life approach to the questions and issues around sex and sexuality that matter most to Canadians. www.sexandu.ca/

Scarleteen Advice, help, and information about teen sexuality www.scarleteen.com/

Resist Stigma

Stigma makes people feel ashamed of their bodies and emotions. It polices their gender and attractions. We must stand up and tell our stories. Phone: 604-568-7478 *resiststigma.com*

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BC Teachers' Federation LGBTQ Action Group (CASJ)

For information contact: Susan Ruzic Assistant Director of Social Justice Professional and Social Issues Division Phone: 604-871-1850 Toll-free: 1-800-663-9163, local 1850 E-mail: *sruzic@bctf.ca*

Resources for classroom teachers and service providers on LGBTQ issues can be found at *bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx?id=6106*

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