

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: DYKE NEWS: ISSUE 2.4 // ORGANIZE

Submission deadline: end of day Friday, April 5, 2024

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Send all submissions & questions to: dykenews@protonmail.com

DYKE NEWS is a community newsletter project based on Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ territories with a goal of fostering a community space in print for dykes, lesbians, bi women, and anyone across trans, nonbinary, gender non-conforming, & queer identities with a relationship to lesbian culture, history, or identity.

DYKE NEWS is released quarterly. You can buy back issues of The Dyke or subscribe to get a year's worth as they come out on the Dyke News store: <https://wetstonepress.square.site/>

What to submit: We are now accepting interviews, essays, reviews, letters, photos & visual art for Issue 2.4—themed **ORGANIZE!**

We know dykes hold immense power... but what does it take to gather and coalesce that power into action, and to sustain that action into movement? How have our dyke ancestors done it before, and how are we going about it now? What is there for us to learn from each other, from radical movements both past and ongoing, about how to keep our energies in motion, and organize our (beleaguered) bodies and (pressured) time towards radical ends?

In this issue we are especially looking for submissions that centre stories and knowledge grounded in Indigenous land sovereignty, Palestinian resistance, and other anti-colonial movements both on Turtle Island and beyond.

Send your work to:

dykenews@protonmail.com by end of day **April 5, 2024**.

Who can submit: This call is open to anyone who has a connection to lesbian culture, history, or identity in any form. The aim of the newsletter is to open up the expansiveness of dyke culture, and the multiplicities of experiences, identities, and histories embedded in and intersecting it. If it sounds like something you want to participate in, send us your stuff, we wanna see it! That said, due to limited space and the local nature of the project, we often prioritize submissions from those living on Lekwungen & W̱SÁNEĆ territories ("victoria"), and are open to submissions from the surrounding regions, including all of vancouver island, the gulf islands, the san juans & across the salish sea. If you are unsure about how your work fits into our mandate, please reach out!

Payment: DYKE NEWS is a community news project centered around community contributions. While we do not receive funding and cannot pay writers, we give all contributors whose work is published 2 issues of the newsletter.

Get involved: email dykenews@protonmail.com to get involved in the production & planning around upcoming issues and events!

Read on for submissions guidelines !



SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES:

Classifieds: Send us your ads for everything from housing/rentals/sublets, volunteer calls, political actions, jobs, buy/sell/trade, and personals—and don't forget an email or phone #. Max 50 words.

Event notices: Tell us about what's comin up—specifically events of interest to lesbians or queers. Please specify in the ad who it is for & include all relevant info, including date, time, place, and who is running the event, as well as a phone number, website, or email to contact. Max 50 words. **Pls note:** This issue will be available in May; please submit recurring events or one-off programming that will occur into May, June, and July 2024.

Letters: Like what you read in Issue 2.3—or any of the previous issues? Send us a letter! Think you've got something else to add? Questions? Comments? Concerns? Write us!! max 200 words (Please specify if you don't want your full name printed.)

Reviews: Whatcha readin? Share your short reviews of books, movies, theatre, art, and music. Include all relevant info, including title, author/artist. 100-200 words

Personal essays or interviews: Give us a look into what's going on in your world. If you wanna chat about your idea first, reach out! max 750 words

News features: Can include local news or local responses to global events, with an eye towards ways we can engage and mobilize in local solidarity / action. max 750 words

Art/illustration/photographs: On any theme. max 3 images, 300dpi. We are reducing the image size slightly after Issue 1 so we can fit in more text and image pieces! Please keep your image to 2.5 x 7.25" for comics, or roughly 4x6" or under for photographs and illustrations. Also: the newsletter will be printed in one colour on a risograph printer; to test out how your piece will look in monochrome, make it grayscale to send to us (if you don't have the ability to do this; no problem, we can work it out).

NOTES

- Please submit all text pieces as .doc or .docx, size 12 font.
- If you are submitting an essay, news feature, or piece of art, please include a one-line bio! Tell us about yourself like u wouldnt dare on linkedin.
- Due to space constraints, everything submitted may not be published! Written work may be subject to edits; if so Kara will reach out to you directly.

What not to submit:

We are not interested in publishing work that is transphobic or trans-exclusionary, that focuses on certain parts of anatomy as symbols of lesbian identity, or that seeks to essentialize what a dyke body looks like. We are not interested in engaging in debates about who should or shouldn't be able to access certain terms, language, or culture. We are not looking for formal academic work—if you have a background in academia, please work to make your language accessible to the common dyke! Otherwise, please no anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, otherwise racist, classist, ableist, ageist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, or imperialist content.