



Transgender Awareness Week

November 14 to 20, 2022

A Collection of GSA Ideas to Support Learning

Thank You

The Equity Department invited all GSAs in DDSB schools to share ideas for supporting learning during Transgender Awareness Week (November 14-20).

Thank you to all who took the time to add to this resource and for being willing to share your ideas.





Transgender awareness week is an opportunity for transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community. It leads up to Transgender day of Remembrance (TDOR)



Human Rights Anti-Discrimination, Anti-Racism Policy

Important Procedures for Transgender Students

3.48-3.75

[Human Rights Inclusive Design and Accomodation Procedure](#)

Thinking about the level of relationship and community in your classroom will be key to deciding where to start (see [table](#) for some guidelines and suggestions).

Possible Example:

It Matters What You Call Me

Focus: Importance of Correct use of Pronouns

Age: Junior, Intermediate and Senior students

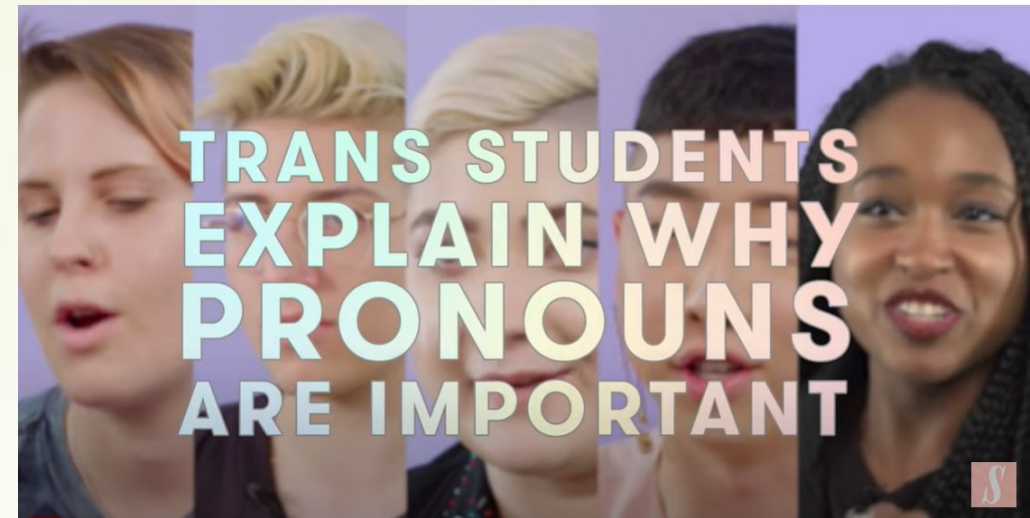
Activity:

- Ask students what a pronoun is?
- Show the video "[Why Gender Pronouns Matter](#)"
- Discuss what you feel, think, and can do

Considerations:

- Are there transgender students in the class for which this video would be triggering or othering?
- Has a level of trust been established in the classroom so that all students will feel safe during a group discussion?

Slide created by: DDSB Equity Team, video shared by Durham Alliance Outreach



- Creating a powerpoint of important figures from the Trans Community. Past - highlighting those lost, Present - Highlighting those pushing us forward and into the light.
- Spoke at the staff meeting, highlighting how this impacts students and the community, and spoke as a member of the community.
- The Monday, I am going to have any GSA members join me in the lobby, with our sign, some 'fake candles' and the power point video. Where I will talk with students, about how this is an impact and bring awareness, start conversations and answer questions.
- Advocated for safe space posters/stickers to return marking areas for the community to seek assistance on any level
- My slides if you wish to use some of my videos or ideas for staff.

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- I always have students complete a survey on entrance to my course too, and I ask about pronouns, and whom with or where do I use them. (ie, only in the class, with staff but not home.

I am Mx. McCarthy, She/Her, They/Them
Donald A. Wilson

I created this poster for my school, to place in class windows facing the hall (creating awareness), to use in any social form to bring attention to the day. I have had Friends also as to use this in their place of work, so this is being used Coast to Coast, and even in Government Ministry Depts now.



GSAFE at Stephen G. Saywell P. S.

Information Session for Primary Classes (GSAFE member-lead)

Goal: To promote awareness with younger students about diversity in sexuality and gender

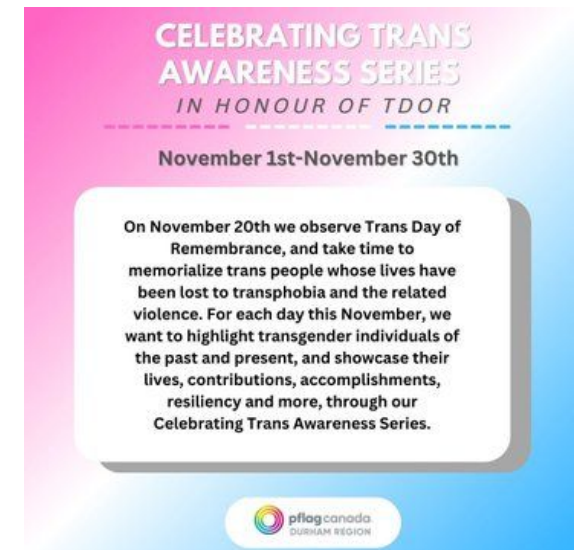
In this activity, students in the GSAFE are paired with a Leadership team member to visit primary classes. Students do a read aloud and/or share a short video.

Links to follow... <https://youtu.be/Yv0jgT98kMI>



Ideas from our GSA at Pringle Creek

- Create a picture book library to share (bitmoji classroom or in the library)
- Read Alouds (My shadow is purple, I am Jazz, Julian is a mermaid, Red a Crayon's story, etc.)
- Create slides for announcements or assembly
- Trans flag raising ceremony
- [PFLAG Durham Twitter](#) has daily posts in honour of TDOR -->
- We are meeting today to discuss more ideas and will share!





Sam's Story

A great video that explores what it might feel like growing up transgender.

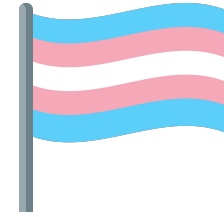
Meet Sam, the inspiration behind the world's first educational transgender toy. Watch Sam's Story then support our mission to stop transphobia before it starts by pledging on our Kickstarter:

<http://theyouinsideproject.com>

Community Resources for Youth and Families



Educator Professional Learning



A video player interface. The main content is a white slide with a grid of 14 stylized human figures in two rows. The top row has seven figures, and the bottom row has seven figures. Each figure is a combination of blue and pink colors, representing gender fluidity. Below the grid, the text "Gender Fluidity" is written. To the right of the slide is a small video feed of a man with glasses speaking.

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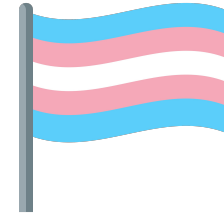
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a gender-friendly classroom



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