

Assessing Queer Needs in Peterborough-Nogojiwanong

INTRODUCTION

This project was developed for the 2SLGBTQ+ communities in Peterborough-Nogojiwanong to better understand their needs and expectations from the community so organizations like the Trent Queer Collective can better provide for them. This project centred the conversation around the collective. The results of this project will allow community organizations to better understand the populations they are serving.



RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- What current practices are used by community services to ensure they have an inclusive/safe environment for members of the queer community?
- Are these practices effective? How safe/comfortable do queer folk feel when accessing these organizations?

METHODS

- A literature review was conducted to understand queer experiences of community services. This information helped in developing the survey.
- The survey was created in collaboration with the Trent Queer collective. The survey questions assessed demographics, experiences, sense of belonging, and recommendations
- These responses were analysed for themes and trends to inform future services or organizations

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Survey Responses:

- Local queer communities are accessing a wide range of services including; Peterborough Police Service, Elizabeth Fry Society, KSAC, PARN, CMHA, Trans Peer Outreach, and Trent Queer Collective
- Participants rated organizations' accessibility as adequate
- Several participants communicated a need for more intersectional supports or resources

Recommendations:

More intersectional community supports

- Increase accountability and awareness
- Create an accessible community centre with intersectional supports
- Increased focus on safety and sense of belonging