

**Press Release - Welland (Ontario)  
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Today, May 17, is International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. On this occasion, it is important to not only reinforce the fight against all forms of discrimination, but also to celebrate every action taken to protect the rights of people in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

The Centre de santé communautaire Hamilton/Niagara is a key player in the healthcare ecosystem and is committed to serving the Francophone community in all its diversity without judgment or prejudice.

On the eve of June, Pride Month, which aims to highlight the accomplishments of the community, but also the challenges and injustices that its members still face today, the Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Committee (ARAO) considers that it is essential to dispel the myths surrounding the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. These myths are at the root of transphobic, homophobic and misogynistic behaviors that perpetuate violence against these communities, both in public places and in the workplace.

Over the next few weeks, the ARAO committee will be inviting the CSCHN family to awareness-raising activities to increase consciousness about the realities of the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. We will also be raising the Franco-Pride flag for the 5th consecutive year in Welland on June 1st and the 3rd year in Hamilton on June 2nd.

It is our duty to help fight against all forms of oppression and marginalization. To make the world a better place and for love to overcome hate, join us.

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