

Program Profile

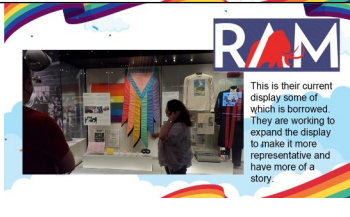
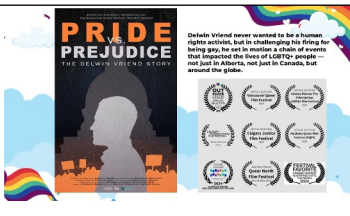
The presentation “Capturing and Sharing Queer History” is part of the educational work of Rainbow Story Hub and has been delivered at a range of public events and community venues. Audiences have included students, educators, community groups, and seniors. The goal is to document, preserve, and share the history of the 2SLGBTQ+ community in Edmonton and Alberta while encouraging greater public understanding of the community’s cultural heritage and historical contributions.

Examples of Presentation Events

- February 23, 2023 — Nerd Nite 70: Variety Pack — Edmonton Fringe Theatre Lobby
- March 30, 2023 — 40th Annual Pecha Kucha — Telus World of Science
- April 13, 2024 — Alberta GSA Conference — Paul Kane High School, St. Albert
- June 7, 2024 — Whitecourt Seniors Drop-in — Whitecourt Seniors Centre
- June 13, 2024 — Seniors Centre Presentation — Veni River Ridge Seniors Living
- October 30, 2024 — Queer History Month Presentation — EPL Stanley Milner Library
- November 25, 2025 — Community Presentation (online)
- April 9, 2026 — Youth Community Presentation — Strathcona County

Detailed Program Modules & Educational Content

	<p>Module 1: Mission & Mandate Educational Focus: Civic history and the 2020 inception of Rainbow Story Hub. Presentation Notes: Introduction of Ron Byers and the mission to share the stories and histories of the community to ensure they are not forgotten.</p>
	<p>Module 2: The Evolving Community Educational Focus: Educational focus on terminology and diversity. Presentation Notes: Exploring the evolution of the acronym from LGBTQ+ to 2SLGBTQIA+ and the importance of inclusive language in historical records.</p>
	<p>Module 3: Why History Matters Educational Focus: Promoting understanding and combating social isolation. Presentation Notes: History as a vital cultural heritage. Preserving it empowers individuals and helps create a more inclusive society.</p>
	<p>Module 4: Foundational Research Educational Focus: Highlighting historians and authors (e.g., Darrin Hagen). Presentation Notes: Documenting the performance culture and early organization of the community as foundational civic history.</p>

	<p>Module 5: Early Organizations Educational Focus: The rise of grassroots advocacy. Presentation Notes: Teaching about early groups like GATE and the role of safe social spaces in developing community resilience.</p>
	<p>Module 6: Institutional Representation Educational Focus: Advocating for museum and archival presence. Presentation Notes: Collaborations with the Royal Alberta Museum (RAM) to update exhibits and ensure 2SLGBTQ+ artifacts are professionally displayed.</p>
	<p>Module 7: Legal Milestones Educational Focus: Human rights law and criminal justice history. Presentation Notes: Reviewing the 1942 trials and the legislative path to the 1969 decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada.</p>
	<p>Module 8: Social Geography Educational Focus: Mapping historical safe spaces and community hubs. Presentation Notes: Visualizing history through the physical locations of clubs and gathering spots that defined the community's landscape.</p>
	<p>Module 9: Vriend v. Alberta Educational Focus: Constitutional rights and global legal impact. Presentation Notes: Deep dive into Delwin Vriend's case and how it fundamentally altered human rights law in Canada and beyond.</p>
	<p>Module 10: Civic Advocacy & Public Policy Educational Focus: Successful lobbying for municipal archival funding. Presentation Notes: Rainbow Story Hub successfully lobbied Edmonton City Council to secure \$75,000/year to fund an additional Archivist at the City Archives to process donated artifacts.</p>
	<p>Module 11: Community Alliances & Public Agencies Educational Focus: Inter-agency collaboration and broad public benefit. Presentation Notes: Rainbow Story Hub interacts with a vast network of community organizations and public agencies, including the Edmonton Queer History Project, City Council, and diverse educational boards. These partnerships maximize the public benefit of historical preservation and education.</p>

This curriculum serves as a blueprint for community-led heritage preservation, providing a replicable model for educating the public on diversity and inclusion through the lens of history.