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Toward a more equitable, inclusive, and accessible health care system

October 28, 29, 30, 2026

Université de Moncton • New Brunswick

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The Summit is supported by an advisory committee bringing together professionals from the health, research, community, and public-service sectors, all committed to equity, inclusion, and accessibility of care.



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Sarah Morrison (she/her)
Horizon Health Network occupational therapist. She is committed to promoting the well-being and inclusion of children and youth, particularly those who are neurodivergent and 2SLGBTQIA+.



Zivi Richard (they/them)
Queer and non-binary clinical social worker, and 2SLGBTQIA+ policy analyst at the Office of Women and Gender Equity. They have fifteen years of experience in gender-based violence prevention, gender-diversity inclusion, and gender-affirming care.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to New Brunswick's first 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Health Summit.

For three days, we are gathering at the Université de Moncton, on the Moncton campus, to collectively reflect on a crucial question: how can we make healthcare, services, and healthcare settings more accessible, equitable, and truly safe for 2SLGBTQIA+ people throughout the province?

This Summit was born out of a clear need: to create a Francophone space for dialogue, training, knowledge-sharing, and action addressing the health realities of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. It brings together healthcare and social-service professionals, researchers, community organizations, artists, individuals with lived experience, allies, and institutional partners who share a common commitment to making a difference.

Health is more than just access to appointments, a diagnosis, or treatment. It also involves feeling welcomed, believed, respected, and understood. It encompasses physical, mental, emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual well-being. It is also deeply linked to experiences of discrimination, racism, colonialism, poverty, isolation, disability, rural living, language, and erasure.

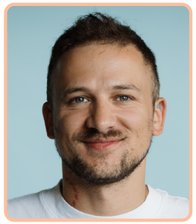
That is why this Summit is grounded in an intersectional, anti-racist, decolonial, and holistic approach to health. We know that 2SLGBTQIA+ experiences are never uniform. People who are Indigenous or racialized, immigrants, French-speaking minority communities, and people who are trans, non-binary, Two-Spirit, disabled, elderly, young, or living in rural settings face specific barriers that must be named, acknowledged, and taken into account.

We also recognize that, despite our best efforts, this program is not perfect. Certain perspectives, voices, and experiences could have been better represented. This acknowledgement is part of the work. It compels us to remain attentive, to take criticism seriously, and to continuously improve our practices — before, during, and after the event.

Throughout the lectures, workshops, panel discussions, exhibitor booths, dialogue spaces, and cultural activities, we invite you to learn, challenge, share ideas, and also to envision concrete ways to transform current practices. This Summit is meant to be a meeting place between professional, scientific, community-based, experiential, and artistic knowledge. This is because inclusive care is not built in isolation. Rather, it is built together with the people affected, with communities, with institutions, and with all those who refuse to accept that access to healthcare should depend on the ability to conform.

Thank you to our partners, speakers, volunteers, community members, and everyone who makes this gathering possible. Your presence helps create a space that is necessary, challenging, and full of promise.

We wish you a Summit rich in learning, connections, courageous conversations, and concrete commitments.



ALEX ARSENEAU
Executive Director
he/him

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully acknowledge that the Summit is taking place in Sik'nikt, on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. As a provincial summit, we also honour the three Wabanaki peoples of New Brunswick — the Wolastoqiyik, the Mi'kmaq, and the Peskotomuhkati — their knowledge and their continuing presence.

In keeping with the spirit of this Summit, we respectfully welcome Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit voices, whose presence remains all too seldom visible in New Brunswick. We hope this gathering place will foster respectful exchange and genuine collaboration among our communities.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The 2026 Provincial Health Summit is a first for New Brunswick. Organized by Alter Acadie NB, in collaboration with many partners, it brings together the health, research, and community sectors around a shared vision: a more equitable, humane, and truly inclusive health care system for Francophone 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

OBJECTIVES

- Mobilize all key stakeholders around issues of equity, inclusion, and accessibility of care.
- Propose concrete solutions to the challenges faced by Francophone 2SLGBTQIA+ people.
- Create lasting tools to transform healthcare practices.

ABOUT ALTER ACADIE NB

The Provincial Health Summit is an initiative of Alter Acadie NB, the organization that represents New Brunswick's French-speaking queer communities. As a voice for these communities, Alter Acadie NB is committed to advancing the vision of a modern Acadie through an intersectional approach.

This commitment translates into concrete actions aimed at promoting inclusion and defending the rights of 2SLGBTQIA+ people within the Francophone community. It involves working toward the full recognition and complete integration of these identities within Acadian culture and society.

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A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SPACE

The Summit is a space for connection, learning, and dialogue that is intended to be welcoming, safe, and respectful, free from discrimination and harassment. By taking part, each person commits to contributing to a supportive environment: showing respect and active listening, embracing the diversity of viewpoints and experiences, respecting each person's identity, name, pronouns, and gender expression, and asking for consent before any physical contact, taking photos, or sharing information. Special attention is given to accessibility, wellness spaces, and respect for both official languages — French and English — as well as Chiac.

Discriminatory remarks, harassment, intentional misgendering, disclosure of a person's identity without their consent (outing) and any conduct that compromises safety will not be tolerated. If you witness or experience behaviour contrary to these values, report it to a team member or a volunteer (identified by their badge): your report will be taken seriously, listened to carefully, and handled with discretion.

The full code of conduct is available on our website.

ACCESSIBILITY AND WELLNESS

We want everyone to feel well and safe throughout the Summit. Several measures are in place:

Sensory room: a quiet, soothing space designed to reduce sensory overstimulation. Please respect the silence and tranquility of this room.

Quiet room: a restful space, separate from the sensory room, where you can take a break, step away from noise, or have a quiet conversation.

Simultaneous interpretation (French–English): provided for the main activities. Pick up a headset at the reception desk; it must be returned at the end of the day.

Face masks: mandatory for Workshop 9 (Art, Accessibility, and Anti-Capitalism), for accessibility and safety reasons. Masks are available at the reception desk at all times for anyone who wishes to wear one during the Summit.

Scent-free environment: out of consideration for those with sensitivities, please limit the use of strongly scented products.

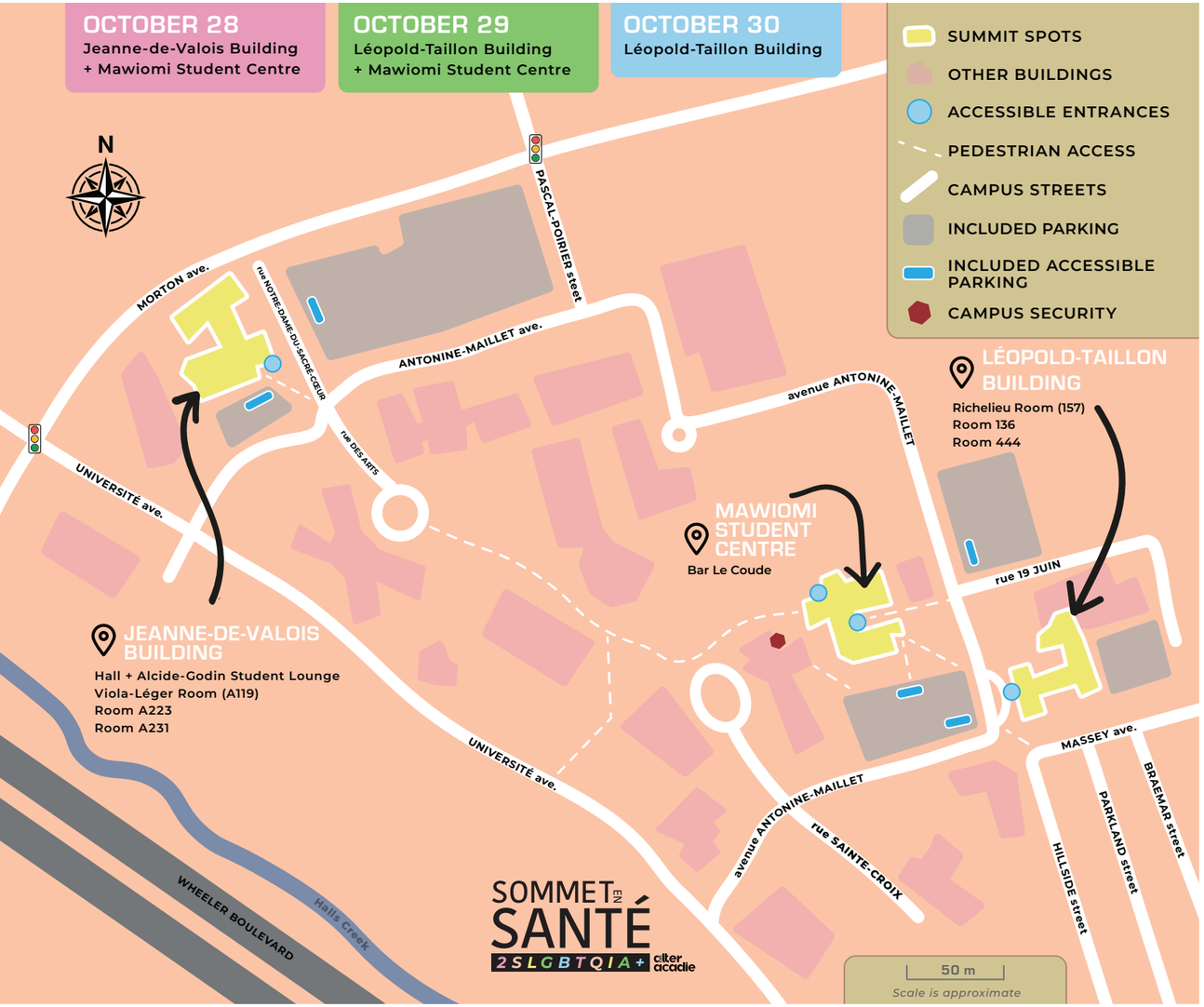
Accommodations: measures are in place for people with disabilities, particularly those who are hard of hearing. Please contact the team for any specific needs.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Summit will be held at the Moncton campus of l'Université de Moncton.

Most activities take place in the Jeanne-de-Valois Building (Day 1) and the Léopold-Taillon Building (Days 2 and 3). Cultural activities take place at Bar Le Coude (Mawiomi Student Centre).



CITY POINTS OF INTEREST

Explore Moncton during the Summit! Scan the QR codes to access maps of shops and points of interest located between the Crowne Plaza Moncton Downtown and l'Université de Moncton.

FUN ON MAIN STREET
Map

CHILL CAFÉ
Map

ARTS & CULTURE
Map

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 — Jeanne-de-Valois Building + Mawiomi Student Centre

1:00pm - 4:00pm	**REGISTRATION**	Hall and Alcide-Godin Student Lounge
1:00pm - 6:30pm	**RESOURCE HUB**	Hall and Alcide-Godin Student Lounge
1:15pm - 2:15pm	**TRAINING** Introduction to Sexual Diversity and Gender Plurality: Definitions, Issues, and Best Practices	Room A231
2:00pm - 3:00pm	**TRAINING** Inclusive Allyship Workshop	Room A223
2:30pm - 3:30pm	**TRAINING** The Whole of Sexuality and Sexual Rights: Sexological Perspectives on Sexual Diversity and Gender Plurality	Room A231
4:00pm - 5:00pm	**OPENING CEREMONY**	Viola-Léger Room (A119)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	**OPENING KEYNOTE** Understanding 2SLGBTQIA+ Health: From Recognition to Transformation	Viola-Léger Room (A119)
6:30pm	**COCKTAIL BUFFET**	Mawiomi Student Centre - Le Coude
7:30pm - 9:00pm	**CONCERT**	Mawiomi Student Centre - Le Coude

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 — Léopold-Taillon Building + Mawiomi Student Centre

8:00am - 9:00am	**WELCOME AND BREAKFAST**	Richelieu Room (157)
9:00am - 10:15am	**KEYNOTE** A Portrait of Health Inequalities Among 2SLGBTQIA+ People: Understanding, Documenting, Transforming	Richelieu Room (157)
10:30am - 11:30am	**WORKSHOP 1** Supporting Trans and Non-Binary Youth: Toward Affirming and Safer Practices in Care Settings	Room 136
10:30am - 11:30am	**WORKSHOP 2** Advancing Research on Diversity and Equity: Recent Projects from PRIDE at l'Université de Moncton	Room 444
10:30am - 11:30am	**WORKSHOP 3** Who Am I in French? An introspection on Queer Francophone identity in the context of health and healthcare	Richelieu Room (157)
11:45am - 12:45pm	**WORKSHOP 4** Care, Structural Neglect, and Practical Solidarity	Richelieu Room (157)
11:45am - 12:45pm	**WORKSHOP 5** Health Findings from The Aging Rainbow Project: Experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ Seniors in New Brunswick	Room 136
11:45am - 12:45pm	**WORKSHOP 6** Non-Traditional Parenting Journeys	Room 444
12:45pm	**LUNCH**	Richelieu Room (157)
2:00pm - 3:00pm	**ROUND TABLE** Indigenous Voices: Intersecting Perspectives on Health and Intergenerationality	Richelieu Room (157)
3:15pm - 4:15pm	**WORKSHOP 7** Queering the Regions: Increasing Inclusion of Sexual and Gender Diversity	Richelieu Room (157)
3:15pm - 4:15pm	**WORKSHOP 8** Gender and Health Inequalities: A Sociological and Feminist Reading	Room 444
3:15pm - 4:15pm	**WORKSHOP 9** Art, Accessibility, and Anti-Capitalism	Room 136
4:30pm - 6:30pm	**LITERARY EVENING** in collaboration with the Frye Festival	Mawiomi Student Centre - Le Coude

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 — Léopold-Taillon Building

8:00am - 9:00am	**WELCOME AND BREAKFAST**	Richelieu Room (157)
9:00am - 10:00am	**KEYNOTE** Inclusive Healthcare Policies, Systemic Barriers, and Levers for Transformation	Richelieu Room (157)
10:15am - 11:15am	**WORKSHOP 10** Clinical and Psychosocial Assessment Prior to Gender-Affirming Healthcare	Room 444
10:15am - 11:15am	**WORKSHOP 11** Memory, Exclusion, and Dignity: Bearing Witness to the LGBT Purge	Richelieu Room (157)
10:15am - 11:15am	**WORKSHOP 12** JUICE: Arts, Poetry, and Pride	Room 136
11:30am - 12:30pm	**WORKSHOP 13** Do You Know New Brunswick's Healthcare System? Guideposts for 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities	Room 136
11:30am - 12:30pm	**WORKSHOP 14** Basics of Affirming Hormone Prescribing and Monitoring	Room 444
11:30am - 12:30pm	**WORKSHOP 15** Gaps in Medical Education Regarding Care for 2SLGBTQIA+ People in the Atlantic Provinces	Richelieu Room (157)
12:30pm	**LUNCH**	Richelieu Room (157)
1:30pm - 2:30pm	**WORKSHOP 16** Pleasure and Consent in a Post-Traumatic Context	Room 136
1:30pm - 2:30pm	**WORKSHOP 17** Queer Joy: A Population-Health Factor and a Lever for Mental Health and Resilience. Findings from the Queer Joy Photovoice Project	Room 444
1:30pm - 2:30pm	**WORKSHOP 18** Advancing Gender-Affirming Care in Prince Edward Island Through Equitable Policy and Community Co-Construction	Richelieu Room (157)
2:45pm - 4:30pm	**PARTICIPATORY FORUM**	Richelieu Room (157)
4:30pm - 5:00pm	**CLOSING CEREMONY**	Richelieu Room (157)

DETAILED PROGRAM

Please note: several workshops are held simultaneously. Participants are encouraged to review the schedule and choose one workshop per time slot. Since rooms have limited capacity, registration for the workshops of your choice takes place in the morning, on site, upon your arrival. We recommend arriving early to reserve your spot in the workshops that interest you.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

Jeanne-de-Valois Building, **Hall and Alcide-Godin Student Lounge**

1PM • REGISTRATION AND RESOURCE HUB

Participant registration and opening of the Resource Hub.

1:15PM TO 2:15PM

TRAINING — Introduction to Sexual Diversity and Gender Plurality: Definitions, Issues, and Best Practices

Jeanne-de-Valois Building, **Room A231** FR

This training offers an introduction to the basic concepts of sexual and gender diversity, an overview of the issues faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and best practices for fostering their inclusion. Whether this is your first training on the subject or a refresher, it will strengthen your knowledge to help you make the most of the Summit's three days of programming.



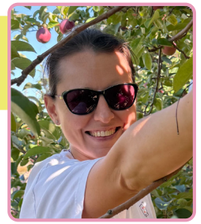
JULIEN ROUGERIE
Trainer and Content Specialist, Fondation Émergence
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2:00PM TO 3:00PM

TRAINING — Inclusive Allyship Workshop

Jeanne-de-Valois Building, **Room A223** EN

This workshop provides a practical and accessible foundation for fostering safer and more inclusive environments: relevant laws, the difference between sex and gender, current terminology, myths and realities, safety and privacy, and a self-assessment of inclusive practices.



ELENA SHEVCHENKO
Educational Programs Coordinator, Chroma NB
she/her

2:30PM TO 3:30PM

TRAINING — The Whole of Sexuality and Sexual Rights: Sexological Perspectives on Sexual Diversity and Gender Plurality

Jeanne-de-Valois Building, **Room A231** FR

This training offers an introduction to sexual rights and to the foundational concepts of sexuality in its entirety, with particular attention to the realities of people of sexual and gender diversity. As prejudice, discrimination, and inequality persist in a social climate marked by a resurgence of hateful discourse, it invites participants to reflect on their own perceptions as well as on collective strategies for building spaces and environments that are more inclusive, safe, and respectful for all.



ESTELLE CAZELAIS
Sexologist and Director of Programs, Les 3 sex*
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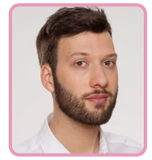
Jeanne-de-Valois Building, **Viola-Léger Room A119** FR/EN



4PM • OPENING CEREMONY

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

Official opening of the Summit, hosted by **Xavier Lord-Giroux**, the Summit's emcee, who will accompany participants throughout the three days. This opening segment will outline the event's main objectives and acknowledge the partners. The ceremony will include an opening moment led by **Jesse Brandon Sabattis**, with the aim of grounding the Summit in a spirit of recognition, respect, and attentiveness to Indigenous knowledge, presence, and perspectives. It will also feature remarks by **Martine Roy**, co-chair of the LGBT Purge Fund and a prominent figure in the fight for 2SLGBTQIA+ rights in Canada.



XAVIER LORD-GIROUX
Emcee
he/him



JESSE BRANDON SABATTIS
Wolastoqey Two-Spirit Knowledge Keeper and Land-Based Educator
he/him



MARTINE ROY
Co-Chair, LGBT Purge Fund
she/her

5PM

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

OPENING KEYNOTE

UNDERSTANDING 2SLGBTQIA+ HEALTH: From Recognition to Transformation

Jeanne-de-Valois Building, **Viola-Léger Room A119** FR/EN

To launch the Summit, **Dr. Sara Thomas** and **Dr. Em Lane** join their voices for an opening keynote that sets the foundation for the three days ahead. Together, they paint a frank portrait of the health realities facing 2SLGBTQIA+ people in New Brunswick: the persistent barriers, the system's blind spots, and the levers that make it possible to move from recognition to a genuine transformation of practices.



DR. SARA THOMAS
Family physician, North End Wellness Centre, Dalhousie University
she/her



DR. EM LANE
Family physician, NB Trans Health Network
they/she

The keynote continues with a discussion featuring **Zivi Richard**, **Christian Blanchard**, and **Sarah Morrison**, three members of the Summit's advisory committee representing the community, clinical, and institutional sectors. Their intersecting perspectives spark the collective reflection that will run through the Summit: how together we can build a healthcare system that is fairer, safer, and truly inclusive.



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2SLGBTQIA+ Policy Analyst, Office of Women and Gender Equity
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CHRISTIAN BLANCHARD
DEIA Advisor, Vitalité Health Network
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SARAH MORRISON
Occupational therapist, Horizon Health Network
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Mawiomi Student Centre · **Le Coude** FR/EN

6:30PM • COCKTAIL BUFFET

Networking activity.

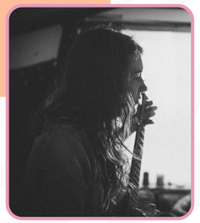


7:30PM
DOORS AT 7PM

CONCERT

Mawiomi Student Centre · **Le Coude** FR



The first day of the Summit continues with music performed in a festive and unifying atmosphere.

For the occasion, the New Brunswick trio **Écarlate** has invited artist **Myriam Thomas** (she/her) to join the group. Together, these artists will make the stage come alive with luminous, poetic, and powerful music that blends vocal harmonies, modern folk, and pop.

Opening act: **Sylvie Boulianne** (she/her) and her longtime collaborator **Maggie Savoie** (she/her) will present a sensitive fusion of tradition, tenderness, and creativity.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

Léopold-Taillon Building



8AM • WELCOME AND BREAKFAST

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)**

9AM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

KEYNOTE — A Portrait of Health Inequalities Among 2SLGBTQIA+ People: Understanding, Documenting, Transforming

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR

This keynote opening the second day brings together researchers, clinicians, and practitioners to address a common question: What do we really know about the health inequalities experienced by 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and how can this knowledge transform practices? It weaves together research, data, and real-world experience through three presentations.

From Data to Action: National Outcomes and Media Strategies for 2SLGBTQIA+ Healthcare Equity

This presentation highlights the main findings of the 2026 Pink Report on Health, outlining the inequalities and barriers to access faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Canada. It also shows how this data inspired Script, a media platform designed to foster better access to reliable health information and support more equitable care.

Stigma and Access to Services for 2SLGBTQIA+ People: An Intersectional Analysis of the Factors Shaping Care Pathways

Drawing on interviews and a focus group conducted from an intersectional perspective, this presentation examines the systemic barriers that 2SLGBTQIA+ people still encounter along their care and support pathways. It highlights both the conditions that hinder access to and the quality of services and the factors that foster more positive experiences, to inform the training of professionals and the development of more inclusive policies.

Exploring Hate Crimes Against New Brunswick's Francophone 2SLGBTQIA+ Community

This presentation reports on preliminary findings from an initial research project on hate crimes and hateful behaviour targeting Francophone 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in New Brunswick. Drawing on qualitative interviews with Franco-Queer people and drag artists who have been targeted, it examines the nature of the violence experienced, its impact on the sense of safety and mental health, as well as the forms of support received and potential courses of action to improve services.



Artist **Camille Perron-Cormier** (she/her) will create a graphic record live from the conference.



NADIA BOUHAMDANI
Clinical Specialist and Researcher, Vitalité Health Network
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Editor-in-Chief, Script (Pink Triangle Press)
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Associate Professor, Social Work, Université de Moncton
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MARIE-LOU BLANCHARD
Master's student in Social Sciences Université de Moncton
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workshop 1
10:30AM

SUPPORTING TRANS AND NON-BINARY YOUTH: Toward Affirming and Safer Practices in Care Settings

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 136** FR/EN

Please note: filming for the documentary series *Bientôt dans nos hôpitaux* will take place during this workshop. No one will be filmed without their consent: please speak to the on-site team if you would prefer not to appear on camera.

This introductory workshop equips professionals who work with youth to create safer and more supportive environments. Through key concepts, real-world examples, and practical tools, participants will leave better equipped to adapt their practices, use the right words and support young people with confidence, whatever their gender journey. The workshop will include case studies, hands-on exercises, and group discussions.



PASCALE JOËLLE "PJAY" FORTIN-DAIGLE
Founder, Hello Gender
they/he/she

workshop 2
10:30AM

ADVANCING RESEARCH ON DIVERSITY AND EQUITY: Recent Projects from PRIDE at the Université de Moncton

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 444** FR

This activity will showcase recent projects from the Université de Moncton's Interdisciplinary Research Hub on Diversities and Equity (French acronym: PRIDE). Through a series of short presentations, the symposium will highlight the diversity of research being conducted on issues affecting 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, with a focus on well-being, equity, inclusion, and knowledge mobilization. It will also offer an insight into ongoing work and collaborations between academic and community settings.



ANNIE ROY-CHARLAND
Full Professor and Co-Director of PRIDE, Université de Moncton
she/her



ROGER "RODGE" LEBLANC
Professor and Co-Director of PRIDE, Université de Moncton
he/him

workshop 3
10:30AM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

WHO AM I IN FRENCH? An introspection on Queer Francophone identity in the context of health and healthcare

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR

Please note: you are encouraged to bring a tablet or laptop to the workshop, though this is not required; a smartphone may be fine as well.

This workshop explores the Francophone/Acadian Queer identity in Canada, zooming in on the personal, social, and medical dimensions of identity. It offers space to reflect on what health means to Francophone 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and the impact of these intersecting identities within health care systems. The workshop seeks to spark a conversation about the challenges faced but also about the systemic changes needed to promote more equitable and inclusive access to care.



DR. CHÚK ODENIGBO
Consulting Director of Impact Evaluation, Tamarack Institute
he/him

workshop 4
11:45AM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

CARE, STRUCTURAL NEGLECT, AND PRACTICAL SOLIDARITY

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR

This workshop explores the care infrastructures already built by Black queer and trans communities in the context of structural neglect: mutual aid networks, the circulation of health knowledge, guidance, material support, and collective survival strategies. Drawing on research conducted notably within the ballroom scene, **Vincent Mousseau** will offer reflections on how to recognize these practices as healthcare systems in their own right, while opening a discussion on the forms of practical solidarity, resource redistribution, and institutional transformation needed to support them without co-opting them.



VINCENT MOUSSEAU
Social worker, writer, and doctoral student, Dalhousie University
they/them

workshop 5
11:45AM

HEALTH FINDINGS FROM THE AGING RAINBOW PROJECT: Experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ Seniors in New Brunswick

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 136** EN

This presentation explores the health experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ people aged 50 and over in New Brunswick, based on the postdoctoral research project The Aging Rainbow. Drawing on narratives and participatory visual methods, **Dr. Amelia C. Thorpe** will address issues of accessibility, social isolation, loneliness, disability, and access to care, while shedding light on the effects of ageism, heterosexism, and cissexism on the realities experienced by 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors.



DR. AMELIA C. THORPE
Postdoctoral Researcher, University of New Brunswick
she/her

workshop 6
11:45AM

NON-TRADITIONAL PARENTING JOURNEYS

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 444** FR

This workshop will let participants discover a variety of parenting journeys. Through concrete cases, **Laure Bourdon** will explore parenthood for a bisexual person in a relationship with a heterosexual person, as well as the realities of gay or transgender couples who wish to have children. The session will focus on the misunderstandings, discrimination, and medical and legal successes that arise when supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ parents.



LAURE BOURDON
Teaching Lecturer in Nursing Science, Université de Moncton
she/her

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Léopold-Taillon Building



12:45PM • LUNCH

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)**

2PM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

ROUND TABLE — INDIGENOUS VOICES: INTERSECTING PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH AND INTERGENERATIONALITY

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** EN

This round table brings together **Jesse Brandon Sabattis**, a Wolastoqey Two-Spirit knowledge keeper and land-based educator; **Veronica Moonstream WolfEagle**, a Wolastoqey Two-Spirit Elder; and **Mykel Denny**, an L'nu Two-Spirit person from Mi'kma'ki and Two-Spirit Youth Development and Engagement Coordinator for the Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance.

Moderated by **Shayne Michael Thériault**, the discussion will explore the connections between health, identity, culture, ceremonies, and intergenerational trauma, with particular attention to the realities of Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

Presented in partnership with the Université de Moncton's Nikonuk Centre, this round table will offer a space for knowledge-sharing, dialogue, and reflection on Indigenous knowledge, community experiences, and the conditions needed for care that is more respectful, safe, and culturally grounded.

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VERONICA MOONSTREAM WOLFEAGLE
Wolastoqey Two-Spirit Elder, President and Executive Director, Wolastoqey 2 Spirit Circle
they/she



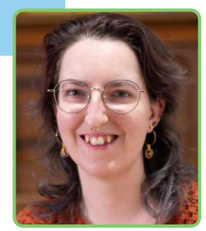
MYKEL DENNY
Two-Spirit Youth Development and Engagement Coordinator, Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance
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workshop 7
3:15PM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

QUEERING THE REGIONS: Increasing Inclusion of Sexual and Gender Diversity

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR

This presentation foregrounds the realities and needs of 2SLGBTQIA+ people living in regional and rural areas, while exploring ways to make these territories more inclusive. Drawing on research conducted on issues of 2SLGBTQIA+ visibility and invisibility in the Bas-Saint-Laurent region, **Alex Nadeau** will offer reflections on practices that can foster better coexistence, with a particular focus on the healthcare system and improving access to care for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in regional contexts.



ALEX NADEAU
Training Lead, Uniphare
they/them

workshop 8
3:15PM

GENDER AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES: A Sociological and Feminist Reading

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 444** FR

This workshop offers an analysis of health inequalities from a sociological and feminist lens, highlighting the structural dynamics that influence access to services and care experiences. By combining the sociology of health and gender analysis, it will explore how social norms and institutions shape health realities. The workshop aims to nourish critical reflection through a dialogue between clinical and activist perspectives to achieve a better understanding of the mechanisms that produce these inequalities and open pathways for transforming current practices.



MONIQUE BRIDEAU
Sociologist and Course Lecturer, Université de Moncton
she/her

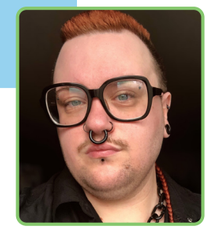
workshop 9
3:15PM

ART, ACCESSIBILITY, AND ANTI-CAPITALISM

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 136** EN

Please note: for accessibility and safety reasons, face masks are required for everyone participating in this activity.

This presentation explores the connections between art, accessibility, disability, anti-capitalism, and resistance in New Brunswick. Drawing on their master's project in art therapy, **A Beaumont** will present discussions held with artists living with disabilities, as well as a zine co-created with participants. The presentation will highlight concrete examples of inaccessibility and offer food for thought for the arts, community, mental health, and healthcare sectors.



A BEAUMONT
Artist, community organizer, and art therapy student, DTATI Candidate
they/them

4:30PM

LITERARY EVENING

Mawiomi Student Centre · **Le Coude** FR

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The second day of the Summit ends with a literary evening presented in collaboration with the Frye Festival, in an intimate, lively, and unifying atmosphere.

Hosted by **Philip André Collette** (he/him), the evening will begin with a round table featuring **Jean-Paul Daoust** (he/him), **Pierre-André Doucet** (he/him), **Shayne Michael Thériault** (he/him), and **Xénia Gould** (she/her), focusing on queer realities in urban and rural settings, self-discovery, representation, social pressures, and forms of resistance in the face of attempts to erase these experiences.

It will continue with readings and performances punctuated by musical interludes by **Maggie Savoie** (she/her), featuring stories where joy, memory, identity, belonging, and empowerment intersect.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

Léopold-Taillon Building



8AM • WELCOME AND BREAKFAST

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)**

9AM

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

KEYNOTE — Inclusive Healthcare Policies, Systemic Barriers, and Levers for Transformation

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR/EN

Presented by **Fae Johnstone**, founder and Executive Director of Queer Momentum, this keynote will address inclusive healthcare policies, the systemic barriers that still impede access to equitable services, and the potential levers for transformation. A prominent figure in queer activism in Canada, Fae Johnstone has for several years championed issues related to the safety, dignity, and rights of queer and trans people in the public sphere.



FAE JOHNSTONE
Founder and Executive Director, Queer Momentum
she/they



Artist **Camille Perron-Cormier** (she/her) will create a graphic record live from the conference.

The keynote will be followed by a dialogue with **Dr. Manju Varma**, a recognized leader in anti-racism, equity, and inclusion; the **Honourable René Cormier**, Senator for New Brunswick and a long-standing advocate for human rights, language rights, and the arts and culture; and **Finley Rogers**, gender-affirming care navigator at the NB Trans Health Network, who has worked for several years to improve access to care and to support navigation through the healthcare system. Together, their perspectives will enrich the reflection on the changes needed to make healthcare more equitable, more inclusive, and better adapted to the realities of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.



DR. MANJU VARMA
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Consultant, Engaging Matters Diversity Consultants
she/her



THE HONOURABLE RENÉ CORMIER
Senator for New Brunswick
he/him



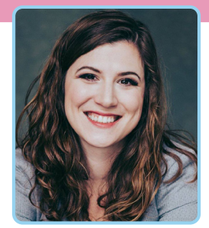
FINLEY ROGERS
Gender-Affirming Care Navigator, NB Trans Health Network
they/them

workshop 10
10:15AM

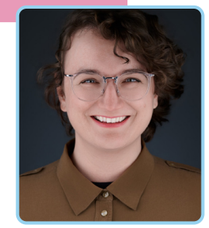
CLINICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 444** EN

This presentation will address the clinical and psychosocial assessment conducted prior to accessing certain forms of gender-affirming healthcare. **Amy Otteson** and **Zivi Richard** will offer insights into assessment practices, the needs of trans and gender-diverse people, and how to write a referral letter that follows the WPATH SOC 8.



AMY OTTESON
Licensed Psychologist
she/her



ZIVI RICHARD
2SLGBTQIA+ Policy Analyst, Office of Women and Gender Equity
they/them

workshop 11
10:15AM

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

MEMORY, EXCLUSION, AND DIGNITY: Bearing Witness to the LGBT Purge

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR

Drawing on her experience as a survivor of the LGBT Purge, **Diane "Dee" Doiron** will offer a reflection on the lasting effects of institutional exclusion, stigma, and silence on life trajectories, mental health, and one's sense of dignity. This presentation will open a space to better understand the systemic violence experienced by 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Canada, while underscoring the importance of recognition, redress, and passing on this knowledge.



DIANE "DEE" DOIRON
LGBT Purge survivor, Photojournalist and veteran (Royal Canadian Navy)
she/they

workshop 12
10:15AM

JUICE: ARTS, POETRY, AND PRIDE

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 136** FR

This workshop offers a creative space centred on self-expression, body positivity, and well-being. Drawing on her personal and professional journey as well as her art-and-poetry anthology book, **Nicole Sánchez** will invite participants to explore themes related to identity, the body, intimacy, and self-acceptance through writing and drawing. The activity aims to offer an inclusive, accessible, and caring moment, where art becomes a tool for connection, reflection, and self-compassion.



NICOLE SÁNCHEZ
Communicator, author and illustrator, Viva la Vida Creativa
she/they

workshop 13
11:30AM

DO YOU KNOW NEW BRUNSWICK'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM?
Guideposts for 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 136** FR

This workshop offers a practical introduction to navigating New Brunswick's healthcare system, with a particular focus on the realities and needs of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. **Gilles Vienneau** will present practical tools to better understand how the system works, identify pathways to services, and support simpler and more effective processes, particularly in the fields of mental and physical health. The workshop will also highlight the importance of access to care that is more inclusive, safe, and tailored to the lived experiences of people of diverse sexual and gender identities.



GILLES VIENNEAU
Executive Director, Société Santé et Mieux-être en français du Nouveau-Brunswick
he/him

workshop 14
11:30AM

BASICS OF AFFIRMING HORMONE PRESCRIBING AND MONITORING

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 444** EN

This clinical session offers healthcare providers a practical foundation in gender-affirming hormone therapy. Led by **Dr. Em Lane**, the session will review the essentials of initiating and monitoring hormone therapy for adult trans and gender-diverse patients, including assessment, common prescribing approaches, expected effects, and their timelines, as well as regular follow-up and lab-work monitoring. Grounded in a patient-centred, informed-consent model of care, and based on existing national and international guidelines, this session aims to help providers feel more confident and better equipped to support patients who wish to access hormone therapy, whatever their starting point.



DR. EM LANE
Family physician, NB Trans Health Network
they/she

workshop 15
11:30AM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

GAPS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION REGARDING CARE FOR 2SLGBTQIA+ PEOPLE IN THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR

This presentation will highlight the gaps in medical education regarding care for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in the Atlantic provinces. Drawing on research conducted with medical students in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, **Caroline Doucet** will address issues related to the level of clinical preparedness, persistent discomfort in certain healthcare settings, and the improvements needed in medical curricula to contribute to more equitable and inclusive care.



CAROLINE DOUCET
Medical student, New Brunswick Medical Training Centre (CFMNB)
she/her

12:30PM • LUNCH
Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)**

workshop 16
1:30PM

PLEASURE AND CONSENT IN A POST-TRAUMATIC CONTEXT

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 136** FR

This presentation focuses on pleasure as a tool for reclaiming the body in a post-traumatic context. **Miko Lebel** will offer reflections on the relationship to the body, somatic consent, and trauma-informed approaches, combining theoretical and experiential knowledge with somatic practices. The workshop will aim to equip healthcare and social-service workers to strengthen care practices that are more inclusive, safer, and tailored to the realities of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.



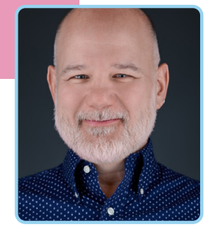
MIKO LEBEL
Community Health Research Lead, Uniphare
he/they

workshop 17
1:30PM

QUEER JOY: A Population-Health Factor and a Lever for Mental Health and Resilience. Findings from the Queer Joy Photovoice Project

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Room 444** EN

Faced with anti-2SLGBTQIA+ hate, the aftermath of the pandemic, and eco-anxiety (the impacts of which on the mental health of queer and trans people have been well documented), joy becomes a form of resistance and a factor of community resilience. **Dr. Dennis L. Stuebing** will present the findings of the Queer Joy Photovoice project, community-based research conducted in partnership with queer, trans, and Two-Spirit organizations, which explores how queer joy strengthens the well-being and cohesion of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities across Canada.



DENNIS L. STUEBING, PHD
Executive Director and Co-Owner, Wisdom2Action
he/him

workshop 18
1:30PM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

ADVANCING GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND THROUGH EQUITABLE POLICY AND COMMUNITY CO-CONSTRUCTION

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** EN

This presentation will explore how Gender Affirming Care Prince Edward Island has helped advance more equitable gender-affirming care through policy work grounded in community collaboration. **Jocelyn Adams** will share the key lessons learned from this advocacy work, notably in relationship-building, accountability, and equity-centred decision-making. The session will also invite participants to reflect on how these approaches can support change in their own systems and settings.



JOCELYN ADAMS
Co-Founder and Executive Director, Gender Affirming Care Prince Edward Island
she/her



2:45PM
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

PARTICIPATORY FORUM

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR/EN

The Summit will end as it began: together. Facilitated by **Lisa Boisneault** and **Sandie Redon**, this participatory closing forum is a space for collective dialogue, where the learnings and exchanges of the past three days are turned into concrete avenues for action. Bringing together voices from the healthcare, community, governance, and research sectors — and, above all, from the people most directly concerned — it seeks to answer a single question: how can we make care more equitable, inclusive, and accessible for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in a Francophone minority context? The ideas gathered will inform the joint declaration read at the closing ceremony and lay the groundwork for a white paper carrying the Summit's work forward.



LISA BOISNEAULT
Project Manager, Writer, and Facilitator, non-profit sector
she/her



SANDIE REDON
Project Coordinator and EDIA+ Integration Lead, Fédération franco-ténoise
she/her

L'Estrance

An installation by Xénia

L'Estrance is a coined word, drawn from the French estran, the foreshore, that stretch of coast the tide uncovers and covers over again. At high tide it brings, at low tide it leaves. Over the three days of the Summit, **Xénia** becomes the tide. Seated at her typewriter, she welcomes anyone who wishes to entrust her with a testimony, an anecdote, an object, or simply a moment of conversation. From this gathering, a text will be born, read aloud at the closing. Come by and see her: what you leave with her will become part of the work.



4:30PM • CLOSING CEREMONY

Léopold-Taillon Building, **Richelieu Room (157)** FR/EN

Official closing of the Summit, hosted by **Xavier Lord-Giroux**. The ceremony will feature an artistic performance by **Xénia Gould**, informed by an ongoing process throughout the event. By gathering testimonials and impressions from the audience, she will create a sensitive and embodied performance inspired by the voices, emotions, and reflections shared over the course of the three days.



XAVIER LORD-GIROUX
Emcee
he/him



XÉNIA GOULD
Multidisciplinary artist
she/her

A SUMMIT THAT CONTINUES: WORKING TOWARD A WHITE PAPER

The reflections and courses of action gathered during the Summit, particularly at the closing participatory forum, will inform a joint declaration, as well as a white paper. This in-depth document will extend the work begun together and serve as a reference tool for advancing health care that is more equitable, inclusive, and accessible for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in a Francophone context.

Your voice matters: the ideas shared over these three days will serve as its foundation.

Stay informed about what comes next by subscribing to the Summit's newsletter.

RESOURCE HUB

The Resource Hub opens on Wednesday, October 28, from 1 pm to 6:30pm in the Jeanne-de-Valois Building, in the lobby and the Alcide-Godin Student Lounge.

Located at the heart of the reception and networking area, participating organizations will be available throughout the afternoon, until the cocktail buffet. Take the opportunity to discover available resources and services, meet the teams on site, and pick up useful documentation.

Alter Acadie NB's information desk will also be available to welcome you, provide directions, and answer your questions about the Summit.

The Resource Hub is open to all Summit participants. Feel free to stop by between activities.

EXHIBITORS:

- **Assumption Life**
- **Connexion Health Centre**
- **Chroma NB**
- **New Brunswick Health Council (NBHC)**
- **Éditions Perce-Neige**
- **Santé et Bien-être, Université de Moncton**
- **Gender Affirming Care PEI**
- **RCMP**
- **Hello Gender**
- **La Fédération des étudiant·es du Centre universitaire de Moncton (FÉÉCUM)**
- **Atlantic Wellness**
- **Horizon**
- **Prisme — association étudiante 2ELGBTQIA+ de l'Université de Moncton**
- **Quadrangle NL**
- **Regroupement féministe du Nouveau-Brunswick (RFNB)**
- **Vitalité Health Network**
- **River of Pride Moncton NB**
- **AIDS NB**
- **Société Santé et Mieux-être en français du Nouveau-Brunswick**
- **Sonia Mascolo, author and occupational therapist**
- **Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)**
- **Université de Moncton — Formation continue**

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