

# FEATURE STORY:

## SPACE, UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity



SPACE, a project of the UR Pride Centre, is a community hub for 2SLGBTQIAP+ youth and for any 2SLGBTQIAP+ organization and group to host a variety of social and support programs for southern Saskatchewan's 2SLGBTQIAP+ youth. On any given day you will find youth participating in Youth Group, SaskQTY, and other youth-coordinated events and workshops, as well as organizers hosting meetings. Primary participants include 2SLGBTQIAP+ people aged 14-30, reaching people all across Saskatchewan.

SPACE programming switched to online delivery since the onset of the pandemic. Closing the physical SPACE to the public was difficult, but all of the programs that were previously conducted in person were able to continue online using a variety of platforms and a lot of flexibility and creativity. Youth Group occurs using Discord, meetings are held through Google Meet and events occur through Zoom.

SPACE is vital to the community. It provides a venue for people to host events that may otherwise not be possible, and ultimately provides youth with an affirming and safe space to come together, develop leadership skills, and build a community of belonging.

### Participant Quotes

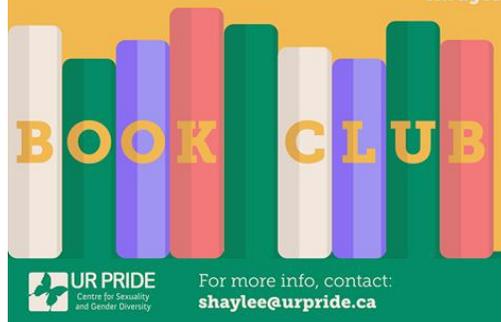
"Personally, I am very grateful for SPACE, it has given me the opportunity to build community, friendships, work ethic and an appreciation for what it takes to be an active member of a community. My proudest moments working at SPACE were when events I had planned as a youth, for youth, turned out. There is a great sense of accomplishment when everything comes together and people are having a good time. Last year I had applied for a grant from the Sask Prevention Institute, for myself and two other youth staff to start a podcast to spread information on harm reduction and safe sex. It felt really satisfying to create a project like that with my friends and when we had a viewing party of our first episode at SPACE, it just all clicked into place and I can't describe the joy and accomplishment I felt. It was so great to have a supportive community to back up this project and it wouldn't have been possible without SPACE and my fellow youth." - Ryan

"Through SPACE I was able to truly embrace the feelings of the community, while being able to be adventurous in my ideas, and also have the comfort of not being forced to go out of my safety zone. There was the possibility for me to express and share ideas I'm passionate about, and even starting a club surrounding this. Which allowed me to share my emotions with the community!" - Shay

**First Monday of every month!  
Starting in 2021!**

Register through the [link in our bio!](#)

**6:30 pm via Zoom!**  
All ages!\*



**QUEER  
YOUTH  
GROUP**

Youth group for 2SLGBTQIAP+  
and allied youth aged 12 - 18

Thursdays  
7 - 9pm

**Register through link in bio!**

Facilitated by  
UR Pride Staff



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