

Grow Your Pride with Access Alliance on June 16th!



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(Toronto, ON) **June 13, 2014**: World Pride comes to Toronto and what better way to celebrate than with people who come from around the world to make this city their home! **On Monday, June 16th, 2014 join us from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** for “**Grow Your Pride**”, a free community event at AccessPoint on Jane, 761 Jane

St.

Grow Your Pride is a family friendly event and will include live performances, workshops and information tables on relevant services in Toronto. Come to check out the screening of local photo voice films by LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and Questioning) youth participants of the “Let in the Light” project. Guest Speakers will talk about personal experiences as newcomers to Canada, success stories, global human rights & LGBTQ+ rights.

Now in its 25th year of operation, Access Alliance serves immigrants and refugees and is knowledgeable in the particular challenges faced by LGBTQ+ newcomers. Cliff Ledwos, Acting Executive Director for Access Alliance says, “We take a lot of pride in offering programs and services for LGBTQ+ newcomers that help ease the adjustment of settling in a new country, and everything that that involves. An event such as *Grow Your Pride* is both a celebration and an opportunity to share stories, make connections and be inspired.”

Access Alliance is a proud affiliate of [World Pride Toronto](#). *Grow Your Pride* held an event on June 5th at Access Point on Danforth. Participants enjoyed moving stories of success from LGBTQ+ newcomers, witnessed a fantastic drag performance by the Lady Boy Sparkle and cut and ate a delicious Pride cake!

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Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services works to promote health, wellbeing and improved access to services for immigrants and refugees in Toronto.. Find out more at:

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