

The aim of **Lesbian Visibility Day (LVD)** is to highlight the issues facing women and non-binary people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, queer, having a fluid sexuality, asexual or questioning. This day is an opportunity to shine a light on their perspectives, challenges and contributions, which are all too often invisible in LGBTQIA2S+ events, at both the local and international levels.

INHABITING SPACE

To celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the LVD, the Réseau des lesbiennes du Québec (RLQ) is launching a campaign entitled Habiter l'espace (Inhabiting Space). It is a call to celebrate lesbo-queer women and people taking their place in public spaces. Their words and initiatives, imbued with courage and resilience, open the door to others seeking to inhabit public spaces.

By celebrating the different spaces occupied and created by lesbo-queer women and people, and the multiple ways in which they inhabit them, we open the way for those who also wish to find their place, to be seen and to be heard.

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

The campaign includes posters, stickers and a social media calendar featuring quotes from lesbo-queer women and people who, in their own way, inhabit space.

Go to visibilitelesbienne.ca, for bilingual posters in downloadable format, templates for Facebook thumbnails and Instagram stories to share your own quotes and ways of inhabiting space.

There is also a sample resolution you can send to your municipality to request that it recognize LVD.

**SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 27 2024,
STARTING 2PM, THE RLQ
IS ORGANIZING AN EVENT
AT BAIN MATHIEU**



The LVD spokespersons

Mélo die Noël Rousseau

Geneviève Labelle



LESBOPHOBIA

The main goal of LVD is to combat lesbophobia in all spheres of society.

Lesbophobia is a specific phobia that affects women who love women because of their sexual orientation, in other words, lesbians, bisexual, pansexual and gay women in lesbian relationships, and people who are socially perceived as lesbians. This phobia is rooted in the intersection of homophobia and sexism.

Lesbophobia manifests itself as negative attitudes, discrimination, contempt, invisibilization, rejection and hatred directed at lesbians. It can also lead to acts of intimidation or violence, harming a person's psychological, physical or sexual integrity.

ABOUT THE RLQ

The Réseau des lesbiennes du Québec (RLQ) is a Québec-wide independent community action organization that has been involved in rights advocacy since 1996. The RLQ collectively defends the rights of women and people in lesbo-queer communities, amplifying their voices and visibility so that they may enjoy their full human rights. The RLQ serves as a spokesperson with decision-making bodies, both political and social, regarding the quality and conditions of life of lesbians, women and lesbo-queer people and their communities. It is the only community-based collective advocacy organization that exclusively represents Quebec's LGBTQ2S+ women who love women, and it has amassed considerable expertise. It is the central reference for issues affecting lesbian communities in Quebec.

CONTACT

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CONTINUE TO FIGHT LESBOPHOBIA BY CELEBRATING THE SPACE INHABITED BY LESBIAN AND LESBO-QUEER PEOPLE ALL YEAR!

March 8

International Women's Rights Day

April 26

Lesbian Visibility Day

May 17

Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

May 24

Pansexual Visibility Day

August 1 to 11

Fierté / Pride in Montréal (in June, Pride Month is celebrated internationally)

September 23

Bisexuality Day (and Bisexual Awareness Week)

October

LGBT History Month

October 11

National Coming Out Day

Nov. 25 to Dec. 10

Days of Action Against Violence Against Women

December 8

Pansexual Pride Day