

We are looking for individuals who are passionate and driven to promote EDI principles across the entire college. For more details, **email us at EDI@auroracollege.nt.ca** with a short blurb explaining your interest in EDI and equity-seeking initiatives.



PRIDE MONTH



RESOURCES

[Gender Theory](#)

[A Guide to Gender Identity Terms](#)

[Pride at Work Canada](#)

[History of Canadian Pride](#)

[Northern Mosaic Network](#)

[Trans Summit: Two-Spirit and Indigenous Identity](#)



Happy Pride! Do you recognize the acronym 2SLGBTQQIA+? It stands for **Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual**, however there are many identities not included in the acronym.

This is why the + is included, to **bring awareness to how expansive gender and sexuality is** and all the identities not listed outright in the acronym.

While some people have **reclaimed the term “queer” as including everyone**, it is still **considered a slur by many** and should not be used by those outside the community.

DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that nearly 500,000 Canadians over the age of 15 are living with some degree of dual sensory loss?

Deafblind refers to a condition where an individual has **combined hearing and vision loss**, limiting their access to both auditory and visual information.

Instead of accessing tools aimed at persons with deafness **or** blindness, solutions and **accessibility should be tailored to meet the needs of the individual** based on their unique experience with deafblindness.



RESOURCES

[Canadian Helen Keller Centre](#)

[Understanding Assistive Technology](#)

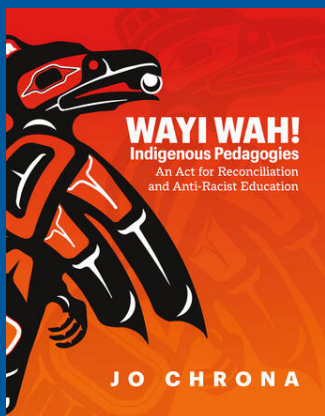
[Teaching Students with Deafblindness](#)

[Academic Communication Equity-British Columbia](#)



JUNE

EDI Book of the Month



Wayi Wah! Indigenous Pedagogies

An Act for
Reconciliation
and Anti-Racist
Education

This powerful and engaging resource is for non-Indigenous educators who want to learn more, are new to these conversations, or want to deepen their learning.

Visit any one of our three campus libraries to borrow a copy!

Epistemic Racism

Jo Chrona defines Epistemic Racism as, **“the valuing and devaluing of knowledge systems of specific cultures.”** She discusses this in Chapter 4 of the book, you can also read her blog post on the topic [here](#).

Due to Epistemic Racism, **Indigenous Knowledge and Worldviews are often seen as less valuable**, accurate, or important than Western Knowledge Worldviews.

Reflective Questions:

How do you engage with Indigenous Knowledges within your role at AC?

How would you respond to someone asking why Indigenous Knowledges should be included in educational spaces, systems, and materials?

June 1st:
Intergenerational Day

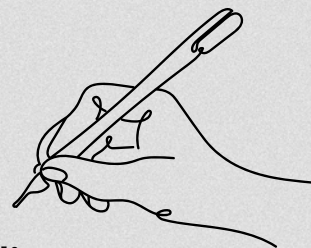
June 18th:
International Day for
Countering Hate Speech

June 20th:
World Refugee Day

June 10th:
World Anxiety Day

June 19th:
Juneteenth

June 27th:
Canadian Multiculturalism Day



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