



Social Connection Resources 2SLGBTQ+ Individuals in Toronto

Disclaimer: These sites and resources do not imply that I endorse all their information. I encourage you to review these resources and use what you personally find helpful.

Websites

- **Meetup:** Social event management platform designed to help people find and create communities based on shared interests, activities, and goals.
<https://www.meetup.com/>
- **Eventbrite:** Event management and ticketing website that allows users to browse, create, and promote local events. Some events are free.
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/>
- **YOHOMO:** Toronto's only online community dedicated to LGBTQ2+ arts, culture, and nightlife.
<https://www.yohomo.ca/>

Apps

- **Bumble For Friends:** A dedicated mobile app designed to help people create platonic friendships and meaningful social connections.
- **We3:** an app that matches you with compatible people based on 150 factors.
- **Taimi:** Large LGBTQ+ network with unique features like live streaming.
- **Tinder:** Most popular dating app with a large user base, good for various connection types.
- **Grindr:** Classic app for gay men, though primarily known for hookups.
- **SCRUFF:** Social media platform for gay, bi, trans, and queer men with travel-friendly and events features.
- **HER:** A popular dating and community-building platform specifically for lesbian, bisexual, queer women, and gender non-conforming individuals.

<http://rafaelcounselling.ca>

Local LGBTQ+ Organizations and Community Spaces

- **The 519:** Offers diverse LGBTQ+ community programs and support.
<https://www.the519.org/>
- **Glad Day Bookshop:** World's oldest LGBTQ bookstore with events and café.
<https://www.gladdaybookshop.com/>
- **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre:** Queer theatrical performances and community space.
<https://buddiesinbadtimes.com/>
- **The ArQuives:** Formerly the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives, offers a collection of archived materials and hosts special exhibitions.
<https://arquives.ca/>
- **Church-Wellesley Village:** Toronto's LGBTQ+ neighborhood with numerous social venues, including restaurants and bars.
<https://www.churchwellesleyvillage.ca/>
- **Out & Out Club Toronto:** North America's largest LGBT activities club, offering a range of social and recreational activities for adults 19+.
<https://outandout.ca/>
- **Prime Timers Toronto:** A diverse group for gay and bisexual men over 40yo, providing social, educational, and recreational activities.
<https://www.the519.org/programs/prime-timers/>
- **Rainbow Health Ontario:** Provides resources and advocacy for LGBTQ2+ health and well-being.
<https://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/lgbt2sq-health/service-provider-directory/>

Community Engagement Methods

- Join sports teams or fitness classes (there are specific sport groups for Queer folks)
- Attend local events and social mixers
- Get involved in volunteering or community organizations (especially Queer organizations)
- Participate in language exchange groups
- Join hobby groups or specific classes based on personal interest