

Workshops teach people how to deal with incidents of homophobia

The Halton Organization for Pride and Education (HOPE) is now offering monthly 'Positive Space' training to raise awareness of the causes of homophobia and the importance of intervention.

The one-day workshop is designed for staff and volunteers who work in educational, recreational, residential, religious, health, settlement and community settings.

The training will happen on the fourth Friday of every month from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The next session will be held June 22 in

Burlington.

Participants will learn how to intervene when there are incidences of harassment or discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and how to build capacity within the work environment to challenge homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this specialized training. Agencies have been asking us for it for a while," said Marcus Logan, executive director for HOPE. "We have had an awesome response from the community

already just through word of mouth, our partners and our announcement lists."

Logan said he believes it's highly important that front-line staff and workers dealing with the public have the correct knowledge and understanding of issues like homophobia, transphobia and the additional barriers the discrimination can create when accessing services.

He emphasized that positive space training isn't about sexual preference or promotion of a lifestyle.

"It's about learning how to be sensitive and aware that gay, lesbian, bi and trans individuals and families live in the Halton community and access services," he said.

HOPE has been delivering training and education around sexual orientation and gender identity in Halton for nine years.

For more information or to obtain a registration form for Positive Space training visit www.haltonpride.org. Registration costs \$20 and includes a light lunch.



The Regional Municipality of Halton

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<p>Oakville Monday, June 4 North/South Auditorium Halton Regional Centre 1151 Bronte Rd.</p>	<p>Milton Wednesday, June 6 Lions Club Hall Milton Memorial Arena 77 Thompson Rd.</p>
<p>Burlington Tuesday, June 12 Auditorium A & B Burlington Seniors Centre 2285 New Street</p>	<p>Halton Hills Wednesday, June 20 Acton Arena Hall Acton Arena 415 Queen St. E.</p>

Halton Region is also holding a Sustainable Halton symposium for those who want to discuss the project and background studies in more detail. Please register for the symposium by phoning 905-825-6000 (toll free 1-866-4HALTON), ext. 7455 or by emailing us at sustainable@halton.ca by June 15th.

Sustainable Halton Symposium

Saturday, June 23, 2007 * register by June 15*
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

North/South Auditorium, Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

There are 22 background studies now available online at www.halton.ca/SustainableHalton or you can get a CD by calling us at 905-825-6000 (toll free 1-866-4HALTON).

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What you can do

Mosquitoes breed in water that has been standing for seven days or longer.

- Clean up and empty containers where water collects (old tires, tin cans, flower pots, etc.)
- Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect.
- Change water in bird baths weekly.
- Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows, and small boats.
- Clear leaves and twigs from eavestroughs, and roof gutters.
- Unclog drainage ditches so that water flows freely.
- Remove water that collects on pool covers.
- Swimming pool pump must be circulating.
- Fill in low depressions in lawn areas.
- Door and window screens must be tight fitting and in good repair.

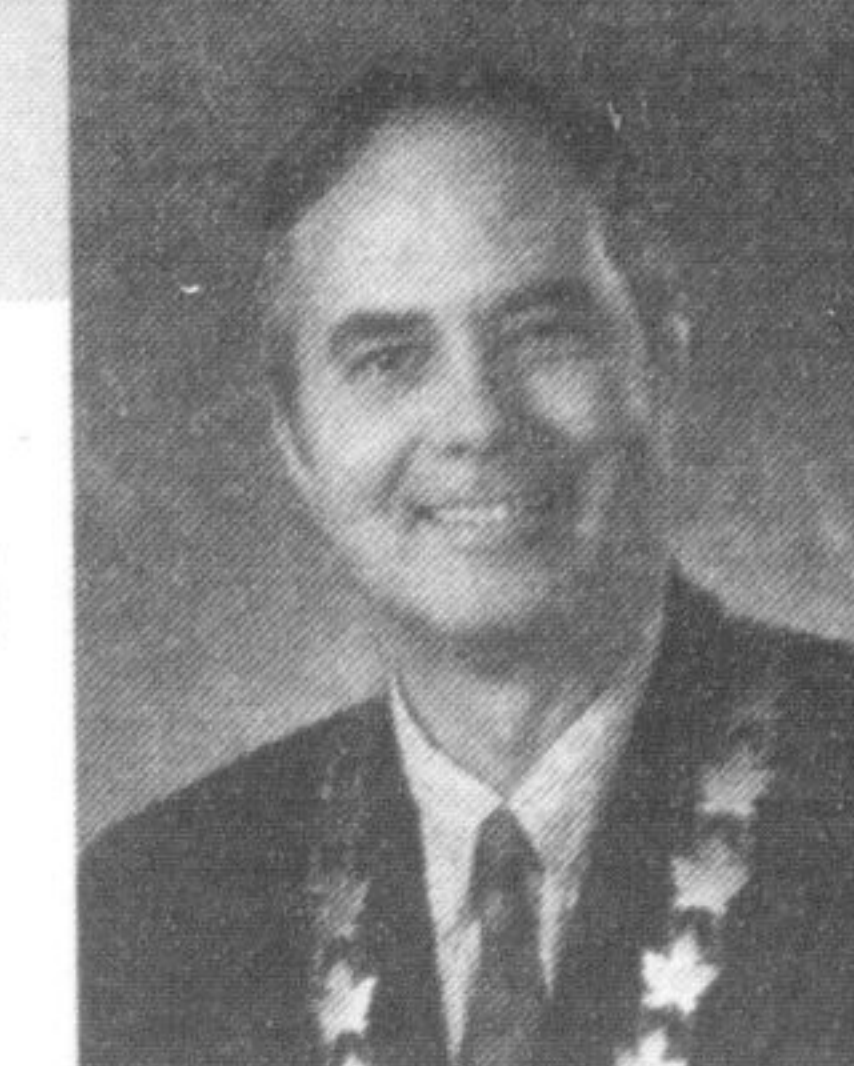
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