

## PRIDE and Solidarity, ETFO celebrates Pride Month

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TORONTO, ON - To mark the beginning of Pride Month, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is celebrating in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQ+ community. The Federation continues to prioritize fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for its members, students, and individuals in the community who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ and their allies.

This year's theme of *Pride and Solidarity* refers not only to the togetherness and connection present within 2SLGBTQ+ communities, but also to the influence and strength within labour organizations to mobilize for continued change. ETFO and others within the labour movement must work collectively to affirm that 2SLGBTQ+ rights are human rights.

The erasure of 2SLGBTQ+ communities in jurisdictions across Canada through regressive policies and legislation is deeply concerning. Every person deserves to feel valued, respected, and supported for who they are, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. The Federation is proud to engage in this work within communities throughout the year and to support all ETFO locals in doing the same.

ETFO demonstrates its commitment to this work through participation in Pride events across Ontario, and through the development and distribution of resources that promote equitable practices and social justice. Let us celebrate the power of our diversity and the strength of our solidarity. Resources are available at [etfo.ca/socialjusticeunion/2slgbtq](https://etfo.ca/socialjusticeunion/2slgbtq).

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