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2022 Annual Report







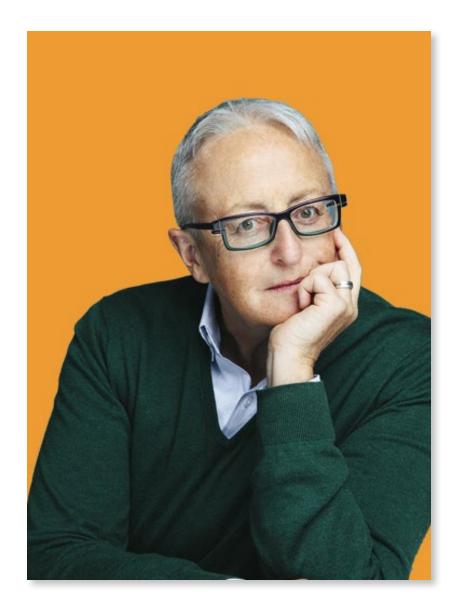




#### Letter from the Executive Director and President of the Board

This past year has been filled with many ups and downs as we stumble out of isolation, begin to come together again, and collectively strive to find our new 'normal' in the world around us. With the pandemic no longer at the forefront of everyone's minds, we find our communities enveloped in a dichotomy. On one side, we are now able to come together and lean on one another as we start to heal and recover from COVID-19, On the other side, we find ourselves in the wake of a growing wave of organized anti-2SLGBTQI hate groups that were able to fester and grow unnoticed during the pandemic both within Canada and around the world.

Our team at Egale Canada has also grown – nearly tripling in size in the last three years as we pushed through difficult times to ensure we were advocating for and providing essential resources and support for 2SLGBTQI communities through our four core pillars: research, education, awareness, and legal advocacy. Over the last year, we have proudly and loudly supported 2SLGBTQI people of all ages from educators and students in schools, employers and employees in the workplace, and across our diverse communities. This past year, we have been focused on recovery and healing. We will continue to provide those supports and ensure no one is left behind. As we move forward, it's more important now than ever before that we lift each other up. With a wave of hate, discrimination, and violence upon us, we must remember that we are stronger together. We must work together as we have in the past to ensure the freedoms and rights that we fought hard for are not lost.





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Executive Director

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President of the Board

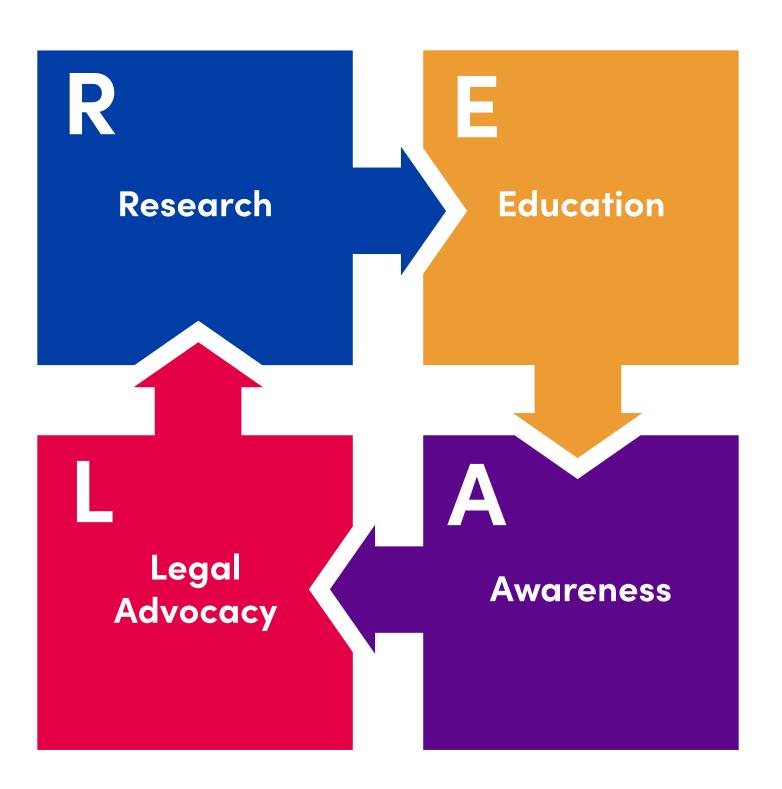


#### 2022 Year At A Glance

February March April anuary Conversion Therapy is banned. Egale Egale launches updated inclusive schools Egale <u>publishes findings</u> from community publishes informational video. After years of advocacy, Health webinars and resources in French and English. consultation with 2SLGBTQI Seniors: Focus on Canada <u>lifts the blood ban</u>. Egale speaks out against transphobia Dementia and Advance Care Planning. Egale stands with LGBTQI people in Ukraine.. in the Freedom Convoy. May u l y August u n e Egale launches <u>REALize Your Pride</u> Egale responds to Government of campaign and Virtual Queer Prom. Egale's Director of International Programs presents on Canada's 2SLGBTQ+ Action Plan. Egale publishes report, Speak Out: Addressing Canada's path to ban conversion therapy at ILGA World. Canada's Drag Race queens stand up to Sign ups for a number of projects start including a 2SLGBTQ Youth Dating Violence cyberbullying on Egale's TikTok. Egale and the National Institute on Ageing <u>launch</u> 2SLGBTQI older adults and personal support homecare research, recommendations, and e-modules for 2SLGBTQI Egale <u>publishes a policy brief</u> on FINA's workers art-based project and an arts-based program people living with dementia and their unpaid carers. transmisogynistic policy on trans athletes exploring themes of consent among 2SLGBTQI youth. competing in elite aquatic sport events. September December October November Egale scholar in residence Dr. Morgan Holmes, Egale's Executive Director Helen Kennedy meets with writes the first Canadian qualitative needs MP Rob Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister Egale and NIA launch National Resource assessment on intersexualized people - Restoring of Foreign Affairs, and Reid Sirrs, Canada's Ambassador Centre on 2SLGBTQI Aging. Epistemic Justice to a Dismissed Population Egale launches the Gift of Belonging to Argentina, at the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires holiday campaign Egale, the LGBT Purge Fund, and Fondation For Trans Awareness Week, Egale launches Egale <u>submits recommendation</u>s to remove barriers Emergence commemorate 30 years since the end of a series of free webinars for educators. to surrogacy for 2SLGBTQI people in government the LGBT purge by <u>meeting with the Prime Minister</u> draft legislation to amend the Income Tax Act. to discuss 2SLGBTQI inclusion moving forward.



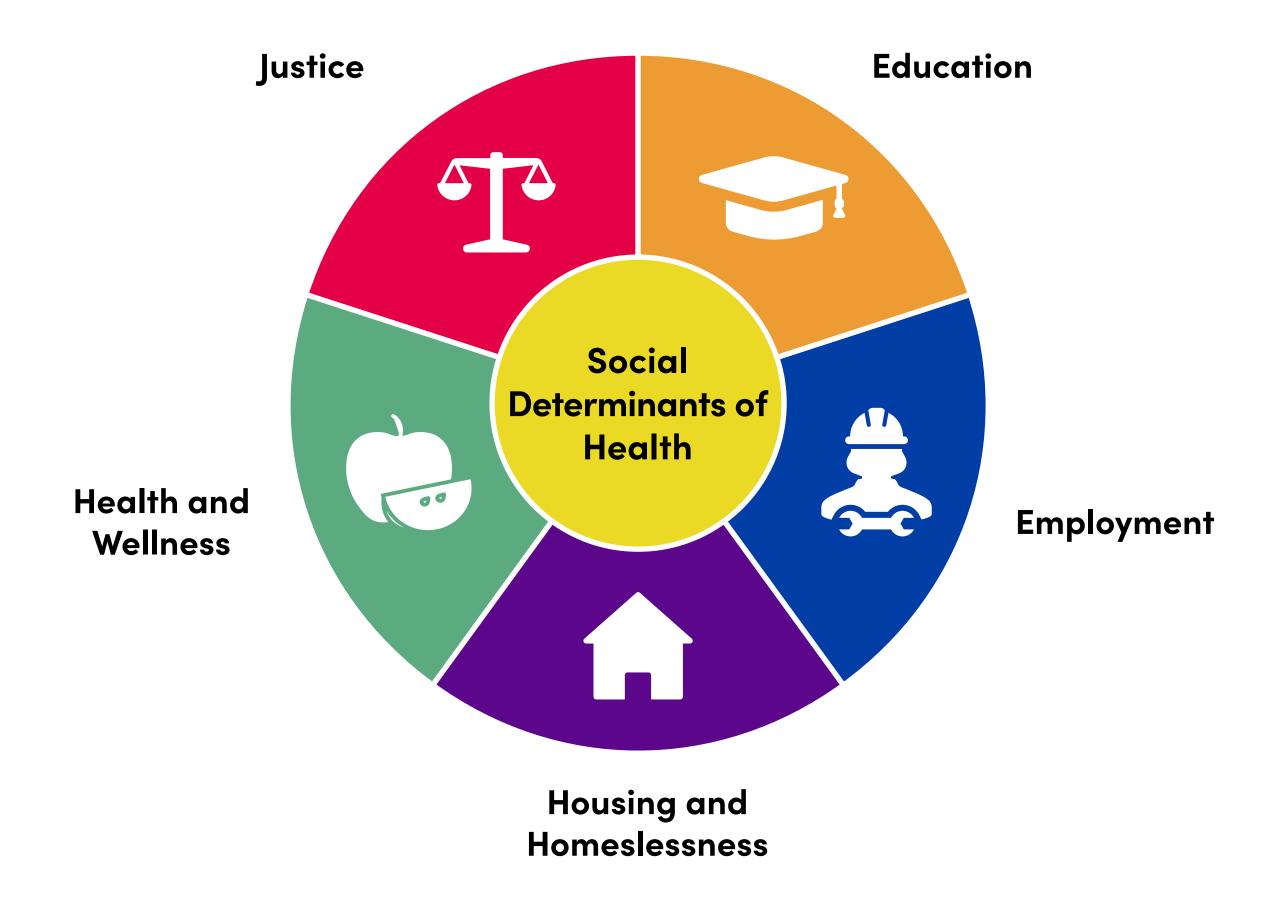
#### Pillars of Work



Egale's work begins from community-based **research** to inform the **education** that is needed to build inclusive and accessible spaces for 2SLGBTQI people. From here, our **awareness** programs rise to give a voice to our communities and inform the general public of today's most pressing issues.

As more voices are gathered and allies are inspired towards activism, **legal advocacy** is facilitated to ensure that the work we do is lasting and reflected at all levels of government and beyond.

#### **Sectors of Focus**



Our work helps create societies and systems that reflect the universal truth that all persons are equal, and none is other.





To commemorate 30 years since the end of the LGBT Purge, Egale Canada, along with <u>The LGBT Purge Fund</u> and <u>Fondation Émergence</u>, headed to Parliament Hill to meet with government officials across federal departments, including a closed-door meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Throughout the meetings, we discussed the recommendations from the <u>Emerging from the Purge</u> report to address enduring barriers for 2SLGBTQI employees in the federal workplace as we build a more inclusive future for everyone.



## **REAL Impact by the Numbers**

# RESEARCH



432

community members engaged in research



conference and media presentations **G ₹** 

reports published

# EDUCATION



150

training sessions



>3500

people trained

# AWARENESS



12,652

downloads on egale.ca

158,833

unique website users









673,496

Instagram, Facebook, & YouTube views

2,118,000

**Twitter impressions** 

## **LEGAL ADVOCACY**

total legal cases to date



cases in progress





# Research Spotlight

Through 2020-2022 Egale partnered with the National Institute on Ageing (NIA) to conduct research focused on better understanding the experiences and perspectives of 2SLGBTQI people living with dementia and their primary unpaid carers.

The <u>Coming Out and Coming In to Living with Dementia report</u>, released in 2022, discusses the significance of gender and sexual identity in experiences of living with dementia and providing care, the many ways that people become carers for 2SLGBTQI PLWD, and key needs, gaps, and strategies to mobilize networks of support. This discussion is relevant to the aging population, equity and healthcare access, and care work in Canada. Rooted in the research findings, the report provides specific action-oriented recommendations to build and enhance programming, policy, advocacy, and research.

In addition, this research seeded <u>e-modules</u> for both unpaid carers and healthcare and social service professionals who want to better support 2SLGBTQI PLWD. The Alzheimer's Society of Ontario has included these e-modules as an optional part of onboarding training for staff and volunteers across their 18 chapters.









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#### Research

#### **Mental Health**

- Egale published a summary of the results from our virtual <u>Community Conversations for</u> <u>2SLGBTQI Seniors: Focus on Dementia and Advance Care Planning</u> (held in January). (1)
- Egale began data collection for a multi-year research and education initiative, <u>Queering</u> <u>Mental Health Supports in Canada</u>. (2)

#### Intersex

• Egale scholar in residence Dr. Morgan Holmes, writes the first Canadian qualitative needs assessment on intersexualized people - Restoring Epistemic Justice to a Dismissed Population

#### Health

- CBRC, The Enchanté Network, 2Spirits in Motion, and Egale launched "Our Health", a survey on 2SLGBTQI health throughout COVID-19.
- Egale established a Community Advisory Committee for <u>upcoming research</u> on LBQ women, trans, and nonbinary healthcare access in Canada and conducts qualitative research. (3)



#### Speak Out: Addressing 2SLGBTQ Youth Dating Violence

Lessons on how to support 2SLGBTQ youth who face dating violence in Canada



### COMING OUT AND COMING IN TO LIVING WITH DEMENTIA:

Enhancing Support for 2SLGBTQI People Living with Dementia and their Primary Unpaid Carers

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#### Research

#### Seniors

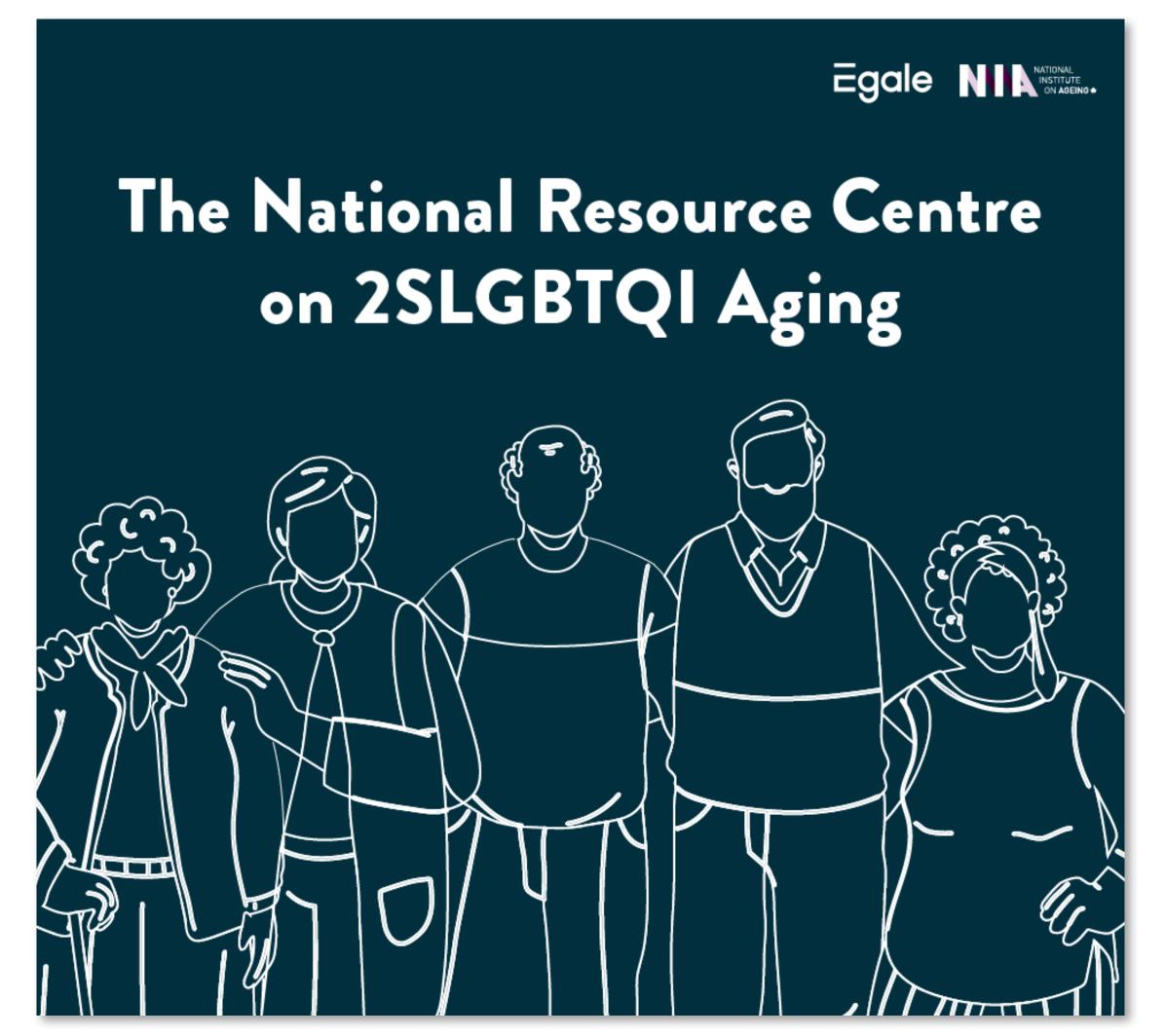
- Egale and the <u>National Institute on Ageing</u> published, <u>Coming Out and Coming In to Living with Dementia</u>, a research report about the experiences and unique needs of 2SLGBTQI people living with dementia and their unpaid carers along with recommendations and e-modules for carers and service providers. (2)
- Egale and the National Institute on Ageing launched the <u>National Resource Centre on 2SLGBTQI Aging</u>, Canada's first resource and research hub dedicated to 2SLGBTQI seniors and older adults. (3)

#### **Gender Based Violence**

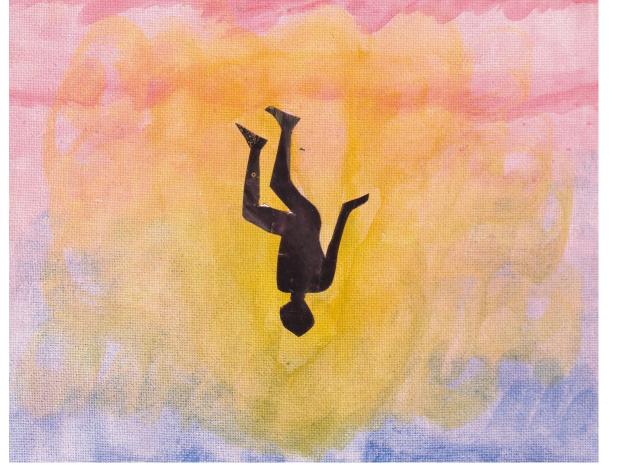
• Egale published report, <u>Speak Out: Addressing 2SLGBTQ Youth Dating Violence</u>. (1)

#### **Employment**

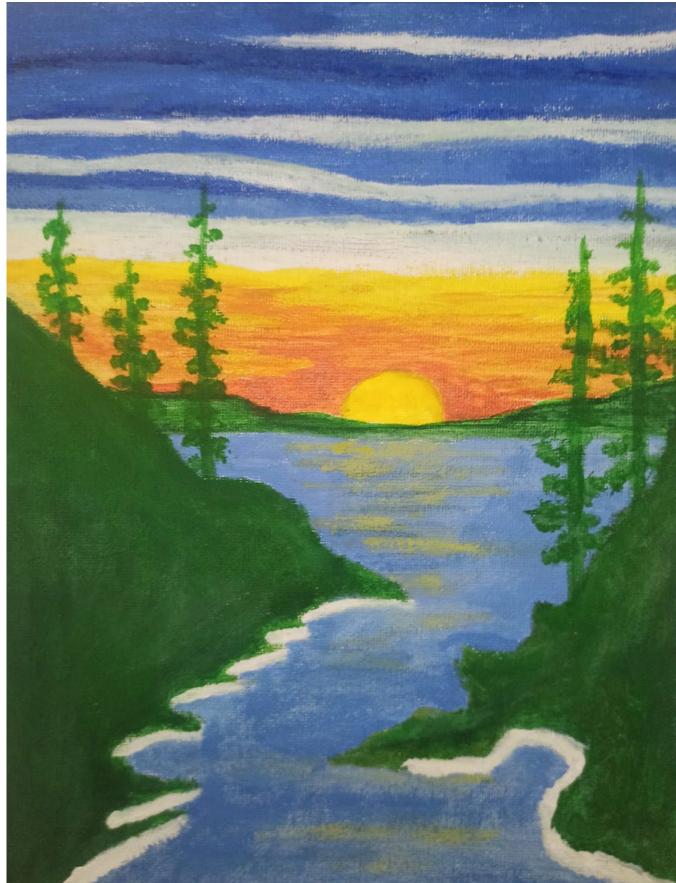
• Egale launched a national research study, <u>Working For Change: Employment experiences of Two Spirit, trans, and nonbinary people in Canada.</u>













# Education Spotlight

<u>Post-Art: An Art Journey Through the Mail</u> was a program that used an arts-based format to reflect on the themes of consent and healthy relationships with 2SLGBTQI youth (14-29). Each participant of the program was mailed a package of art supplies and was guided through various themes via educational videos about consent featuring guest artists.

This program was part of a multi-phase project where phase one was a national youth survey <u>gathering data on 2SLGBTQI youth</u> <u>dating violence</u> and phase two was <u>a hackathon</u> that brought together youth and service providers to come up with a program that addresses the needs of 2SLGBTQI youth and the topic of consent. The winning solution from the hackathon resulted in phase three, the Post-Art program.

See the digital zine titled *Kaleidoscope*, a digital art exhibition of some of the work 2SLGBTQI created within the program.



#### **Inclusive Schools**

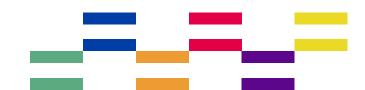
In 2022, Egale delivered Inclusive Schools workshops to educators across **30** Ontario public and Catholic school boards, as well as to many additional educators across the country. Presented online through funding by the Ontario Ministry of Education, this year's program updates addressed the important gaps revealed by Egale's 2021 Still in Every Class report. The workshops provided more than **1200** teaching and non-teaching school personnel with the knowledge and skills needed to nurture cultures of inclusion both inside and outside the classroom. The program continues to be seen as an industry leader supporting schools in fostering safer and more equitable environments for 2SLGBTQI youth and families. As Egale continues to expand this popular program, we are looking forward to engaging closely with educational leaders, parents, and frontline teachers to develop tools and strategies for meeting the evolving needs of our communities.



#### Participant testimonies

"Loved this workshop and the combination of connecting the research to personal experience." "Thank you so much for sharing your experiences and for providing tangible examples. I really appreciate this and has made it more educational on a day-to-day living experience."

"As the proud mom of a trans son in grade 10, it has been a pleasure to spend the last 1.5 hours listening to [the trainer] sharing your knowledge and experience with others. It gives me hope for my son's future. Thank you!"



#### **Inclusive Workplaces**

In 2022, Egale proudly served **60** public and private sector organizations across Canada, equipping their leadership and functional teams with knowledge and practical tools to create workplaces that are safe and inclusive for everyone. Half of these clients were new partnerships. Egale went on to become the Vendor of Record with the Government of Ontario. These achievements are a true testament to the growing recognition of the value that Egale's corporate training program brings to the table. Our expert team of trainers delivered a remarkable **90** in-person and virtual training sessions engaging participants in insightful discussions and interactive activities. Through our curated training modules focusing on 2SLGBTQI inclusion, we empowered over **2,500** managers and employees to become allies transforming their workplace dynamics across all levels of the corporate hierarchy. As we move forward, Egale remains committed to continuing this crucial work. Our mission is to inspire more organizations to embrace an equitable, representative, inclusive and welcoming culture. Join us on this learning journey towards a better future for everyone. Together, we can build a workplace where diversity thrives and every individual feels valued, respected in dignified.



"We engaged Egale to facilitate 11 training sessions on 2SLGBTQI inclusion for 300 mental health professionals across Canada employed under our Employee Assistance Program. These two-hour webinars specifically designed for Health Canada focused on helping counselors, psychologists, social workers and other mental health practitioners uncover bias and adopt practical strategies for supporting 2LGBTQI inclusion in their work. We appreciated Egale's wonderful trainers who are true masters of their craft. Kate and Jonas were passionate, knowledgeable, responsive to questions and positively articulated their experience and knowledge in a way participants could understand and integrate into their professional practice. They made material very relatable and understandable by sharing personal stories while showing a lot of kindness, heart and compassion. We equally enjoyed working with Egale's business development team who took such good care of us making our customer journey a fascinating experience from beginning to end. We look forward to future opportunities to partner with Egale."

- Phillip Desroches, Health Canada



## Education

#### **Older Adults**

- Egale launched <u>e-modules</u> for carers and service providers of 2SLGBTQI people living with dementia.
- From a series of Community Conversations for 2SLGBTQI Seniors, Egale also launched resources related to Advanced Care Planning and the prevention and reporting of Elder Abuse.

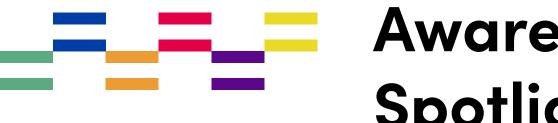


#### **Mental Health**

 As a stop gap measure to address the shortcomings of the Canadian mental health system for 2SLGBTQI people amid the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, Egale launched webinars on <u>2SLGBTQI inclusion for mental health and social service providers</u>.





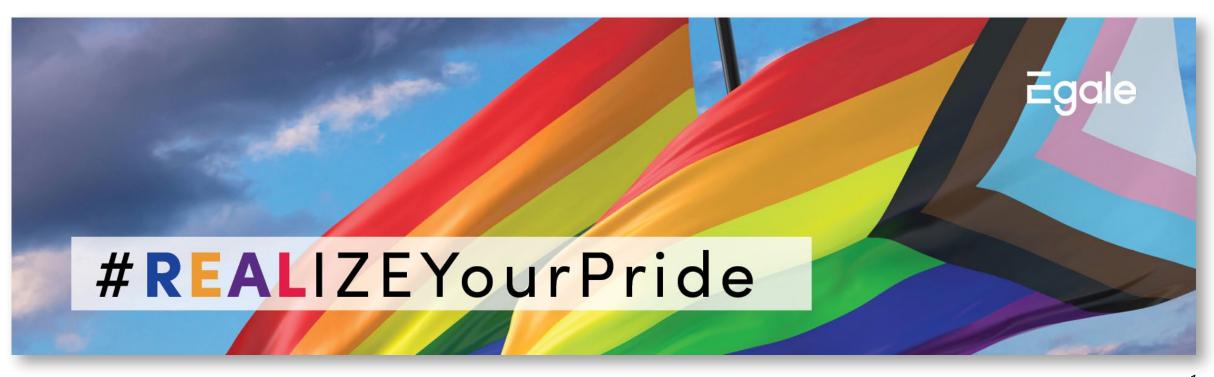


## Awareness Spotlight

Alphabet Soup: Stand up to 2SLGBTQI Cyberbullying was a TikTok campaign launched by Egale in June 2022 to help 2SLGBTQI youth facing cyberbullying feel less alone. Inspired by a post we received on our own social media referring to 2SLGBTQI communities as "alphabet soup", the campaign featured videos of iconic Canadian drag queens telling their own cyberbullies to "eat it!".

Leveraging the healing power of humour to "snatch the spoon" away from anti-2SLGBTQI cyberbullies, this campaign aimed to foster peer-to-peer support by encouraging 2SLGBTQI youth to share their own experiences of cyberbullying and online harassment with each other. 2SLGBTQI young people need to know that they are not alone when it comes to cyberbullying.









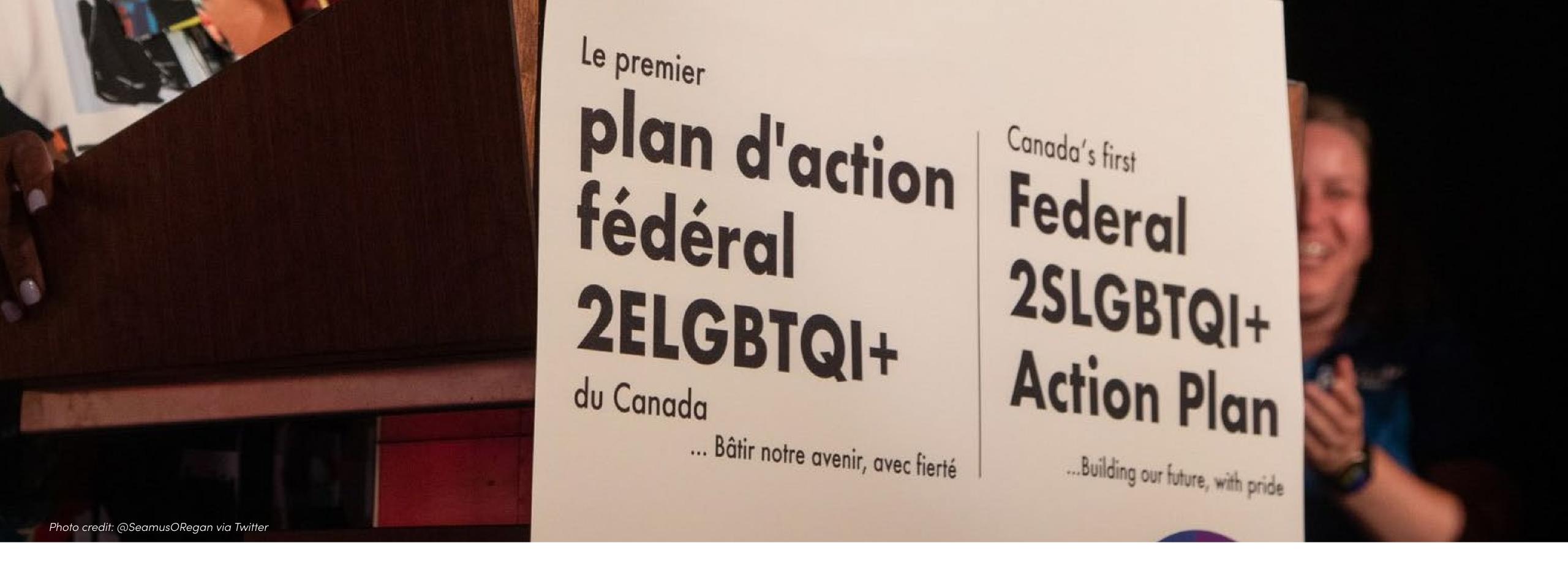




#### Awareness

- Egale's 2022 Pride campaign, <u>REALize Your Pride</u>, provided 2SLGBTQI inclusion resources for schools, workplaces, and communities. (1)
- Generously supported by Desjardin, our 2022 <u>Virtual Queer Prom: REALize Your Royalty</u>, brought 2SLGBTQI young people together to celebrate and inspire them with an evening of queerness and fun. The evening was hosted by YouTube stars <u>Greg and Mitch from AsapSCIENCE</u>, and featured performances from Canada's Drag Race winner <u>Icesis Couture</u>, Hindustani classical musician <u>Hasheel</u>, trans Fijian entertainer <u>Sanjina</u>, and singer <u>Frankie Cena</u>. (2)
- Our Trans Awareness Week campaign launched with the help of social media influencers <u>@yaz.</u> <u>thehuman</u>, <u>@ak.mackellar</u>, and <u>@kissyduerre</u>, highlighting free resources for educators to support them in fostering inclusive schools. (3)

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# Legal Advocacy Spotlight

On August 28th, 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Marci Ien, released <u>Canada's first Federal</u> <u>2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan</u>.

Immediately following the launch of the action plan, <u>Egale Canada published a response</u>. In our response, we lauded this achievement by noting the positive measures it included while also highlighting the gaps within the policy guidance and implementation strategies across the areas of healthcare and mental health access; poverty, housing, and employment; education access; sports inclusion; seniors; criminal law and reforms; and international assistance.

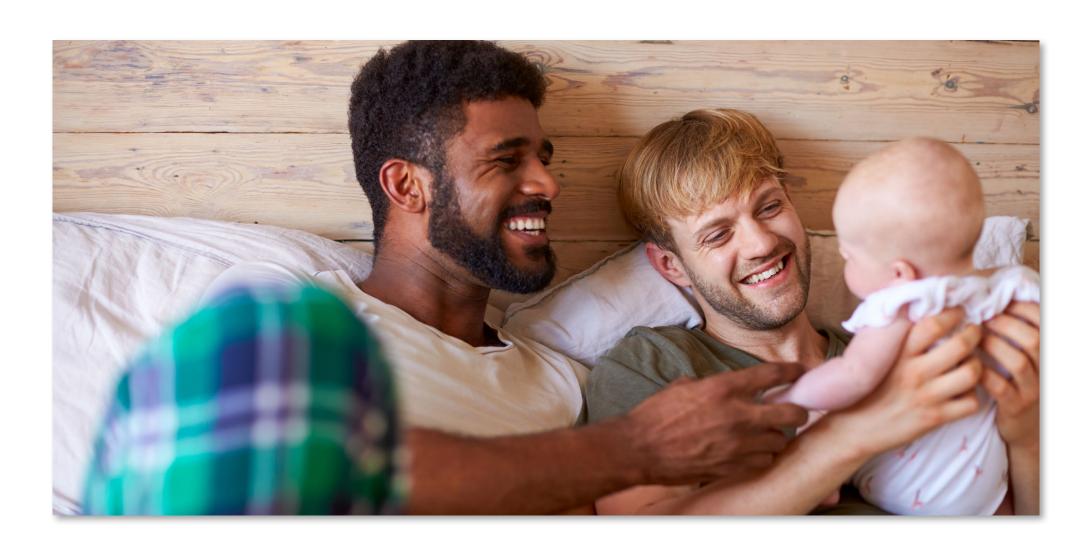
Our response offers recommendations in the hopes of guiding further consultations with communities and organizations in order to bridge these gaps to help guide government efforts in further iterations of the Federal 2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan.



## Legal Advocacy

#### Responses and Recommendations

Egale also submitted <u>recommendations for Budget 2022</u> to remove legal and financial barriers to 2SLGBTQI parenthood through surrogacy in the government's draft legislation to amend the Income Tax Act.



• In response to FINA's transmisogynistic policy on trans athletes competing in elite aquatic sport events, Egale published a policy brief in response, opposing the policy and citing that it is not in accordance with the International Olympic Committee's Framework on Fairness, Inclusion, and Non-Discrimination.











#### **Legal Cases**

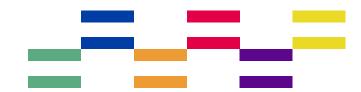
- Egale Canada et al. v. Canada (A.G): Egale and intersex rights activists Morgan Holmes and Janik Bastien-Charlebois brought an application before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice challenging the constitutionality of Criminal Code provisions that allow unnecessary surgeries on intersex infants and children. Currently, the Criminal Code allows genital surgeries to be performed on intersex infants and children who are too young to consent purely in order to achieve "normal sexual appearance". These surgeries, which are based in intersexism, cissexism, and heterosexism, are a violation of intersex people's Charter rights to bodily integrity, freedom from cruel and unusual treatment, and equality before the law. Since filing this challenge, Egale has been working with the federal government outside of court to protect the rights of intersex children.
- Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform et al. v. Canada (A.G.) – Oct 3, 2022: In October of 2022, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice heard a constitutional challenge to the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act (PCEPA), which criminalizes many aspects of sex work. The case was brought by the Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform (CASWLR) and several individual sex workers. CASWLR argued before the court that PCEPA violates sex workers' Charter rights to liberty, security of the person, equality, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Egale and The Enchanté Network (TEN) jointly intervened on behalf of sex workers who are trans women or men who have sex with men (MSM). We submitted that, in part to transmisogyny, sex work and the struggle for trans rights have historically been closely linked. The goal of eliminating sex work directly increases trans women's risk of poverty. For MSM as well as trans sex workers, there is a heightened risk of physical violence from clients. PCEPA limits sex workers' ability to lawfully screen clients and communicate with one another, putting the most vulnerable sex workers in danger. The Court has yet to issue its decision.
- Hansman v. Neufeld (argued October 11, 2022, judgment rendered May 19, 2023): In a major victory the Supreme Court of Canada decided in Hansman v. Neufeld that people who forcefully counter anti2SLGBTQI (and other forms of) hate should be protected from defamation lawsuits. Moreover, the Supreme Court recognized for the first time that trans people are a uniquely marginalized group in Canada—adopting many of Egale's arguments. Egale had intervened in the case to highlight the historic oppression of trans people in Canada as well as the public interest in speaking out against transphobic speech.





## International Work

- Egale's Director of International Programs and Partnerships, Kim Vance-Mubanga, <u>presented at ILGA World conference</u> on Canada's conversion therapy ban and facilitated a panel on intersex issues in Canada and Asia, with our scholar-in-residence and partner organizations in Asia.
- Egale's Executive Director, Helen Kennedy, met with Rob Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Foreign Affairs and Reid Sirrs, Canada's Ambassador to Argentina, at the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires.
- <u>Egale helped facilitate</u> an important and progressive dialogue between Canada's Ambassador to the OAS, Hugh Adsett, and the LGBTTTI&TS Civil Society Coalition of the Americas.
- After the invasion of Ukraine, Egale worked with our partners and Global Affairs Canada to repurpose project activities and focus on psycho-social support, enhanced safety, and opportunities for joint collaboration within Ukraine.
- Throughout the year, Egale hosted partners from Africa and the Caribbean and co-organized some speaking engagements across Canada.



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\$845,726	
\$289,999	
\$291,924	
\$172,544	
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Total	\$4,763,456
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Expenses	
Salaries and benefits	\$3,086,340
Direct project expenses	\$1,090,338
Rent	\$133,037
Office expense	\$70,943
Meetings and conferences	\$39,352
Telecommunications	\$27,857
Insurance	\$6,672
Professional fees	\$126,555
Service charges	\$10,604
Depreciation of capital assets	\$18,768
Depreciation of intangible assets	\$4,575

Total	\$4,615,041	

Excess of revenue over expenses	\$148,415
Statement of operations for the year ended in December 31, 2022.	

