

The CBRC update

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In this month's newsletter: Welcoming new CBRC Board members, a chat with Summit 2026 keynote speaker Manon Massé, Queer Day of Action, and more.

THE LATEST

1. Following a search for new Board members in late 2025, CBRC is proud to welcome **our newest additions: Devaiya Corbett, Elody Croullebois, Hannah Crouse, Jamiey Kelly, Debra Kriger, Quinta Seon, and Mac Stewart.** They join existing members **Lucas Corbin, Asya Gunduz, and JJ Wright**, bringing a wealth of expertise across research, public health, communications, and more. We also bid farewell to longtime Board members **Christopher Gallardo-Ganaban, Dr. Todd Sakakibara, and Andrew Barker**, as we welcome **Asya Gunduz** as our new Board Chair. To learn more, please [click here](#)
2. **We are three weeks away from Summit 2026!** If you haven't registered yet, [now is the time!](#) Later this week, we will launch our Summit 2026 Web App and full Program Guide, but for now you can check the [schedule-at-a-glance](#) for an overview. As well, be sure to visit our Summit 2026 [ancillary programming page](#) featuring events on Thursday, October 29 and Sunday, November 1. All ancillary events are free for Summit attendees, but separate registration is required.
3. **Today, CBRC is in Ottawa for a Queer Day of Action.** Concerned that queer communities are being left behind by Prime Minister Carney's government, we join a coalition of queer, trans, and allied organizations from across the country to call on the Government of Canada to **renew and expand the Federal 2SLGBTQIA+ Action Plan.** Without a new investment in the upcoming federal budget, the first-ever federal 2SLGBTQIA+ Action Plan will expire in March 2027. This means that come March, thousands of queer and trans people across the country could be left without support. Learn more about how you can support this campaign at queermomentum.ca/Budget26.
4. Our campaign to [End the HIV Epidemic, Not HIV Funding](#) has seen some important progress:
 - **1,680 letters have been sent to federal MPs.** If you haven't yet sent a letter, you can do so [here](#) — it only takes a minute.
 - **100+ 2S/LGBTQIA+-serving organizations co-signed our [letter](#)** asking Canada's Health Minister, the Honourable Marjorie Michel, to prevent prospective cuts to Canada's HIV and Hepatitis C Community Action and Harm Reduction funds.
 - We've met with MPs and Senators from the Canadian Parliamentary Pride Caucus, senior leaders at the Public Health Agency of Canada, and officials within the Minister of Health's Office. As we plan more meetings, **we encourage you to set up one with your local MP — find out how at hivfunding.ca.**

OUR COMMUNITY: Manon Massé

"If they can't do their f**king job, I'll go do it for them."

This is what Manon Massé told us about her original foray into Quebec politics. In this month's profile, we speak to Manon, an openly lesbian politician and feminist activist in Quebec — and one of our keynote speakers at Summit 2026 — about her

political career and decades of activism.

Grounded in working class realities and principles of popular education, Manon co-founded the Québec Solidaire party in 2006, and since then has become a public figure and important face of the social justice movement, notably for the rights of 2S/LGBTQIA+ communities.

[Read our full interview](#) with Manon and [register for Summit 2026](#) to hear her speak.



Photo: Manon Massé

GET INVOLVED

- Summit 2026 is approaching fast and we need your help! **We're looking for volunteers in Toronto** from October 28-November 1 for a variety of roles, with morning, mid-day, and afternoon shifts available. Learn more [here](#).
- Our national study, ***Improving Care for Sexual and Gender Diverse (SGD) Im/migrants and Refugees Living with HIV***, is seeking community members and service providers to take part in virtual interviews:
 - **Community members:** Are you a SGD im/migrant, refugee, or newcomer? [Click here](#) to learn more and participate.
 - **Service providers:** Do you work with SGD im/migrants, refugees, or newcomers? [Click here](#) to learn more and participate.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- September 30 was the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. As a non-Indigenous, settler-led research organization, we recognize our responsibilities toward advancing reconciliation and honouring Indigenous communities and ways of knowing. Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQIA+ people have deeply enriched CBRC's work by bringing critical insights and building bridges within their communities — please [click here](#) to read more and see some of the important work led by the Two-Spirit Program team at CBRC over the past year.
- We released our [2025-2026 annual report](#) that chronicles our major organizational milestones and captures our impact on 2S/LGBTQIA+ health.

- Last month, we interviewed [Dr. Joseph Cox](#) of the Engage study, who breaks down some recent findings and explains how they can inform more responsible prescribing of doxy-PEP.
- We also spoke to [Dr. Murdoch Leeies](#) on the Pan-Canadian Gender, Sex and Sexual Orientation (GSSO) Data Standard. He shares his perspective on the development of the Standard, as well as its potential benefits and broader implications.
- Chroma NB, with support from CBRC, has created [two maps](#) to help navigate gender-affirming surgery and gender-affirming hormone therapy in New Brunswick.

COMING UP

We will be releasing our **Summit 2026 Web App** later this week! You will be able to access everything schedule-wise on smartphone, tablet or laptop. The **full Program Guide** will also be available as a PDF.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for our **Summit Digests**, weekly emails sharing what you need to know about our upcoming conference in Toronto. Topics include Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQIA+ content at Summit, what to do in Toronto, opportunities for networking, and more.



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