

The CBRC update

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In this month's newsletter: Summit 2025 Program Guide now live, ancillary events, a smoking harm reduction program for 2S/LGBTQIA+ people, volunteer and job opportunities, and more.

THE LATEST

1. The [Program Guide](#) and [Road Map](#) for **Summit 2025: Convergence & Emergence** are now available. Find out everything you need to know about Canada's largest conference on 2S/LGBTQIA+ health, taking place in Montreal November 20-22, 2025. You can also access information on this year's [poster presentations](#) and [conference policies](#) online. There's still time to [register](#), too. And don't forget to take advantage of [discount travel codes](#), whether you're arriving by plane or by train.

Want to volunteer at Summit? Look under "Get Involved" at the bottom of this newsletter to learn how!

2. In addition to our core programming, Summit 2025 includes a variety of **ancillary events, meetings, and consultations hosted by partner organizations**. These include:
 - [Community Consultations on 2SLGBTQ+ Poverty in Canada](#)
 - [Levelling Up HIV PrEP in 2S/GTBQ Communities: A Symposium on How Expanding Choices and Updated Guidelines Can Help Address Inequities](#)
 - [Workshop Invitation: Building Bridges for 2S/LGBTQI+ Health Research](#)
 - [Setting a Community-Based Research Agenda By, With, and For 2S/LBTQ+ Women and Gender-Diverse People](#)
 - [Queering Pandemic Preparedness: Addressing the Mpox Response and Where We Go from Here](#)

Registration for some ancillary events ends this week, so [sign up now](#).

3. **Do you want to change your relationships with smoking and/or vaping? CBRC's new [Smoke Break](#) program could be for you!** We are excited to launch this free, virtual, peer-led program that helps 2S/LGBTQIA+ people across Canada quit or reduce smoking through a harm reduction approach. 2S/LGBTQIA+ communities often face barriers to accessing culturally safe and informed support to quit or reduce smoking. **Smoke Break offers bilingual, virtual 2S/LGBTQIA+ peer support, free nicotine replacement therapy kits, FUM products, and care packages.** Learn more and sign up here:



4. **Our Health 2022** was CBRC's first community survey open to all 2S/LGBTQQIA+ people that centered on experiences of COVID-19 and chronic health. Wanting to understand different groups' experiences and knowing that COVID-19 has affected certain people uniquely, we prepared [a series of community reports](#), the last of which we have just released. The **COVID-19 Community Report on Indigenous 2S/LGBTQQIA+ People** highlights some impacts of the pandemic on Indigenous 2S/LGBTQQIA+ communities in what is currently called Canada.

THE READ

This past July, CBRC launched our [Smoke Break pilot program](#). Funded by Health Canada, the national smoking cessation initiative aims to reduce tobacco-related harms while building healthier, more inclusive communities that affirm and support 2S/LGBTQIA+ people. As we officially launch the Smoke Break program this month, we're excited to share **key findings from the pilot phase and highlight promising practices and feedback that have informed our full-scale implementation**. [Read our blog post here](#).

OUR COMMUNITY: Mylène de Repentigny-Corbeil

Mylène de Repentigny-Corbeil (she/her) is the Executive Director of [Les 3 sex*](#). She leads the organization in their mission to fight for the sexual health and sexual rights of women and LGBTQ+ people. A pan-Canadian organization based in Quebec, Les 3 sex* offers sex education, conducts research and awareness projects, and disseminates sexological knowledge, with Mylène overseeing the organization's advocacy efforts.

CBRC and Les 3 sex are [working together](#) on a project called *We Lead* to advance equal access to sexual, reproductive, and gender affirming care for 2S/LGBTQIA+ people in Canada. Les 3 sex* is also delivering CBRC's health leadership program [Do You Mind?](#) exploring intimate partner violence. "Our collaboration with CBRC is timely," Mylène says. "As a national organization, our ambition is to fully extend our reach across Canada and to offer our resources and tools not only bilingually, but more accessibly in general." In addition to fostering nationwide access, the

collaboration makes it possible for Les 3 sex* to refocus its projects on health. “In recent years, we somewhat neglected the health component, but it’s an integral part of what we do and what we want to do.” The health component, she explains, is based on a sexological and feminist perspective, making the collaboration with the CBRC all the more promising.

As for research, Les 3 sex* organizes an [annual conference](#) on sexuality and technology (*Sexualité et technologies*) that takes a close look at cybersex and cyberviolence. “Everything is changing so fast. We’re trying to understand where we are in terms of technology, and the positive and negative impacts of new technology on sexuality”, Mylène explains. The conference also explores the manosphere—a broad term for online misogyny—and masculinities. “As an organization fighting for the sexual rights of women and LGBTQ+ persons, we study the manosphere because it directly attacks those two specific populations.” [Cyberhéros](#) is an example of a project stemming from the *Sexualité et technologies* conference, combining research, knowledge mobilization, and the creation of pedagogical tools. By reaching boys where they are at—for example, on the livestreaming platform Twitch—the program seeks to prevent cyberviolence by “connecting with boys where they are, on their preferred platform, with the aim of countering, educating, and guiding them in their interactions with the manosphere.”

In the coming months at Les 3 sex*, Mylène is looking forward to launching a major Canada-wide research project on abortion access for 2S/LGBTQIA+ people, [Which body, what choice?](#). What’s more, Les 3 sex* is marking its first ten years. For the occasion, the team is working on a refresh of the organization’s branding—from the website to the sexology journal, black and white is on the way out!

In her spare time, Mylène calls herself a “diehard fan” of culture. She goes out to shows— theatre, music, film—two or three times a week, constantly keeping up with popular culture.



Photo: Mylène de Repentigny-Corbeil

“Sexual health goes beyond the physical; it’s about wellbeing, agency, and how we live out our sexuality.”

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Last month [we asked Celeste Trianon](#), transfeminine jurist and activist, for her opinion on the controversial *Comité de sages sur l'identité de genre* and the group's May 2025 report. The *Comité* was formed in 2023 **without a single member from the 2S/LGBTQIA+ community in its ranks.**
- We recently released the [trailer](#) for our **25th anniversary documentary!** The film features interviews with past and present staff, board members, and supporters who reflect on the organization's 25 years of community connection, research, and growth. We will be screening the full film at Summit 2025 as part of the Opening Plenary.

CBRC in the Media:

- In September, [Health Canada announced funding](#) for CBRC's project on HPV-related cancer care for 2S/LGBTQIA+ people under the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund.

COMING UP

Following the screening of our 25th anniversary documentary at Summit, we will also share **Strategy 2030**, our new strategic plan that will guide our work over the next five years. Strategy 2030 will be made available online after the conference.

On November 12, CBRC's Associate Director of Research Marie Geoffroy will participate in a French-language **discussion on conversion therapy as part of Plaidoyer Victime's conference**, which will take place both [in-person](#) and [online](#).

On December 1st in Toronto, Jad Sinno, CBRC's Research Director will be a panellist for **World AIDS Day 2025: Defining Your Role in Ending AIDS**, presented by Pride at Work Canada. Learn more and get your ticket [here](#).

GET INVOLVED

Summit 2025 is approaching fast and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers in the Montreal area on November 19 (from 2 PM - 6 PM) and during conference days on November 21 & 22 (morning, mid-day, and afternoon shifts available) for a variety of roles. Learn more [here](#).

We are hiring an Evaluation & Reporting Coordinator, who will provide project coordination and data collection and analysis support for evaluation and reporting projects at CBRC. Learn more about the role and how to apply [here](#).

CBRC is a partner on SHAPE+, a community-led project focused on centering the voices of 2S/LGBTQIA+ people in Canada living with chronic pain. [Share your experiences](#) through a short, anonymous survey to help guide the co-

development of research questions that truly reflect what matters most to 2S/
LGBTQQIA+ communities living with chronic pain.



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