

Advice for the Public: Supporting Newcomer 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth

From Newcomer 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth



Curiosity is Welcome— Respect is Essential

“Come with an extra layer of kindness when you approach them, and sometimes it's OK to just ask the question like ask questions with good intentions.”

“Just find a way to build that curiosity about people different than you. And then just approach things with empathy and compassion.”



Knowledge is Power: Educate Yourself to Support and Understand.

“Educate yourself. Like, look things up so that we don't have to explain things.”



Don't Judge, Don't Assume

“Don't make unfair assumptions right away. Ask before you go ahead with a cultural topic.”

“Try to understand that everything is new”



Listen Actively and Stay Open to Meaningful Conversations.

“Same as with any topic, I think you should just be open for conversation. Be able to listen. And respect others experiences because like you never know what the other person is coming through. So like, since you haven't lived someone's life, you cannot make assumptions.”



These quotes were gathered from interviews with **23 2SLGBTQIA+ Newcomer Youth** in Calgary, Alberta, as part of the **Voices in the Art Project**.

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