

How do Newcomer 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Experience Queer Joy?

SELF-EXPRESSION

“Expressing yourself through colour and fashion has really been bringing me joy”



COMMUNITY

“We all go through these things, and we have all this pain, this queer pain. But us finding each other, and loving each other, and having fun, hanging out, nourishing each other, is a form of resistance, because it's joy, and people don't expect joy from us.”



AFFIRMATION

“What brings me joy, I mean. I guess this is not like a community, but my close friends are all very... they always use my correct pronouns and they really affirm me.”



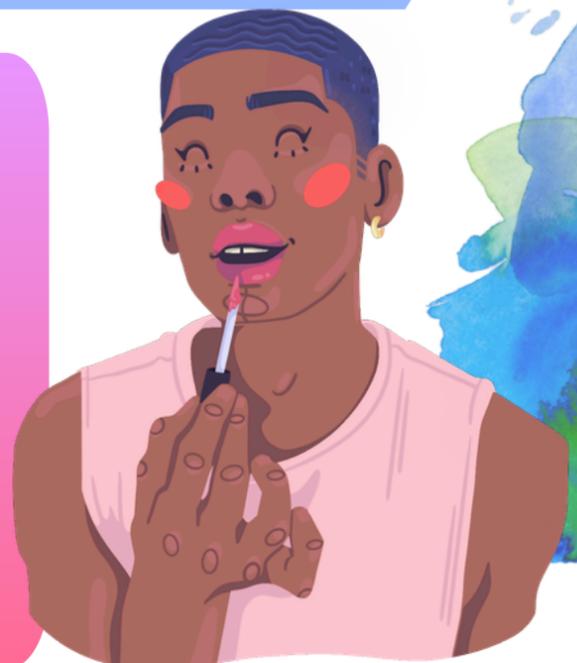
REPRESENTATION

“ [A] huge part of queer joy is social media and being able to see so many diverse content creators.”



SELF-DISCOVERY

“...the joy of being queer, and the joy of being yourself, of having those identities, and just learning about it. This is actually so important and makes me so happy ”



These quotes were gathered from interviews with **45 2SLGBTQIA+ Newcomer Youth** in Calgary, Alberta, as part of the **Voices in the Art Project**.

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