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One King West Hotel & Residence, 1 King St W, Toronto, ON M5H
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This session is free but you need to register [HERE](#)

As faith based leaders converge in Toronto for the World Parliament of Religions conference (Nov 1 – 7th), we have a unique and exciting opportunity to hold an event that seeks to promote dialogue about the intersectionality of faith and identity within our education system in order to help create safer spaces for LGBTQI2S students, educators and allies who face complex barriers to inclusion.

Hear from interfaith leaders of varying backgrounds from across the globe on how together, we can help reconcile intersecting identities based on human dignity in our complex world. Participate in an interactive workshop that seeks participant knowledge and experiences surrounding LGBTQI2S communities and other identity intersections in our education system, and also provide feedback to help inform subject matter and approaches to training which will help educators in their quest to create these safer spaces.

Please join us for this exciting opportunity.

Register [HERE](#)

Some travel bursaries are available for those traveling more than 200km outside of Toronto. Please contact Jovan at jkojicic@egale.ca to inquire.

For more than thirty years, Egale Canada has been working to improve the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, and Two Spirit (LGBTQI2S) people in this country. Today, we are Canada's only national charity that seeks to improve the lives of LGBTQI2S people by informing public policy, inspiring cultural change, and promoting equal rights and inclusion through research, education, and community engagement.

Programme 9:00am – 6:00pm (Registration opens at 8:30am)

At the Opening panel 'Reconciling intersecting identities based on human dignity' the interfaith leaders of varying backgrounds from across the globe will lead a dialogue on how together we can help reconcile intersecting identities based on human dignity in our complex world. This discussion will focus on merging important aspects of intersectionality while trying to find a balance to help reconcile faith and LGBTQI2S identities.

Interactive Workshop 'Intersectionality of faith and identity within Ontario's education system' will explore the role that religion and faith play in the integration of LGBTQI2S students, educators and allies who face complex barriers to inclusion. Participants will learn about the societal factors that impact LGBTQI2S students, educators and allies. The workshop will assist educators in their quest to create safer spaces for all of their students.

Lunch Session: The Familiar and the Strange: Constructing The Welcoming Tent.

Speaker: Rabbi Steven Greenberg, Eshel, Boston, U.S.

Rabbi Steven Greenberg is the founding director of Eshel and works on special projects and development. He is also a faculty member of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. He is the author of the groundbreaking book, *Wrestling with God & Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2004), which won the Koret Book Award for Philosophy and Thought.

Panel ‘Creating Safer Spaces for LGBTQI2S Students, Educators and Allies’. This plenary will highlight participants experiences while providing an opportunity to exchange best practice approaches to creating safer class rooms. Common conclusions will be translated into practical recommendations that will positively impact LGBTQI2S students and their schools.

Closing Event