



## **CELEBRATING 2SLGBTQI INCLUSION:** **KEYNOTE INFO SHEET**

### **Content outline:**

Today more than ever, we are awash in imagery and ideas of many identities and ways of being. How do we make sense of it all in our own lives and communities? In this inspiring and accessible keynote Alyx shares the story of their own gender journey to frame discussions of gender and sexuality against a backdrop of broader notions of equity, and encourages participants to do the same.

Topics include:

- **My Story** – Adventures in gender, growing up and coming out as genderqueer.
- **Identity Basics** – Understanding 4 parts of identity using the *Gender Unicorn*.
- **Social Location** – Introducing the ideas of power, privilege, oppression & intersectionality, and how they impact us all.
- **Unpacking the Acronym** – 2SLGBTQI explained and explored.
- **Being the Change** – How you can practice allyship and equity work in the here and now.

Timing: 35 – 45 minutes, with flexibility as required.

### **Impact:**

Following the presentation audience members are left informed regarding 2SLGBTQI identities, and enthused about the possibility of making change within their own environment. Students who identify within 2SLGBTQI communities often feel validated and relieved, while students who identify otherwise often express wonder and curiosity about the diversity that surrounds them. This climate is ideal for ongoing discussion and celebration of 2SLGBTQI equity and inclusion initiatives within the school, community and beyond.

### **Who is Alyx Duffy & what do they do?**

Alyx is an 2SLGBTQI equity and inclusion specialist with a passion for helping create safer and more inclusive communities for everyone. A talented facilitator, inspiring speaker, and committed change-maker, they've got the skills and experience to help you make a difference in your community. Learn more at [alyxduffy.ca](http://alyxduffy.ca).

*"I'm sure you know this, but it isn't a small thing to come into a high school and make a good impression, let alone change hearts and minds. Your presentation today made our school that much safer and that much more welcoming."*

- Student, Grade 12

*"Thank you for your wisdom, your sense of humour, your warm, engaging and articulate communication with the audience, and for making a topic that is still so unfamiliar to many people, so accessible and relatable."*

- Educator