



## **CREATING AND MAINTAINING SAFER SPACES:** **GSA SESSION INFO SHEET**

### **Content outline:**

Safer space clubs like GSAs (Gender-Sexuality Alliances, Gay-Straight Alliances) provide an incredible potential for grassroots change within a school community, but have their own life cycle, as with all things. It's important to recognize when your club needs a boost, and how best to get it there. This session is designed to help a smaller group of approximately 30 students (and their advisors) recognize that need, and build an action plan to address it.

Topics discussed include:

- **My Story** - The journey to genderqueer, finding oneself in the 2SLGBTQI acronym.
- **GSA For The Win** - Team building through relevant games and activities, then identifying team goals and dreams.
- **Safer Space Action Planning** - Putting the club in context by identifying resources, challenges, past successes and support structures.
- **Mapping it Out** - Generating a basic framework from which to build a more detailed action plan, including action items and next steps.
- **Q & A** - Addressing any un-answered questions and providing an opportunity to say goodbye.

Timing: 60 - 90 minutes, with flexibility depending on need.

### **Impact:**

GSA members and advisors leave these sessions brimming with ideas and questions for their next steps. Session activities are designed to maximize this potential and create momentum to be carried forward into upcoming club activities, with eventual ripple effects in the broader school community.

### **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).

*"It's a real pleasure to watch the club continue to grow and thrive under their leadership, and to see it branch out by creating connections with leaders such as yourself. Thank you again for your valuable role on this important day for the club."*

-GSA Advisor