What is this project about?
This project will be developed with LGBTQ2+ youth for LGBTQ2+ youth, incorporating trauma-informed and culturally-safe approaches. The project should help foster healthier relationships and prevent or reduce dating violence. The intended goal is to reduce the health inequities faced by LGBTQ2+ youth as a result of stigma and trauma.

Why LGBTQ2S+ Youth?
When it comes to gender-based violence, LGBTQ2S+ folks are at increased risk for the long-lasting consequences of this serious public health issue. Adolescence is a key time to provide young people with the knowledge and skills to develop healthy relationships that are free from violence and abuse.

Objectives

1. DEVELOP AND FACILITATE EDUCATION MODELS
   in partnership with the McCreary Centre Society.
   Develop education modules in collaboration with youth focused on preventing dating violence for LGBTQ2S+ adolescents.
   Pilot the intervention across British Columbia in spaces such as Gender Sexuality Alliance Clubs (GSAs) and LGBTQ2+ youth community groups. Scale up project across the country.
   Deliver the proposed intervention incorporating trauma-informed and culturally safe approaches, to foster healthy relationships, prevent and reduce dating violence, and improve healthy equity among LGBTQ2S+ youth.
2 **EVALUATE INTERVENTION in partnership with the McCreary Centre Society.**

At the completion of these modules, participants should:

a. Have greater awareness of dating violence in LGBTQ2+ relationships
b. Be able to identify both dating violence behaviours and healthy relationships
c. Experience role playing conflict management and learn effective strategies in relationships
d. Define strategies for being effective bystanders and supportive friends to peers in violent dating relationships

We will conduct surveys to evaluate the intervention and its impact on knowledge, motivation to change attitudes, and influence on behaviours that support healthy relationships.

3 **IDENTIFY BARRIERS**

By interviewing teachers, counselors, and facilitators, we will identify barriers and improvements to support a country-wide intervention.

Without these learned lessons, the most effective intervention would be limited.

4 **MEASURE IMPACT**

Using BC Adolescent Health Survey (BCAHS) data from before and after the intervention, we will measure potential shifts in dating violence behavior among LGBTQ2S+ youth.

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**DELIVERABLES**

1 **ONLINE, DOWNLOADABLE MANUAL**
   downloadable manual (available in English and French)

2 **TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOPS**
   workshops throughout British Columbia

3 **FIVE INFOGRAPHICS**
   about the intervention and its outcomes (available in French and English)

4 **PRE AND POST INTERVENTION SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWS**

5 **THREE TO FIVE PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS**

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