**Run for Rocky Grant Application Ideas**

**The following are some ideas that your school may want to apply for a Run for Rocky Grant. We encourage you to be creative and come up with new ideas. Please note Run for Rocky grants will not be given out for GSA T Shirts, Knapsacks or the like.**

**Legacy Projects**

Paint a Diversity Mural in a prominent location in your school

Diversity Photography Contests and Photo hangings

Start an LGBTQ section of your library

Create an Anti-bullying campaign for your school that will include a slogan unique to your school. Dedicate a bulletin board for continuous use of Anti-bullying information. Create posters, banners and a Facebook page for your school that can be used for many years to come.

Paint a bank of lockers in Pride Colours

Begin an information Bulletin Board offering educational information on youth suicide help, LGBT issues and support, family support issues and help line listings.

Create a permanent GSA Meeting Room in your school by painting walls in murals in a designated Safe Space

Purchase GSA Adirondack chairs and paint them in Pride colours to create a space to talk and work out bullying issues within your school

Create a GSA history book for your school

**Educational Tools**

Supplies for your GSA Safe Space Area

Rainbow stickers, door decals or posters in order to identify welcoming and open classrooms in the school.

Create a Parents Education Handbook so that Parents have a reference to go to when their teen comes out. This Handbook can include a list of local resources where parents can seek support, counselling and guidance.

Create a GSA Handbook that would remain in the school and serve as a lasting legacy to enable education on LBGT issues, GSA issues, Teenage Mental Health Issues-this should be something that could be used as an educational resource for both teachers and students.

Place an order through Run for Rocky to purchase the Supportive Families, Healthy Children Parent Educational booklet to distribute to parents as needed in your school community.

Host a GSA Parent Information Evening

Start a school YOUtube program to educate and discuss Anti-Bullying tactics for your school

**Create a Signature Event**

Create a drama presentation or video that is unique to your school and focuses in on your GSA, LGBTQ issues, or youth mental health issues.

Have an LGBTQ Art Exhibit which shows the history of LGBTQ issues, human rights and where we are today

**Book a Guest Speaker**

Bring a speaker into your school to address your entire student population on GSA’s & LGBTQ issues, Anti-Bullying issues, Youth Mental Health and Suicide Education, Motivational Topics or Positive Leadership, Mentoring and Role Modelling. Some suggested speakers may be:

**Derrick Biso**

**Derrick Biso**is an openly gay, queer, Trans\* mixed media performance artist based in Windsor ON, but born and raised on Prince Edward Island. Derrick is a community developer and workshop facilitator with a focus on compassionate communities and mindful lifestyles that expand potential and embolden people to live creatively and become more genuine. Derrick is an active citizen and open to accepting opportunities to make an impact, cultivate change, and work collaboratively to shift towards more harmonious circumstances that ensure justice and freedom for all. Derrick is currently employed with Nouveau Event Planning and volunteers with local LGBTQ+ organizations/agencies and initiatives (i.e., Run for Rocky, Windsor Youth Centre Gender + Sexuality Alliance, and Windsor-Essex Transgender and Allied Support). Derrick is the yoga instructor for the monthly FREE Run for Rocky yoga sessions and leads the GSA at the Windsor Youth Centre. Derrick also sits on the Board of the Windsor Essex Transgender Allied Support Agency. **Fee-Starting at $200.00**

**Contact Derrick at 226-347-2418** **Email DBiso@upei.ca**

**Dan MacDonald**

Dan MacDonald is a radio personality in Windsor-Detroit, actor in community theatre and organizer of the very popular annual event Slam-a-Phobia - a night of spoken word poetry raising awareness about Homophobia, Biophobia and Transphobia.

**Contact Dan at 519-980-9763 Email** dan.macdonald@939theriverradio.com

**Holly Painter**

A spoken word artist, public speaker, and certified teacher, Holly Painter is passionate about sharing her stories, inspiring youth, and advocating for important causes through poetry. Holly is a three-time Grand Slam Champion and Director of the London Poetry Slam, and has performed at three national spoken word festivals, a TEDx conference, and dozens of school and community events across Ontario. Holly’s “Speak Your Truth” assemblies have high energy and truly leave a mark.

[**www.hollypainterpoetry.com**](http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hollypainterpoetry.com%2F&h=mAQH6pU3N)**hollypainterpoetry@gmail.com**

**Melissa Lywood**

The story outlines Melissa’s personal experience of how bullying affected her entire family and community. In 2003 her younger sister, Stephanie, took her own life after being bullied face to face and through social media. Her presentation gives students an opportunity to see the real life effects of bullying and help connect students to both formal and informal resources that are available for themselves and their peers throughout Windsor/Essex. **Contact Run for Rocky for more information**

**Glen Bacarro**

From having not been raised by his parents to surviving a horrific car accident that should have claimed his life, Glen Bacarro understands overcoming challenges. With confidence and humour, Glen shares his stories as an example to provide value and empower youth to initiate change in their lives.

**Contact Brenda Gale-Manager-1-855-4MR-GLEN**

**omfp@theglenproject.com**[**www.theglenproject.com**](http://www.theglenproject.com) **Fee-$1000.00**

**Chris Rabideau-Social Justice Artist & Activist**

Chris Rabideau is a malty award winning, community-engaged artist and advocate, based in Windsor. Chris currently works as public speaker championing issues close to his heart including LGBT and Newcomer bullying. Chris shares his experiences of being a victim of LGBT violence and how we can create safer schools, homes and communities together

**Contact-519 566 5224** **rabideau\_c@hotmail.com** **Fee-$300.00-$400.00**

**Danielle Bouttineau-Diversity Police Officer for the City of Toronto Police Force**

Danielle tells her life story about being a lesbian woman who became a police officer and is now the Diversity Officier for the entire City of Toronto training all staff on diversity issues. Her personality and interesting life stories make her a upbeat and inspiring speaker.

**Contact Nancy thru Run for Rocky at 519-978-0676 to book Danielle**

**Fee-Expenses only to get to Windsor**

**Egale Canada Human Rights Trust**

Egale is Canada’s only national charity promoting human rights based on sexual orientation and gender identity through research, education and community engagement. Egale can provide speakers on the following topics from their Programming or Research teams: GSA issues, LGBTQ issues, Anti-bullying issues and youth mental health issues. Egale is the association that produces Canada’s GSA Conference called OUTshine every 2nd year. A 45 minute to 60 minute school assembly sessions can be booked from $250 to $500 plus travel / accommodation when require. You can link to [egale.ca](http://egale.ca) or [mygsa.ca](http://mygsa.ca) for more info about Egale’s work.

**Contact Frank Colosimo Programming Director at** saferschools@egale.ca

**University of Western Ontario-Get REAL Presentation**

"Get REAL is a Canadian non-profit that empowers university and college students to help younger students unlearn LGBT discrimination and bullying, at the middle school and high school levels. Our presentations are assembly or classroom-style. Honest, humorous, relatable, and based on real-life personal stories, our presentations are extremely effective in reaching young audiences with core messages of positivity, inclusivity, and everybody is different (and that's awesome)!"

**Contact-Chris Studer- 416-526-2333**

**chris.studer@thegetrealmovement.com**

**Minimum donation suggested- $200 to cover transportation costs**

**\*\*Please note that the University of Windsor also has a Get REAL program right now. Contact Run for Rocky for the most updated student Get REAL contact locally**

**Nancy Campana-Mother of Rocky Campana-not applicable for a Run for Rocky Grant-Donation to the Windsor Pride-Run for Rocky program is appreciated.**

Nancy Campana tells Rocky’s story. Learn who he was, what his dreams were and how the Run for Rocky started. Rocky’s family have endeavoured to keep his story alive since he passed after a suicide attempt. The Campana’s continue the work Rocky wanted to do to help youth facing depression and youth who encounter difficulties with family and friends when they come out.

**Contact-nancyc@nouveauevent.com** **519-978-0676**

**Ryan T. Richardson, -Media Safe Corporation**
[Member - Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce](http://www.windsorchamber.org/directory/#action=Listing&value=18328&cid=114&did=2&reftyp=15&searchid=409460)

With over 20 years of experience in Law, Teaching & Media Marketing, Ryan Richardson delivers specialized Workshops to help Parents, Students & Teachers. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, ONLINE ACTIVITY HAS REAL-LIFE CONSEQUENCES.
Bringing a 45 or 90 minute Media Safe Workshop to your school, this is an effective way to educate anyone who feels lost in the online world, providing tools to encourage positive and honest conversations and to help counteract cyber-bullying. Fee TBD.

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**Out in the Open Theatre Presentation**

Out in the Open, is written by Dave Deveau, follows best friends Adam & Stephen as they head off for a weekend camping trip. Stephen hates the outdoors, getting dirty, and most of all the thought of going a day without indoor plumbing. However, Adam convinces him to get out of the city and enjoy the outdoors. While lost in the forest we see how these two interact and how gender stereotypes have these two boys stuck in roles they aren’t sure they fit in. Stephen is clean cut, fashion conscious and sophisticated while Adam is laid back, sloppy and girl crazy. That is until the moment when the truth is finally revealed. One of them has a secret they have been hiding for fear of losing everything they know as ‘normal’. Out in the Open explores the experience of having to reveal a truth about yourself that others may not understand or agree with. The idea that what you say could change things forever is terrifying, whether you are the one revealing or receiving the secret

**Cost per Show: $900 + HST= $1,017**

**\* 20% discount offered for multiple shows booked in one day.**

**Book a Show or for more information contact:** **nvisosky@tobedeterminedtheatre.ca**

[www.tbdtheatre.com](http://www.tbdtheatre.com)

**Run for Rocky also has resources to book local Trans Activists and speakers or counsellor speakers who work with youth. Please contact our office to let us know your speaker needs and we can source a speaker to meet your particular requirement**

**Nancy Campana @ 519-978-0676 or Nancyc@nouveauevent.com**