

# ANKORS Trans Connect, AGM Report May 2023, prepared by Nicola Hare

Daily Dose – Trans  
Connect Supports  
Gender Diverse  
Residents

by Sarah Lind on Monday November 21 2022



This has been an exciting six months at Trans Connect. We have been connecting with community, bringing projects to completion and beginning new collaborations. Program Coordinator Nicola Hare presented workshops to close to 300 people and connected with peers online, at monthly in person groups and individually. Both Nicola and Outreach worker Jen Ross supported individuals and groups on their gender journeys. We attended conferences and were a part of focus groups and steering committees within the East & West Kootenay Boundary region.

Image: Nelson Daily News Article about Trans Connect programs & services

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## Workshops & Trainings



We delivered workshops for service providers, workplaces, schools and communities across the East and West Kootenays about trans identity, allyship, 2SLGBTQ+ terminology, and best practices for serving the gender diverse community.

Between Oct 31 2022 and March 31 2023 Trans Connect presented 15 workshops to 292 people including elementary,

middle, high school and college faculty, parents, youth, children, post secondary students, nurses, doctors, clergy, small business owners, service industry employees, and social workers.

Image: Nicola Hare presenting at Queer Out Here

## Support Groups

Gender Outlaws is our peer support and social group for transgender, questioning, non-binary, intersex, two spirit, and gender diverse community members of all ages to gather for community, information, mutual support, and connections to resources. These monthly gatherings take place online by Zoom and in person in Nelson, Trail & Cranbrook.





## Kootenay Boundary Division of Family Practice Community and Provider Roadmap

For a number of years Trans Connect has been involved with The Kootenay Boundary Shared Care Gender-Affirming Care project, which has brought together local physicians, transgender advocates, allied organizations & patient partners to help strengthen gender-affirming care in our region.

The Shared Care project offered gender diversity training for MOA and Unit Clerks in the region and produced a poster for hospital and primary care settings that communicates steps to take to affirm & support trans patients.

On January 26<sup>th</sup> Nicola Hare and Dr. Lauren Galbraith hosted a 1hr lunchtime sessional on Gender Affirming Care at Kootenay Lake Hospital

in Nelson BC.

We are excited to celebrate the launch of the Gender Affirming Community and Provider Roadmaps now available on the Division and Trans Connect websites.



(L-R) Dr. Lauren Galbraith (she/her), KB Family Physician & Project Lead  
 Nicola Hare (she/her), Trans Connect Coordinator, ANKORS

