

AFFIRMING NEWS

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The QUILTBAG

The QUILTBAG is an LGBTQ+ retail shop that carries queer & trans wares right here in Edmonton Alberta!

The local shop carries an always-changing assortment of custom and curated used & new clothing; accessories like pins, pronoun buttons, patches, stickers; art by local artists; small gifts; and trans gear including chest binders and compression underwear.

The physical store location of The QUILTBAG is currently closed as part of collective strategies for social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19 but new shopping options are available now!

1. Online Store: Local pickup and shipping are currently available

2. Shopping Channel: Every Wednesday at 6pm (MST), tune in to IGTV for a fun episode of The QUILTBAG Shopping Channel

3. Shopping by Delivery: Available for trying on or purchasing gender-affirming items only (binders, gaffs, bras, packing harnesses)

How to Support The QUILTBAG

If you are able, here are some other ways to support The QUILTBAG, besides shopping!

- 1) You can send a letter to government reps asking them to #savesmallbusinesses
- 2) The QUILTBAG has also launched a crowdfunding campaign!

This shop is great for LGBTQ+ folks and allies who want to support the local LGBTQ+ market. This is a one of a kind shop! Check them out @ thequiltbag.com

Question 1: What does Agender mean	Question 2: What is Gender Expression?	Question 3: What does Heteronormativity mean?
Answer 1: People who are Agender have little to no connection to the traditional system of gender, no personal alignment with the concepts of either man or woman, and/or someone who sees themselves as existing without gender	Answer 2: Gender Expression is the external display of one's gender, through a combination of clothing, grooming, demeanour, social behaviour, and other factors, generally made sense of on scales of masculinity, femininity or androgyny. Also referred to as "gender presentation."	Answer 3: Heteronormativity is the assumption, in individuals and/or in institutions, that everyone is heterosexual and that heterosexuality is superior to all other sexualities. This then requires people to "come out" if they do not fit the assumptions of heterosexuality

Online Programs

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Haven</u></p> <p>Date/Time: May 17th, 7-9pm Location: Facebook Livestream Description: Haven is an inclusive Christian worship service and community for LGBTQ2S+ individuals & allies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SoulOUTing</u></p> <p>Date/Time: May 10th, 7-9pm Location: Zoom Description: This is a safe place where LGBTQ2S+ folks and allies can explore the sacred and connect with one another.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Be Group</u></p> <p>Date/Time: May 23rd, 2-4pm Location: Zoom Description: A secular activity group for transgender, transsexual, gender-queer, gender-fluid, Two-Spirit, and non-binary & questioning minorities, regardless of age, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status. Whether or not a person is transitioning, transitioned, or exploring life broadly or not.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Generous Space Retreat</u></p> <p>Date/Time: May 28th – 31st Location: Zoom Description: This is a group that meets for fun activities, conversation, fellowship, and prayer with a focus on including LGBTQ2S+ Christians and allies.</p>