

# GENDER EQUALITY 25 YEARS OF PROGRESS

## LGBTQ2 RIGHTS

Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure, to live free from discrimination and persecution, and to express themselves fully, no matter who they love or how they identify.

**1996**

Sexual orientation is added to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**2005**

Same-sex marriage is legalized across Canada.

**2009**

The first Trans March in Canada is organized during Toronto Pride.

**2017**

Gender expression and gender identity are added to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Government of Canada makes a formal apology for the historic purge of LGBTQ2 members from the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and civil service.

**2019**

Gemma Hickey becomes one of the first Canadians to receive a gender-neutral birth certificate and passport.

The Government of Canada announces support to help grassroots LGBTQ2 organizations grow.

Let's celebrate all those who work to advance gender equality and continue to create a better and equal world for all.

**#BecauseOfYou**

