

# Creating More Safe and Affirming Sport Cultures



**Date: October 24, 2019**

**Time: 7:00PM-8:30PM**

**Venue: Saville Community Sports Centre, Tennis Side Meeting Room located in the 2nd floor Balmoral Lounge**

**Registration: \$5 (call 780-492-2231 with code 9521)**

If we engage inclusive sporting practices, our teams and organizations will increasingly represent a wider range of Canadian society, including gender, sexual, racial, ethnic, class, and ability-related diversity. In this presentation we argue that inclusion is not enough. We will present tools that will not only help to create more inclusive spaces, but will also offer grounded tools for shifting sporting cultures so that a broad range of athletes can experience the safety and affirmation necessary to stay involved without the trade-off of perpetual harm and marginalization. Specifically, we will offer: Respectful language for speaking about difference; Some accessible tools and resources around program planning, registration and advertisement; and will end with discussions about micro-aggressions, micro-affirmations and how to start transforming patterns of harm experienced by our marginalized athletes.



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Lindsay Eales is a queer settler, and Certified Occupational Therapist who works to transform exclusive spaces rather than 'fixing' excluded people. Eales recently completed her PhD in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, researching how to create more accessible and affirming sport and recreation spaces for people who have experiences with trauma, mental illness, and mental distress.