

# Appendix D: 2SLGBTQIA+ Experience Map

Beyond Belonging:  
Building a 2SLGBTQIA+  
Safe Spaces Action Plan

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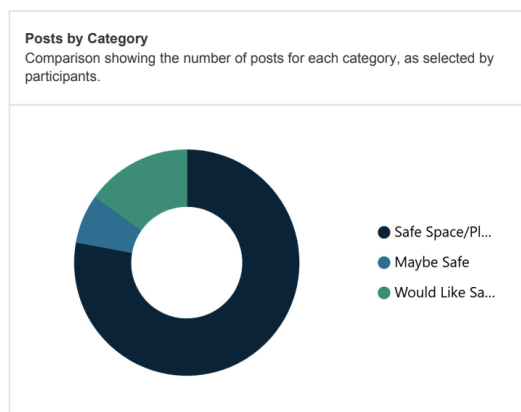
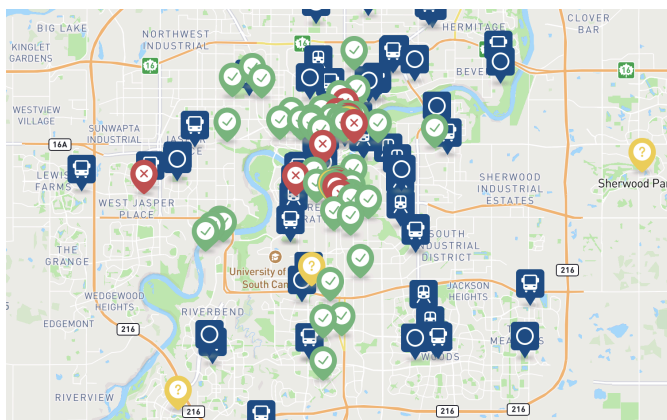
Engage Edmonton hosted a mapping tool from March 25 to April 21, 2025. Participants were invited to drop colour-coded pins on a map of the city marking locations in Edmonton where they experience safety and inclusion (green), discomfort but not a lack of safety (yellow), and a lack of safety or inclusion (red).

This point-in-time tool allows us to visualize areas for improvement for City services and spaces, as well as highlight spaces across Edmonton that are currently modeling innovative ways to include 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

## Summary of mapping contributions

### 103 contributions from 40 contributors

- + **Green Pins:** I feel safe and included here
  - 75 submissions
- + **Yellow Pins:** This is an ambiguous space/place. I feel uncomfortable but not unsafe here
  - 12 submissions
- + **Red Pins:** I would like to feel safe/included here, but haven't in the past
  - 16 submissions



# City of Edmonton places and spaces

Type of Location	# Identified as "I feel safe and included here."	# Identified as "This is an ambiguous space/place. I feel uncomfortable but not unsafe here."	# Identified as "I would like to feel safe/included here, but haven't in the past."
LRT Station or stop			2
Transit Centre	1		1
Recreation Facility	7	6	

## City of Edmonton locations identified

The University Transit Centre and the Commonwealth, The Meadows, Clareview, Londonderry, and Grand Trunk Community/Fitness and Leisure Centres are listed as City spaces where people have felt safe and included.

*"I like that there is a family change room. As a trans person, it is a gender neutral spot where I feel comfortable changing in. Also the changing stalls are big and comfortable to move in."*

Six recreation centres, including Jasper Place Leisure Centre, Booster Juice Recreation Centre in Terwillegar, Hardisty Fitness and Leisure Centre, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre, and Kinsmen Sports Centre, were identified as City spaces or places where people have felt uncomfortable but not unsafe.

*"My experiences here have varied significantly. My experiences with staff have been positive, but actually using facilities is always hit or miss, depending on who is around. Things like staring are common, or being less willing to share equipment or space. Spaces surrounding physical activity are often especially uncomfortable and I worry about this pushing visibly queer people out of gyms and becoming a social determinant of health, making our health as a whole worse."*

The Churchill and Belvedere LRT stops, and Stadium Transit Centre are City spaces and places where participants previously identified not feeling safe or included.

*"Feeling unsafe in high floor LRTS, and stairwells on Capital Line during day time hours. Receiving dirty looks, stares, there is a feeling of danger and visibility for safety. I feel threat of public attack when dressed "out of conformity". Segregated washrooms are an issue, visibility is low, would like to see Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in washrooms, i.e. panic buttons in all washroom types."*

# Community places and spaces

# Identified as "I feel safe and included here."	# Identified as "This is an ambiguous space/place. I feel uncomfortable but not unsafe here."	# Identified as "I would like to feel safe/included here, but haven't in the past."
67	6	13

## Community Spaces & Places Identified

Specific addresses, space names, and identifying factors have been removed in this appendix to protect the anonymity of participants who shared their input.

Participants identified 67 spaces where they felt safe and included. These locations spanned various sectors: non-City government buildings, schools, libraries, faith spaces, non-profit organizations, and subsidized housing. A diverse range of businesses also contributed to these feelings, including financial institutions, entertainment venues (theatres, malls, coffee shops, board game cafes, pubs, and breweries), wellness facilities (gyms, barbershops, salons, physiotherapy clinics), and retail (adult stores, shops, and stores catering to 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals).

*"I do not pass well, have had my nails painted... and have received nothing but respect from staff and visitors alike. You can frequently find people of all walks of life here, including students, kids, disabled people, and even the occasional sports parent."*

Shopping centres, some neighbourhoods, a library, and a public space were the six areas identified as ambiguous spaces or places.

*"I feel safe when Pride Corner is there, but I feel unsafe when there is a street preacher shouting anti-LGBT rhetoric at me. I would feel safer if the street preacher were unable to use a loudspeaker to shout at me."*

High-density public spaces, shelters, swimming spaces, healthcare facilities, convention spaces and shopping centre were among the thirteen spaces where participants indicated they have not felt safe or included in the past.

*"I would love to go to this waterpark, but the long, crowded, gendered changing rooms just cause too much anxiety."*