



Shandi Bleiken

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Shandi Bleiken has worked at the University of Lethbridge for a combined total of five years. Shandi is a queer creative, and organizer based in Lethbridge, Alberta. She is the former president of OUTreach Southern Alberta Society and was one of the leading voices behind #QueerKidsYQL in 2019. A self-described relentless optimist, a poet and occasional public speaker. Shandi produced the Coming Out in Faith Monologues in Lethbridge in 2017, 2018, and 2019 and the Coming Out Monologues in 2018 and 2019 and received the Lethbridge Pride Award for Community Development for her work in 2020. Shandi is currently completing a two-year term as a trustee on the Lethbridge Public Library Board.