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Pride Week returns to UTM in style

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The UTM community held its annual Pride Week, with programming and events running from January 17 to 24 for the benefit of students, staff, and faculty who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, or queer, and for their allies.

"The week of plentiful events has just wrapped up with a fantastic open mic night where around three-

ty people showed up to watch and perform in a positive, judgement-free space," said Roya Ghahremani, the executive director of OUTF@UTM, the club that hosted the event. "Throughout the week it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, and also some new ones of people who checked out the events and were educated about why a positive space for queer folk is so important."

Ghahremani said she thinks they accomplished their goal of "creating a welcoming environment where everyone, regardless of gender or sexual identity, felt safe and confident".

The week-long series of events was a collaboration between UTM's Ministry of Equity, OUTF@UTM, the UTM Positive Space Committee, the U of T Sexual and Gender Diversity Office, and the U of T Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office.

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