

Self Help and Peer Support Larger Font Screen Reader Accessible Group Calendar June 2025

Drop-In Self Help & Peer Support Groups Schedule

See below for Spark of Brilliance Schedule and workshop descriptions for individual Self Help & Peer Support group descriptions.

Cancellations: Planned cancellations are noted below with the affected groups. In the event that we need to unexpectedly cancel a group session, we will post it to our Facebook page at facebook.com/selfhelppeersupport. We will also change our Group Cancellation line message at 1-844-CMHA WW3 (1-844-264-2993) ext. 4004

Note: To access virtual groups, click on the “bit.ly” link (typing it does not work).

Mondays

Virtual Groups

NEW GROUP Hope for Recovery

- 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm with Kass
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- **Virtual**
- <http://bit.ly/42rLO9F>
- (833) 819-8075 Phone conference ID: 290 786 821#

Supporting the Supporter

- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm with Kass
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- **Virtual**
- <https://bit.ly/3WGpW6T>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone conference ID: 971 491 960#

In Person Groups

Cambridge Mindfulness & Self-Compassion

- 10:00 am to 11:00 am with Colene
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- **In-person**
- 9 Wellington St., Cambridge

Cambridge Anxiety, Depression & Hope Peer Support

- 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with Colene
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- **In-person**
- 9 Wellington St., Cambridge

Tuesdays

Virtual Groups

Self-Compassion

- 10:00 am to 11:30 am with Kass
- June 3, 10, 17, and 24
- **Virtual**
- <https://bit.ly/423psKc>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone conference ID: 770 408 296#

Anxiety Depression & Hope Peer Support **NEW TIME**

- 7:00 pm to **8:00** pm with Tonya
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday
- June 3 and 17
- **Virtual**

- <https://bit.ly/3RIIsJg>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone conference ID: 949 992 347#

Guelph Redefining Addiction. Reclaiming our Dignity

- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm with Tonya
- June 3, 10, 17, 24
- **Virtual**
- <https://bit.ly/3Xfra9D>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone conference ID: 923 475 136#
- 80 Waterloo Avenue, Guelph

In Person Groups

Kitchener Mindfulness & Self Compassion

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am with Colene
- June 3, 10, 17, and 24
- **In person**
- 67 King St E., Kitchener

Kitchener Games

- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm with Rob and Jen
- June 3, 10, 17, and 24
- **In person**
- 67 King St E., Kitchener

Kitchener Anxiety, Depression and Hope Peer Support

- 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm with Katrina and Daniel
- June 3, 10, 17, and 24
- **In person**
- 67 King St E., Kitchener

Kitchener Open Share

- 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm with Colene
- June 3, 10, 17, and 24
- **In person**

- 67 King St E., Kitchener

Guelph River Steps

- 3:00pm-4:00pm with Tonya
- June 3, 10, 17, 24
- **In Person**
- Royal City Park, Guelph (at the gazebo)

Wednesdays

Virtual Groups

Anxiety, Depression and Hope Peer Support

- 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm with Lawrence
- June 4, 11, 18 and 25
- **Virtual**
- <https://bit.ly/4fjPPBd>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone Conference ID: 617 321 551#

Returning Group: BPD Peer Support

- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm with Kass
- June 4, 11, 18, and 25
- **Virtual**
- <https://bit.ly/4lEJqE1>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone conference ID: 979 561 457#

Coping with a Missing Person

- 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm with Maureen & Cindy
- Biweekly
- June 11 and 25
- **Virtual**
- Email missingpersons@rogers.com to join.

In Person Groups

Cambridge Intentional Living

- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with Kass
- June 4, 11, 18, and 25

- **In-person**
- 9 Wellington Street, Cambridge

Kitchener Walking Group

- 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with Rob
- June 4, 11, 18, 25
- **In Person**
- Speaker's Corner in front of 67 King Street E., Kitchener

Thursdays

Virtual Groups

Self-Esteem

- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm with Kass
- June 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **Virtual**
- <https://bit.ly/4aEg6IC>
- (833) 819-8075 & Phone Conference ID: 786 254 358#

In Person Groups

Kitchener Mind Over Mood

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am with Colene
- June 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **In Person**
- 67 King St. E., Kitchener

Kitchener Bowling

- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with Rob
- June 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **In Person**
- Victoria Bowl, 280 Victoria St S, Kitchener

Guelph Walk & Talk

- 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm with Tonya

- June 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **In Person**
- Royal City Park (at the gazebo), Guelph

Fridays

Virtual Groups

Mental Health & Wellness Skills

- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with Colene
- June 6, 13, 20 and 27
- **Virtual**
- bit.ly/48En3H6
- (833) 819-8075 & ID 213 570 692#

In Person Groups

Guelph Qi Gong in the Park

- 9:30 am to 10:30 am with Lisa
- June 6, 13, 20, 27 (cancelled June 27 if it's raining)
- **In Person**
- **New Location:** Exhibition Park (Meet near the corner of London Rd & Kathleen St - Parking on Kathleen St
- Raining? Meet us at 80 Waterloo Ave, SHPS Group room excepting June 27

Cambridge Mind Over Mood **NO GROUP JUNE 13 or 20**

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am with Colene
- June 6 and 27
- No group June 13 or 20
- **In-person**
- 9 Wellington St., Cambridge.

Cambridge Meditation

- 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm with Kass
- June 6, 13, 20 and 27

- **In-Person**
- 9 Wellington St., Cambridge

Enrolled Recovery Learning Groups Schedule

Mondays

No enrolled groups on Mondays

Tuesdays

Virtual Mind Over Mood Peer Support

- 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm with Lawrence
- June 3, 10, 17, and 24
- Group will meet weekly for approximately 8 months.
- **Closed Group.** For questions, please email Allison at apurdy@cmhaww.ca.

Wednesdays

Virtual Peers for Safer Living

- 10-week group for those who have completed the 20 week group.
- To join the next session email skillsforsaferlivingteam@cmhaww.ca or call 1-844-264-2993 ext. 4063.

RETURNING GROUP Virtual Riding the Wave of Emotion

- 16 week group starting May 21 (until September 10)
- 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm with Katrina
- June 4, 11, 18, and 25
- **Registration closed.** Questions? Staff email Jane at jbrown@cmhaww.ca

Thursdays

Virtual DBT Skills Peer Support

- 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm with Dana & Lawrence.

- June 5, 12, 19, 26
- Group will meet for approximately 18 months.
- For questions, please email Allison at apurdy@cmhaww.ca.
- **Closed Group.** No waitlist at this time.

Fridays

Virtual DBT Skills Peer Support

- 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm with Lawrence.
- June 6, 13, 20, 27
- Group will meet for approximately 18 months.
- For questions, please email Allison at apurdy@cmhaww.ca.
- **Closed Group.** No waitlist at this time.

Spark of Brilliance Groups

To enroll in Spark of Brilliance, register for a workshop or be added to our monthly mailing list, email Marcey at mgray@cmhaww.ca. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis and limited spaces are available for each workshop. Enrollment in Spark of Brilliance is required at least 24 hours *prior* to registration. All supplies are provided at no cost to participants. Links to virtual workshops are sent to registered participants via email on the morning the workshop is held.

Planned Spark of Brilliance cancellations are noted on the calendar grid. If we need to unexpectedly cancel a workshop, registered participants will be notified via email, as soon as possible.

Monday (Virtual)

Doodling People

- June 2 & 9 from 1:30-3:30 p

Studying the Masters: Faith Ringgold

- June 16 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Art for Self Care

- June 23 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

The Answers are Within You

- June 30 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday (Kitchener – 67 King St East)

Printmaking – Make Up Workshop

- June 3 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Keychain Art

- June 10 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Neurographic Art

- June 17 from 1:30-3:30 pm

In Progress

- June 24 from 1:30-3:30 pm

Wednesday (Guelph – 80 Waterloo Ave)

Magical Fairy House Building (At Guelph Enabling Garden, Riverside Park)

- June 4 & 18 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

3D Needle-felting (Part 2/2)

- June 11 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Neurographic Art

- June 25 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Thursday

Guelph: Crochet & Knit Club (SHPS Group Room at 80 Waterloo Ave)

- June 5 & 19 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Virtual: The Writing Life with Mary Katherine Carr

- June 5 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday

No workshops on Fridays

Spark of Brilliance Group Descriptions

3D Needle Felting

- In this two-part workshop, you'll learn the art of needle felting to create your own whimsical 3D wool sculptures. From animals and characters to flowers or fantasy creatures, the choice is yours! We'll start with the basics and build up your piece over two sessions, exploring techniques for shaping, detailing, and bringing your creation to life. No experience needed—all materials provided!

Art for Self Care

- During this monthly workshop series, with the help of artist Jessica Swift and Skillshare, you'll learn how to tap into the power of your intuition and use artmaking as a tool for radical self-care. Whether you're an experienced artist or a curious beginner, this self-paced class is for you. Artmaking can be used as a tool for meaningful self-discovery and transformation. This month we will focus on Klimt.

Doodling People

- In this fun and beginner-friendly workshop via Skillshare, you'll learn how to sketch expressive people through simple doodling techniques. Led by urban sketcher Toby Haseler, the session focuses on building your confidence while teaching you how to break down complex figures into easy, approachable shapes. You'll explore how to add personality with poses, clothing, and accessories, and even how to include pets and background elements. By the end, you'll have a page full of unique character doodles and a better understanding of drawing fundamentals—all with just a pen and paper.

Guelph Crochet and Knit Club (80 Waterloo Ave. SHPS Group Room)

- Calling all yarn lovers—beginners, pros, and everyone in-between! The Crochet & Knit Club is an open, drop-in group where you can learn, practice, and share your love for fiber arts. Not sure where to start? Don't get tangled up—we'll help you hook onto the basics in no time! Learn how to read patterns, pick the perfect hook, and spin your way through yarn choices. Already working on a project? Bring it along to get in the loop with other crafters! Need knitting help? Just cast on and ask around for advice. Whether you're a newbie or have been purling for years, this is your space to create, relax, and share your passion. We have limited supplies available, so please bring your own hooks, needles and yarn. For beginners, we recommend starting with a 4-4.5mm hook and a chunkier yarn for easier crafting.

In Progress

- When it comes to your art, do you spend more time procrastinating than creating? Do you find you don't set time aside to work on existing projects? During "In Progress" we will gather to work on our on-the-go projects, offer each other support on getting through creative blocks and bumps, and of course take time to make art! Remember to bring the supplies along that you will need to work on your project during the workshop time.

Keychain Art

- Join us for a fun and creative workshop where you'll design unique art keychains using paint, collage, and your imagination! Whether you're crafting a keepsake for yourself or a handmade gift for someone special, you'll leave with one-of-a-kind pieces that are as meaningful as they are beautiful. All supplies provided—just bring your creativity!

Magical Fairy House Building (@ The Guelph Enabling Garden, Riverside Park)

- Calling all serious fairy house builders! Let your imagination take flight as you begin crafting your own whimsical fairy house in this two-part workshop! Using natural and recycled materials, paint, and embellishments, you'll design a charming miniature dwelling that could be featured in our upcoming "Fairy Fest" (name TBD) at the Guelph Enabling Garden this September. **After the workshops, you're encouraged to**

continue building at home until the September event. All completed houses submitted for the event will be entered into a "Best in Show" contest! Supplies provided—feel free to bring any special items you'd like to include. Space limited to 12 builders!

Neurographic Art

- Explore the soothing and intuitive process of neurographic art—a creative technique that blends mindfulness and abstract drawing. In this workshop, you'll learn how to transform thoughts and emotions into flowing lines and shapes, resulting in beautiful, organic designs. No art experience needed—just a willingness to relax, reflect, and let your pen lead the way.

Printmaking : Carve and Create – Make Up Workshop

- This is a makeup workshop for a rescheduled workshop. No need registrations will be taken. Join us for this playful two-part printmaking workshop! In the first session, we'll dive into the art of stamp carving, creating unique designs that reflect your personal style. In the second session, we'll bring our stamps—and our imaginations—together to make a variety of prints, experimenting with color, layering, and collaborative creativity using each other's stamps. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity!

Studying the Masters: Faith Ringgold

- This monthly workshop will focus on a different master artist each month. We will learn some tidbits about the highlighted artist and then use a piece of their art as inspiration for a drawing. This month's artist is Faith Ringgold.

The Answers Are Within You (Virtual)

- Join us for a unique writing and art workshop inspired by “The Answers Are Within You” by Amber Rae. Using the book's insights on self-discovery and personal growth, participants will explore themes of mind, body, and soul through creative expression. Writers and artists will have the option to write or create art from a first-person perspective for a more intimate,

personal experience or experiment with second or third person to develop fictional storylines. Whether you're looking to reflect on your own journey or craft new narratives, this workshop offers a transformative space to explore your inner world. Participants may submit their writing and art from each workshop to be considered in a year end book project.

The Writing Life with Mary Katherine Carr (Virtual)

- This workshop, facilitated by writer and editor Mary Katherine Carr, will explore creative intuition and writing as a healing practice and force for positive transformation in the self and in our community. We will experiment with various forms of writing, including fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, and letters, taking inspiration from writers past and present, from all around the world. We will share our work with one another when we feel inspired and comfortable doing so and provide supportive feedback, exploring our natural curiosity and instincts. Writing can be a self-care practice, as well as a vehicle for social change - your words are powerful!

Self Help & Peer Support Drop In and Enrolled Group Descriptions (in alphabetical order)

Anxiety, Depression & Hope Peer Support

- With a focus on coping, recovery, and fostering hope; a regular opportunity to talk about our walk with depression and anxiety, to hear peer stories, and as a result, to learn ways for living the life we want every day. Multiple sessions each week.
 - Cambridge In person Monday - staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.
 - Kitchener In person Tuesday - staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.
 - Tuesday evening twice-per-month virtual group staff facilitator email Tonya at tevans@cmhaww.ca.
 - Wednesday virtual – staff contact Meghan at mshuebrook@cmhaww.ca

BPD Peer Support

- This group provides a space to meet weekly to offer hope, validation, shared experience and skills for those living with borderline personality disorder. This group is fully peer support. Staff facilitator Kass at kdivenanzo@gmail.com.

Cambridge Anxiety, Depression & Hope Peer Support

- See above, **Anxiety, Depression & Hope Peer Support**.

Cambridge Intentional Living

- Intentional Living is about choosing your life. We will spend time deciding what is important to us and building the path to becoming our best selves. Seek clarity, define our values, and create goals through worksheets, group conversations, and fun activities. Staff facilitator Kass at kdivenanzo@cmhaww.ca.

Cambridge Meditation

- Join peers in person to explore different meditation styles. We will use books, audio, statements and more to meditate weekly. Staff facilitator email Kass at kdivenanzo@cmhaww.ca.

Cambridge Mind Over Mood

- Participants meet in person to work through and discuss the book, Mind Over Mood, by Dennis Greenberger and Christine A. Padesky, a classic based on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). Explore how CBT can be helpful in addressing the challenges of depression, anxiety, anger, and shame. Although it is not necessary, participants may wish to purchase their own hard copy of the book (we use the 2nd Edition) through their local or online bookseller. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Cambridge Mindfulness & Self-Compassion

- Mindfulness lets us choose where to focus our attention. When we are mindful, we are in the moment. Mindfulness and Self-Compassion go hand in hand, so when we are mindful, we are able to be compassionate with

ourselves and those around us. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Coping with a Missing Person

- This group is for families and friends who have a missing person and those who have found their missing but wish to continue to support each other. Know that it's the situation that is abnormal, not you. You will learn about living with uncertainty (Ambiguous Loss, Pauline Boss) and how to deal with triggers, roadblocks and changing needs. Self-care is an important aspect. There can be special events to remember our missing, based on group wishes. Through sharing our experiences, we can learn from each other in a safe space and feel connected instead of isolated. For connection details, please email volunteer facilitator Maureen at missingpersons@rogers.com. Staff facilitator email Allison at apurdy@cmhaww.ca.

DBT Skills Peer Support

- Join us in learning how Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) skills, as presented in Dr. Marsha M. Linehan's work, can transform emotional experiences, and decrease our suffering using mindfulness, emotion regulation, distress tolerance, and interpersonal effectiveness. Summaries of the ideas are provided by email. Regular attendance for about 18 months is required for each series. Staff facilitator email Allison at apurdy@cmhaww.ca.

Guelph Qi Gong

- Wear comfortable clothing and join us as we explore gentle movement to improve physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. Qigong is a branch of Traditional Chinese Medicine that sees the mind and body as interconnected - moving the body can improve all aspects of our health. All movements can be done standing or modified sitting in a chair and do not need any equipment. **At Exhibition Park, London Rd and Kathleen St., when nice weather, June through August. If raining, group will be held at 80 Waterloo Ave.** Staff facilitator email Allison at apurdy@cmhaww.ca.

Guelph River Steps

- Join us at Royal City Park (at the gazebo) for Guelph River Steps if you are bored of virtual groups! We will walk along the Speed River trail and connect with one another during conversation or if you wish to just walk and not talk, that is ok too! Weather permitting. *If it is raining or heavy snow/ice, the group will be cancelled. Staff facilitator email Tonya at tevens@cmhaww.ca.

Guelph Walk & Talk

- Join us at Royal City Park (at the gazebo) for Walk & Talk if you are bored of virtual groups! We will walk along the Speed River trail and connect with one another during conversation or if you wish to just walk and not talk, that is ok too! Weather permitting. *If it is raining or heavy snow/ice, the group will be cancelled. Staff facilitator email Tonya at tevens@cmhaww.ca.

NEW GROUP Hope for Recovery

- This group will help provide hope for recovery, enhance motivation for support, and increased feelings of connectedness and belonging for those who **experience eating disorders and body dysmorphia/challenges**. All discussions will come from a trauma-informed lens. Staff facilitator email Kass at kdivenanzo@cmhaww.ca

Kitchener Anxiety, Depression & Hope Peer Support

- See above, **Anxiety, Depression & Hope Peer Support**.

Kitchener Bowling

- This group meets every Thursday at Victoria Bowl (280 Victoria St. S, Kitchener). Cost – 2 games - \$10 including shoe rental. Join us for fun, social time, & exercise. No registration required. Everyone welcome! Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Kitchener Games

- Come to our Kitchener office and enjoy this social time playing games with others. This group is held in the Rear Recovery room on the main level. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Kitchener Mindfulness & Self-Compassion

- Mindfulness lets us choose where to focus our attention. When we are mindful, we are in the moment. Mindfulness and Self-Compassion go hand in hand, so when we are mindful, we are able to be compassionate with ourselves and those around us. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Kitchener Mind over Mood

- Participants meet in person to work through and discuss the book, Mind Over Mood, by Dennis Greenberger and Christine A. Padesky, a classic based on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). Explore how CBT can be helpful in addressing the challenges of depression, anxiety, anger, and shame. Although it is not necessary, participants may wish to purchase their own hard copy of the book (we use the 2nd Edition) through their local or online bookseller. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Kitchener Open-Share

- Participants have an informal discussion about their mental health and wellbeing. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Kitchener Walking Group

- Join us at Speaker's Corner outside our Kitchener office for Walk & Talk if you are bored of virtual groups! Weather permitting. *If it is raining, it will be cancelled. Facilitated by Rob. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Mental Health & Wellness Skills

- This group emphasizes practical skills and strategies for maintaining our recovery journey and enhancing our Wellness. The group is a collection of the skills learned in other groups and provides opportunities to put those skills into practice. The group's content is led by the members of the group. Staff facilitator email Colene at callen@cmhaww.ca.

Peers for Safer Living

- If you have previously attended the Skills for Safer Living group you are invited to join this 10-session refresher and peer support group where we will continue to practice our skills and strategies to make safer choices and deepen our understandings of suicide related thoughts and behaviors.

Meets virtually. *Must have attended a SFSL group previously. Email skillsforsaferlivingteam@cmhaww.ca or call 1-844-264-2993 x 4063 to join or for more information.

Redefining Addiction. Reclaiming Our Dignity (Now virtual only)

- This all-inclusive virtual peer support group is a safe and welcoming space for anyone impacted by substance use health, regardless of where you are on your journey. Whether you are actively using, exploring harm reduction, 'in recovery', or simply seeking support, you belong here. Together, we challenge the stigma surrounding addiction and embrace a compassionate, non-judgmental approach. We focus on empowering individuals to reclaim their dignity and define their own paths to wellness. Through shared experiences, mutual understanding, and support, we foster a sense of community and connection, reminding everyone: you are not alone. Join us as we redefine addiction on our own terms and build a foundation of respect, hope, and empowerment for all. About the facilitator: Tonya Evans is a Peer Specialist/Advocate with over 8 years working in the field of Mental Health & Substance Use Health. Her lived expertise includes substance use, parenting and substance use, voluntary and involuntary treatment, detox centers, criminalized substance use, recovery with harm reduction, Opioid Agonist Therapy, grief & loss, houselessness, mental health (PTSD). She also has over 15 years' experience in the Health & Fitness field where she worked as a Wellness Coach/Trainer. Staff facilitator email Tonya at tevens@cmhaww.ca

RETURNING GROUP Riding the Wave of Emotions

- Do you struggle with your emotions? Do you know what it means to be emotionally healthy? Take control of your emotions by learning how to respond to them. Please join us in learning how to identify, understand and release your emotions. Registration closed. Questions? Please contact staff facilitator Jane at jbrown@cmhaww.ca.

Self-Compassion

- This workbook-based group (The Mindful Self Compassion Workbook, by Kristen Neff and Christopher Germer) gives opportunities for activities and discussions on how to be kinder to ourselves. A digital copy of the

workbook is provided by email. Staff facilitator email Kass at kdivenanzo@cmhaww.ca.

Self-Esteem

- Peer-led group discussions, where we explore and develop wellness tools and self-care strategies. We will use conversation, worksheets, group activities, and visual aids to help gain a stronger understanding of self-esteem and its' importance in recovery. Staff facilitator Kass at kdivenanzo@cmhaww.ca.

Supporting the Supporter

- Supporting the Supporter is a weekly peer support group for friends and family that support individuals who live with mental health challenges and/or substance use challenges. Peer led discussions about mental health, substance use health, and how best to be supportive while considering personal boundaries, community resources and self-care. Staff facilitator email Kass at kdivenanzo@cmhaww.ca.