

News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inclusion Day 2013 Call for Proposals:
Creating for Inclusion

GET READY FOR INCLUSION DAY 2013!

The CHR is inviting submissions that focus on using creative ways, mediums, and expressions to improve inclusion of any of the following areas:

- Race and racialization
- Gender expression & expectations
- (dis)Abilities
- Sexual orientation
- Religion
- Intersectional identities

Breakout sessions will engage attendees on a variety of inclusivity and social justice topics through creative means under the 2013 theme *Creating for Inclusion*. Proposals must be submitted by email to nythalah@yorku.ca, as a .doc, .rtf or .pdf attachment no later than **Thursday November 29, 2012**. Alternate formats of the call for proposals are available on request to rights@yorku.ca.

Online registration will be open in November 2012 and can be accessed at www.yorku.ca/respect/InclusionDay.html

Participants are welcome to register on the event day at York Lanes 280N. However, please note that day-of registrants cannot be guaranteed meals or refreshments.

The event schedule and program to be posted December 2012!

Take Note: The Global 16 Days of Action Against Gender Violence Campaign is from Nov. 25-Dec. 10, 2012

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. Participants chose the dates November 25 (International Day Against Violence Against Women) and December 10 (International Human Rights Day) in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights. The 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

This 16 day period includes:

November 25:

The International Day Against Violence Against Women

November 29:

International Women Human Rights Defender Day

December 1:

World AIDS Day

December 3:

International Day of Disabled Persons

December 6:

The Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre

December 10:

International Human Rights Day

This year's global theme is **From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!** For more information about what is happening at York and off campus to commemorate these days of action you can check the CHR website in the coming weeks: www.yorku.ca/rights

Updates on the CHR's Diversity Peer Education Team (DPET)- Mental Health Conference and Campaign

By Margaret Macharia (*DPET Team Leader*)

On October 31st, the DPET team took part in a pan-university wide Mental Health Conference organized and supported by Student Community and Leadership Development (SC&LD). As such, they will join other peer educators on campus for a joint Mental Health Campaign running from November 5th through to the 16th. DPET members will contribute to this campaign through tabling information sessions, Facebook, Twitter and YU Connect. These initiatives are taking place to raise awareness about mental health concerns on campus, offer support to fellow peers and help promote on-campus wellness resources. The DPET will be handing out some fun swag over the coming weeks, so stop by the RED Zone kiosk in Vari Hall on Wednesday November 7th and 14th, say hello to the team (they are the ones in the really cool black t-shirts), and ask them about the campaign. DPET, along with the rest of the CHR, is committed to building and maintaining a mentally healthy campus so all community members feel included and supported.

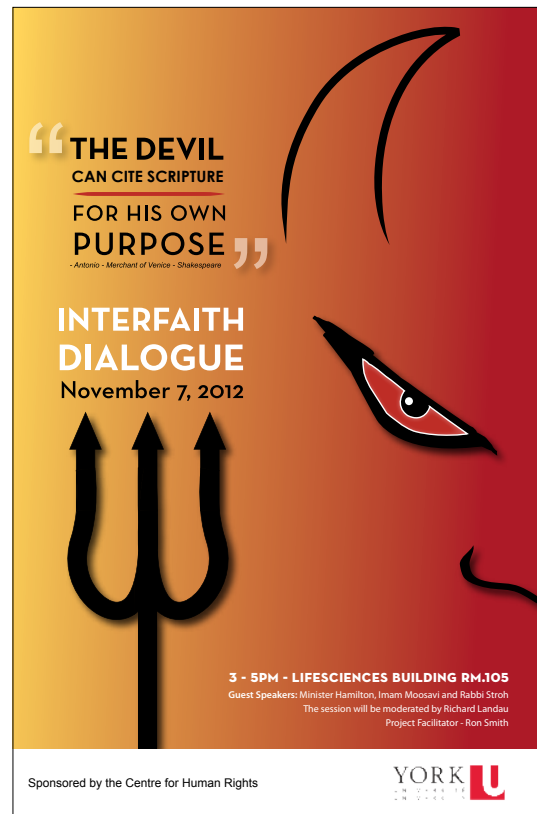
York University students and employees have access to several resources on and off campus should they have any concerns about mental health, whether it is for individual crisis support or resources on how to better support students and colleagues in crisis. We encourage York community members to go to York University's Counselling & Disability Services (CDS) website at www.yorku.ca/cds to find useful information, tools and resources.



Upcoming Events:

November 7 - Interfaith Dialogue
3-5pm Life Sciences Building Rm 105

Guest Speakers: Minister Hamilton, Imam Moosavi and Rabbi Stroh. The session will be moderated by Richard Landau.



November 14 - UofMosaic Dialogue Session
5:30-7:30pm (305 York Lanes)

Session 3: Religious Minorities of the Middle East: What Happens after the Arab Spring?

This session will examine the current state of religious minorities across the Middle East, particularly in the context of the socio-political changes brought about by the Arab Spring. We will examine what effect the Arab Spring has had, and continues to have, on religious minorities in countries such as Syria and Egypt, and how these changes impact the Middle Eastern diasporas in Canada.

This session is being sponsored by UofMosaic and the Centre for Human Rights.

November 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) is a day to commemorate those who have been killed as a result of transphobia and acts to bring attention to the continued violence perpetrated against the transgender community. The Day was founded in 1998 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender graphic designer, columnist, and activist, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender African American who was killed in 1998 in Alliston, Massachusetts. The Centre for Human Rights is committed to supporting our trans community members and to commemorating days such as TDoR to honour those who have died as well as to acknowledge the important work that must continue in order to educate and raise awareness about gender-based violence in our communities.

In the coming weeks, check the CHR web site, www.yorku.ca/rights to find out about events and initiatives taking place on and off campus to commemorate TDoR.

**WORKSHOP****Positive Space**

Thurs Nov 15 9:30AM-12:30PM

The objective of the Positive Space Program (Level 1) is to develop a better understanding of the many different expressions of sexual and gender identity in an effort to become familiar with the complexities of the LGBTQ* communities. Keeping in mind intersecting identities, participants will interactively explore issues of oppression, power, privilege and allyship.

* Please note that in addition to the above scheduled workshop, the CHR offers the York community a variety of additional workshops upon request, such as *Understanding Human Rights*, *Introduction to the CHR*, and *Inclusivity Training*.

Please visit our website for full workshop descriptions and further workshop updates: <http://www.yorku.ca/rights/education.html>

Quotes of the Month

Nothing good ever comes of violence.

- Martin Luther King

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