

News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introducing the CHR's 2012-2013 Diversity Peer Education Team (DPET)

The Diversity Peer Education Team (DPET) is a volunteer based team run by the CHR. Students who are selected to be a part of this team have the opportunity to engage critically with a wide variety of human rights, social justice, and diversity related topics, trainings, and events. The main focus of DPET is to help organize and implement human rights related events and trainings. Some examples of this work include York University's 'Can I Kiss You?' event, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, annual Inclusion Day conference, and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This year, DPET has a total of 15 peer educators from different undergraduate and graduate programs here at York. As such there is a diverse representation of views, and each brings their individual understanding of what inclusivity and being an ally consists of. Their combined experiences and extensive training has prepared them to be at the forefront of peer-led diversity training at York. The team is ready and willing to be a part of fostering a safer space here on campus, and have spent much of the summer preparing for this!

Please drop by the DPET table and meet the team. They will be at the Red Zone kiosk in Vari Hall every Wednesday. They'll have some great giveaways and students will get the chance to win some really cool swag. If you'd like to get in touch with DPET or with the DPET Team Lead, **Margaret Macharia**, you can send an email to: dpetyorku@gmail.com



Upcoming Events:

Can I kiss you?

On September 5, 2012, the Centre for Human Rights presents the 3rd annual Can I Kiss You? show for the York community. This one-person show performed by Mr. Mike Domitrz, founder of the DateSafe Project, aims to inform and engage participants about the importance of respect and consent in dating. Through his role-playing with audience members and his portrayal of intriguing characters on stage, Mr. Domitrz creates an engaging and thought-provoking event by showing why "asking first" makes all the difference. He addresses the difficult issue of dating intimacy with humor and flare. In addition, he will discuss skills for participants to use in their own relationships and how to intervene in potentially dangerous situations of others, thus providing tools and techniques to enhance campus safety.

This event is sponsored by the Centre for Human Rights and has been co-sponsored by York University's College Councils, Residence Life of Student Community & Leadership Development, and the Women's Campus Safety Grant.

Date: September 5, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Rexall Centre, Centre for Excellence

For more information about the show, and to receive regular updates:



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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/302874019811066/>

We hope you will join us for this engaging and interactive performance. ASL interpretation will be available.

**UofMosaic Middle East Dialogue in Action
Session 1:
The Current State of The Israel-Palestine Conflict**

The CHR is pleased to support the student group UofMosaic @ York U for a second year with its series of dialogues focused on Middle Eastern issues. This first session will map out the current state of the Israel-Palestine conflict, focusing particularly on recent developments, such as the emergence of social justice movements in Israel and Palestine, and changes in Israel's government. Do these developments mark any significant changes in the nature of the conflict? How should Canada – and particularly Canadians interested in peacebuilding and development efforts – respond? These and other questions will be explored in this important session.

Event Details:

Date: October 3, 2012

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: TBA (please visit our website at <http://www.yorku.ca/rights> for updated information)



Look out for Inclusion Day:

SAVE THE DATE.

INCLUSION DAY

JANUARY 31, 2013

SHARE IDEAS. RESPECT DIFFERENCES.

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Past Event Highlights

The class of Professor Peter Dawson (Indigenous Resistance in Global Contexts) has been working to raise awareness of the rights of Indigenous peoples around the world. The class welcomed Commissioner Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada, to help raise awareness about the tragic human rights violations that took place in Canada's Residential Schools. The event was sponsored by Professor Dawson's class and co-sponsored by the Centre for Human Rights and Anduhyaun/Calumet College.

**RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS:
LET THE TRUTH PREVAIL!**


Join Us, July 9th, 2012 in a talk with
DR. MARIE WILSON
Commissioner of the Truth & Reconciliation
Commission of Canada




Since 2009, Marie Wilson has been one of the three Commissioners chosen to lead the historic Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, probing into the history and impacts of more than a century of forced residential schooling for Aboriginal children.

**To be held at York University, 4700 Keele St.
at 4 pm, in Vari Hall B**

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WORKSHOPS

Race & Inclusivity

Thurs Sept 27 10AM-12PM

Positive Space

Wed Oct 3 9:30AM-12:30PM

Respect in the Workplace

Thurs Nov 1 2PM-4PM

(Register for this workshop through York's Learning and Development Program: <http://www.yorku.ca/hr/units/learningdevelopment/learningtraining/index.html>)

Positive Space

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

To register for *Race & Inclusivity*, and *Positive Space* please go to: www.yorku.ca/rights/workshops/index.html

* Please note that in addition to the above scheduled workshops, 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

Other cultures are not failed attempts at being you; they are unique manifestations of the human spirit

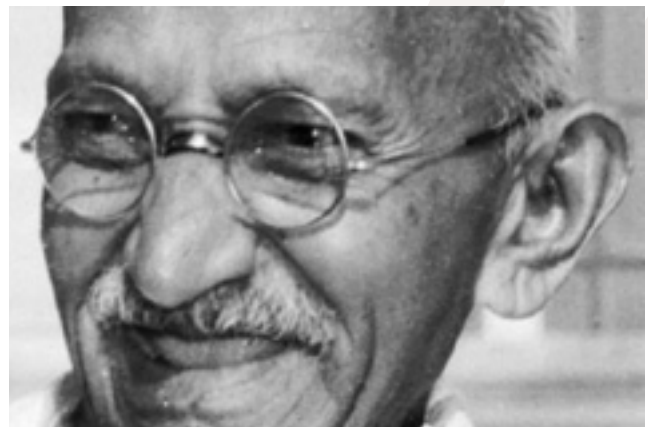
- Wade Davis

I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stifled.

I want all the cultures of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible.

But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any.

- Mohandas K. Gandhi



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