

Action:reAction

A youth social justice forum

Hosted by OSSTF Toronto HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Call for Workshop Proposals

For the fourth year the Human Rights Committee of OSSTF District 12 (Toronto Secondary Teachers, Occasional Teachers, and Professional Student Services Personnel) will host an exciting and unique student social justice forum. As a committee we made a great effort to highlight outstanding student activism with the Camille Natale award. We also want to create connections for our students with the activism occurring in their school and communities.

Action:reAction is a student social justice forum that aims to draw a large number of students together with community activists so they can share and learn from one another. Understanding that art and activism go hand in hand, in this gathering we endeavour to highlight creative resistance: activists using popular education approaches such as street theatre, hip hop, spoken word, graffiti, visual arts and the like. The social justice forum aims to be a non-hierarchical space to encourage dialogue between activist youth and community activists.

What: A one-day gathering of up to 400 participants from across the city including student and educator activists, along with a broad range of community organizations/advocates for human rights from Toronto and beyond.

When: Thursday April 27, 2017

Where: Vaughan Road Academy, 529 Vaughan Rd, Toronto

Why:

- ❖ To gather Toronto-based students, teachers, unionists, artists and human rights & social justice community activists to learn from one another
- ❖ To create a network of student and teacher activists from across the city that is connected to the larger activist community in Toronto
- ❖ To honour the work of TDSB student activists through the presentation of the Camille Natale Awards

OSSTF Toronto is inviting **workshop proposals** for two breakout sessions. All workshops should work with between 10 and 30 participants, and should be **either 60 or 120 minutes long**.

All workshop proposals will ideally be designed to be:

- Creative
- Inspiring
- Inclusive
- Participatory
- Active and activating
- Non-hierarchical
- Work with between 10 and 20 participants
- Around 60 minutes (some may be scheduled for 120 minutes over two one hour sessions)

Proposed agenda

8:30 – 9:00 Registration
9:15 – 9:45 Introduction
Keynote address (TBD)

Workshop Sessions 1 and 2: Building awareness / Creating resistance

9:55 – 10:55 First breakout session
11:05 – 12:05 Second breakout session

Lunch (provided courtesy of OSSTF District 12)

12:05 – 1:00 Lunch/Open gathering space featuring music/poetry/theatre performances

Workshop Session 3: Taking Action

1:00 – 3:30pm School-based groups/Camille Natale Awards/ Adjournment

If your organization or group would be interested in offering a workshop, please fill out the form at this link:

<https://osstftoronto.ca/news/2016/11/actionreaction-call-for-workshop-proposals-2/>
by Monday, January 9, 2017.

Please make sure you write how your workshop will meet the criteria above and meet the needs and interests of our student participants. We will be evaluating proposals by the end of January, and will contact you with our decision.

We will have approximately 15 workshop openings, so we hope we can accept offerings from everyone who is willing to prepare a proposal. We will also be looking for artist/activist mentors to work with school groups for the afternoon session (and perhaps beyond if a relationship is formed).

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