

Action:reAction

A youth social justice forum

Hosted by OSSTF Toronto HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Call for Workshop Proposals

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

Action:reAction is a student social justice forum that aims to draw a large number of students together with Teachers and 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 500 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: Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 9am to 12pm (possibly 3pm, depending on the final agenda)

Where: Central Technical School, 725 Bathurst St.

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**. Please note, this year we are asking 60 minute workshop facilitators to please repeat their workshop in the other timeslot as we are expecting our largest turnout ever.

This event is coordinated and run by OSSTF Toronto volunteer members!

All workshop proposals will ideally be designed to be:

- Creative
- Inspiring
- Inclusive
- Participatory
- Active and activating

- Non-hierarchical
- Work with 20 - 30 participants
- 60 - 120 minutes (If 60 minutes, we ask you repeat it for the second time slot)

If you, or your organization or group would be interested in offering a workshop, please fill out the form at this link: <https://osstftoronto.ca/news/2017/12/actionreaction-call-for-workshop-proposals/>. You can also reach the form directly here: <https://goo.gl/forms/kEZLn1O90sEpdmJ72>.

The deadline for submission of workshop proposal is **Monday, January 8, 2018**.

Please make sure you indicate 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 20 workshop openings, so we hope we can accept offerings from everyone who is willing to prepare a proposal.

Please note: We attempt to make this event as garbage-less as possible so we will be asking everyone attending to please bring their own re-usable plates/tupperware, utensils, water bottles, and napkin/cloth.

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