

# Action:reAction 2018

A youth social forum celebrating creative resistance  
Hosted by OSSTF Toronto HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

## Invitation to teachers and students

Full Invitation and Workshop Descriptions → <https://osstftoronto.ca/committees/human-rights/>

**Come share your passion for social change with other students and teachers from across the city, participate in dynamic and diverse workshops offered by community activists, youth, and fellow OSSTF members, and celebrate the presentation of the Camille Natale awards for outstanding human rights/social justice work by TDSB students.**

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 forum. We created Action:reAction to draw together politically and socially engaged educators and students with community activists so we can share and learn from one another. Understanding that social change and creative expression go hand in hand, the forum highlights creative resistance: popular education approaches such as street theatre, hip hop, spoken word, graffiti, visual arts and the like. The social forum aims to be a creative space for engaged youth to gather and share information, ideas, and accomplishments.

### Who:

- ❖ Students and educators from across the city who have a personal commitment to human rights and social justice and who want to meet and share experiences with others, both inside and outside the school system, who feel the same way. Workshops will be facilitated by experienced community activists.

### Where and When:

- ❖ 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Wednesday April 25, Central Technical School, 725 Bathurst St., Toronto (Bathurst Subway Station)

### Why:

- ❖ Celebrating the extensive, creative, and vibrant human rights/social justice work being done across the city
- ❖ Gathering Toronto-based students, teachers, unionists, artists and human rights & social justice community activists to learn from one another
- ❖ Creating a network of student and teacher activists from across the city that is connected to the larger activist community in Toronto
- ❖ Presenting the **Camille Natale Awards** to recognize outstanding Human Rights/Social Justice activism by TDSB students

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## How to Register:

There are two parts to registration and **registration is not secured** until both steps have been completed. Workshops fill up quickly and are filled at a first-come-first-serve basis.

1. If you are intending to come, please email Bruce ([bruceflyne@gmail.com](mailto:bruceflyne@gmail.com)) with the following information:

Name of School  
Number of Staff Attending  
Number of Students you intend to bring

This step will GREATLY support us with calculating numbers for the event and shouldn't take more than 1-2 minutes. Once you have contacted Bruce with your intention to attend, Bruce will contact you to provide you with more information. You will need to **confirm** you have attained your Principal's approval to attend by **Wednesday March 7**.

2. **Tuesday March 20 to Wednesday April 4** will be the **Workshop Registration Period** where students will select their workshops and workshop alternates. Bruce will be sending out a link to those who completed step 1 of the registration process. Please note that workshops fill up quickly.

Please note: This is a **garbage-less event** so we ask that you remind your students (and yourself) to bring **reusable** containers/plates, cutlery, and a cup/bottle, to eat the delicious lunch.

We ask participating TDSB schools to consider applying for the **Camille Natale Award**. The application form is here:

<https://osstftoronto.ca/news/2018/01/the-camille-natale-awards-2/>

*The OSSTF D12 Human Rights Committee is considering arranging a **workshop for Teachers** during the Action:reAction forum, while students are supervised by workshop presenters who are TDSB Teachers, or in some cases, community members. OSSTF **strongly advises** that you disclose and confirm this supervision arrangement both in the requisite Field Trip application forms submitted to your Principal, and on the Field Trip release forms signed by parents/guardians.*

Questions regarding the conference can be directed to:

Chris Chandler, Executive Officer, OSSTF Toronto: [cchandler@osstftoronto.ca](mailto:cchandler@osstftoronto.ca)

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## Full Workshops - 120 Minutes

1. **Teddy Syrette** – A Journey in the Rainbow Moccasins
2. **Ariel Vente** - “Hey, that’s not OK!” Using Drama to take Action
3. **b current performing arts’ b inc program** – SHUT IT UNCLE BOB: DEALING WITH RACIST FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND LOVED ONES
4. **LACSN: Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Network** – Social Networks as tools to mobilize and create awareness and Net Neutrality
5. **Amrita Kumar-Ratta** – 50 Shades of Brown Girl: Exploring Race and Identity on Stage
6. **Javier Davila** - Talking Relationships
7. **Voice of Purpose** – Personal Purpose and Social Justice
8. **End Dress Codes Collective** – Questioning School Dress Codes
9. **LAEN: The Latinx, Afro-Latin-America, Abya Yala Education Network** – FREEZE, PUT YOUR HANDS UP!! Or DON’T???? What Do You Think About Student Rights, SROs/Cops in Schools, Racial Profiling, and Advocacy?
10. **Azadeh Shirzadi** - STEMneutral: Creating a Neutral Playing Field for All
11. **Nisha Toomey** - The power of media? How media disrupts and supports social movements and activism
12. **Lyndi Woo & Erica Bota** - Where Do You Stand?
13. **Ann Clifford** - Young Artists Share (Healing Through Art) a short film and workshop about Teen Wisdom. Presented by community artist and youth worker, Ann Clifford

## 60-Minute Workshops (Pick Two)

1. **Armen Shahnazarian** – HIV/AIDS: Information, Activism, and the Future
2. **Parthi Kandavel** – Entering Toronto Politics to Make Positive Change
3. **Lisa Black-Meddings** - Standing Up to Antisemitism
4. **in:cite journal** – Getting Your Work Out There! Social Justice Writing and Publishing
5. **Sadia Khan** – Tackling Education Inequalities: Out of the Classroom into the Community
6. **Qaiser Ahmad** – Have You Been to Agrabah? Challenging Islamophobia in Schools
7. **UFCW Canada** – Incite Change at Your School, Workplace, and Communities
8. **No One Is Illegal Toronto** – Status for All: An Introduction to Migrant Justice
9. **Leela Acharya** – Stay woke to mental health
10. **White Ribbon** - Draw the Line: Prevent Sexual Violence
11. **Gender-Based Violence Prevention Office TDSB** - The Gendered, Complex World of Healthy Relationships: It’s more than you think!