

Action:reAction

A youth social justice forum

Hosted by OSSTF Toronto HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Call for Workshop Proposals

For the 6th 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 300 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 May 8, 9am to 12 pm (you're welcome to stay for the afternoon as the event goes until 3 pm)

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 60 minute breakout sessions. All workshops should work with between 10 and 30 participants, and should be **60 minutes long**. Please note, this year we are asking workshop facilitators to please repeat their workshop in the second time slot if possible to allow maximum attendance through the day.

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 10 - 30 participants
- Delivered in 60 minutes

If your organization or group would be interested in offering a workshop, please fill out the form at this link: <https://osstftoronto.ca/committees/human-rights/> by **Thursday February 7, 2019**. You can directly reach the form using this URL, please fill out this form: [Action:reAction 2019 Workshop Proposals](#)

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 mid-February, and will contact you by end of February with our decision.

We will have 12 - 15 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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