

# ***Action:reAction 2019***

A youth social justice forum Hosted by OSSTF Toronto HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

## **Invitation to teachers and students**

Link to Invitation → <https://osstftoronto.ca/news/2019/03/actionreaction-2019-invitation-to-teachers-and-students/>

**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, and celebrate the presentation of the Camille Natale awards for outstanding human rights/social justice work by TDSB students.**

For the sixth 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. 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 theatre, hip hop, spoken word, graffiti, visual arts and the like. The social justice 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, May 8, 2019, 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 **Friday, March 29**.

2. **Monday, April 1 to Wednesday, April 10** 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 cups/bottles, 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/2019/01/the-camille-natale-awards/>

Questions regarding the conference can be directed to:

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