



News and Information

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Human Rights and Genocide Symposium

Kelowna, B.C. – On Tuesday, April 9th, more than three hundred and twenty students from high schools throughout the Central Okanagan and BC will meet at UBC-O for a day dedicated to learning about issues around Human Rights violations and preventative strategies.

This event has been organized through a committee of School District No. 23 employees, UBC-O Professors and staff, and community members. The event was booked solid within one day of the invitations being sent to teachers throughout the District. Event organizers were overwhelmed by the response and are looking forward to a successful and rewarding day for students. The organization committee recognizes the event was only possible with the support of School District No. 23, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, UBC-O, and the Okanagan Jewish Community.

This year's symposium will open with a keynote address by Dr. Adam Jones and Elder Richard Jackson. After that, students will attend two of the twelve workshops available to them. The workshops will engage the students in relevant human rights and genocide topics, both historic and contemporary.

A day spent focusing on Human Rights and Genocide not only meets a wide variety of learning outcomes across the curriculum, it helps the students to become more aware and engaged citizens.

Media are invited to contact Derek Smith at derek.smith@sd23.bc.ca or Jason Hudson at jason.hudson@sd23.bc.ca for more information, and are welcome to attend the symposium opening address. Anyone wishing to attend workshops or interview students at the event must arrange to do so beforehand.

The event brochure is attached

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