



Dear Faculty and Staff,

Here is a recap of recent DEI stories, initiatives and events in our organization and the wider community to keep you up to date!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- YU [Social Justice in Higher Education panel](#) with M.Ed program (topics included faculty situating/reflecting upon their own social location, decolonization/Indigenization of curriculum, and alternative assessment options)
- Renewal of [LGBTQI2SA+ Safe Spaces initiative](#) for YU and TFS students – weekly Zoom drop-in sessions. Please share with students, especially those who you know would benefit from this identity affirming space!
- TFS [Trigger warning workshop](#) presented for faculty
- [YU/TFS Diversity and Inclusion Information session for students](#)
- [TFS Trans Acting student Liam Chase Trefry talks about 2021 and life at Toronto Film School](#)
- Government of British Columbia Sexual Violence Prevention campaign launched with [free training resources for post-secondary institutions](#)
- [Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion's Statement on Lunar New Year](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES:

- Feb.16 to 21 – [Toronto Black Film Festival](#)
- Feb.16 to 20 – Embodied Social Justice Summit – [Free registration](#)
- Feb. 20 – Check out TFS instructor Julia Paton's moderation of a Toronto Black Film Festival discussion panel: [Voice Over Talent – How To?](#)
- Feb. 23 - National Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying day) – stay tuned for exciting details from YU/TFS on commemoration of this day and how you can participate and support Indigenous artists and youth!
- **Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.(EST) – Yorkville University Anti-Black Racism panel discussion in honour of Black History Month featuring faculty Violet Sutherland (BBA), Seyy Sode (BBA), Rita Onolemhemen (BBA), Alice Crawford (MACP), Humphrey Nartey (GES) and moderated by Director of DEI Thamina Jaferi and Dean of Faculty Development Jill Cummings. Register [HERE](#)**

HELPFUL DEI RESOURCES:

- [Best Practices for Ensuring Accessibility in Film Schools](#)
- Stanford Social Innovation Review – [This Is What Racism Looks Like](#) series

For information on diversity days, holidays and days of significance coming up in February please take a look at the **2022 YU/TFS Diversity Calendar**. We appreciate your continued support and contributions to promote DEI at YU and TFS! If you are interested in taking a role in advancing a specific initiative (particularly any diversity/heritage month events) or you would like us to include DEI related news that you are involved in please connect with Thamina Jaferi, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at tjaferi@yorkvilleu.ca or your respective Faculty and Staff Diversity Advisory Council for [YU/TFS](#).

~ Sent on behalf of Thamina Jaferi, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



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