



Dear Faculty and Staff,

Here is a recap of recent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion stories, initiatives, and events by our organization and the wider community to keep you up to date!

### October Highlights

- [TFS Honours Day for Truth & Reconciliation with Screening of Little Bird](#)
- [BBA Grad Inspires Global Quilting Bee for Residential School Survivors](#)
- YU and TFS [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office Information Session for students](#)
- [Screenwriting Grad with ASD, ADHD Reflects on Building Confidence at TFS](#)
- YU Islamic Heritage Month event – [Inclusive Ways of Knowing: A Focus on Islamic Thought, Science and Sustainability](#) (featuring Dr. Eman Nasr, Dr. Maha Salman, Dr. Çağdaş Dedeoğlu and Dr. Jalal Uddin Khan)

### Community Events and Initiatives

- November 12, 3 p.m. (EST) – [Art With Impact](#) presents ‘What’s Representation Got to Do With It?’ - a free event discussing short films and mainstream movie clips and covering representation in the media and its intersection with art and mental health. Register [here](#)
- November 14 to 15 - TFS Program Director of Video Production, Steven Hoffner’s film [The Cannons](#) holds its World Premiere at the DOC NYC Film Festival in New York City. The film explores the removal of barriers for racialized inner-city kids to play organized hockey. For more information and tickets, click [here](#)
- [Writers Guild of Canada 2021 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Report](#)
- [Statistics Canada releases report on Accessibility experiences of Canadians with disabilities](#)
- [Statistics Canada releases Study: The achievements, experiences and labour market outcomes of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women with bachelor's degrees or higher](#)

For information on diversity days, holidays and days of significance coming up in November, please have a look at the [YU/TFS Diversity Calendar](#). We appreciate your continued support and contributions to promote DEI at Yorkville University and Toronto Film School. 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](mailto:tjaferi@yorkvilleu.ca) or reach out to your respective Faculty and Staff Diversity Council for [YU/TFS](#).

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

