



Dear Faculty and Staff,

Here is a recap of recent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion-themed initiatives, events and articles.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions to promote DEI at YU and TFS!

**September highlights:**

- [Video Game Student launches GoFundMe for Afghan Interpreter Hailed as 'Unsung Hero' of War.](#) Please donate [here](#) and share this noble cause!
- YU/TFS Ask an Expert event Ending the Stigma, Enhancing Support: A Discussion for World Suicide Prevention Day with MACP Faculty Dr. Phuong Anh Urga – See the webinar in its entirety [here](#).
- TFS Alumni Indigenous actor and filmmaker Tim Myles' film Little Bird premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). See the trailer [here](#) and the full TIFF discussion [here](#).
- TFS Director of Curriculum Development Mercedes Cardella was an actress in the film Scarborough which also premiered at TIFF and highlights Scarborough's diversity! Watch the TIFF discussion [here](#).
- [Sept. 30 was commemorated throughout YU and TFS](#) as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Staff had the day off to reflect on the impacts of residential schools, honour the victims, and celebrate the survivors. See these helpful educational resources to honour and help reflect on this important observance:
  - [Government of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Report's Calls to Action](#)
  - [Indspire's Summary of Findings on the Post-Secondary Experience of Indigenous Students Following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#)
  - [Catalyst's Report on Building Inclusion for Indigenous Peoples in Canadian Workplaces](#)
- YU/TFS [Indigenous & Partnership Engagement Manager](#), Jessica Gruchy, Aims to Amplify Voices of First Nation Students.

**Upcoming community events/initiatives:**

- In celebration of Latin American Heritage Month check out the Toronto Latin American Film Festival [here](#).
- YU Islamic Heritage Month Panel discussion event 'Inclusive Ways of Knowing: A Focus on Islamic Thought, Science and Sustainability' will take place on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. (ET) featuring YU scholars Eman Nasr, Maha Salman, Çağdaş Dedeoğlu, and Jalal Uddin Khan – Click to [register](#).
- FREE access to CineFAM International Film Festival - Celebrating five years of Canadian women and non-binary creators of colour – Oct. 24 to 30. Register [here](#).

For information on diversity days, holidays and days of significance coming up in October please take a look at the [YU/TFS Diversity Calendar](#).

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 your respective Faculty and Staff Diversity Council for [YU/TFS](#).

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