

Student Leadership Forum 2019

“Hopeful Conversations / Future Visions”

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

85 Israel Asper Way, Winnipeg MB

Thursday, February 14th and Friday, February 15th 2019

Sponsors

Manitoba Education and Training (MET)
Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS)
Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR)

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The Manitoba Teachers Society (MTS)
Council of Student Leaders (COSL)

► Thursday, February 14

MORNING

8:30 am.	Bus pick up for teams at Fairfield Inn and Homewood Suites <i>(Breakfast provided by the hotels for registered guests)</i>
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Arrival and Registration <i>(Snacks available – not a full breakfast)</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions <i>Student Leadership Planning Team</i> Treaty Acknowledgement Greetings from Manitoba Education and Training <i>Mr. Ian Wishart, Legislative Assistant to the Minister</i> Welcoming <i>Elder Myra Laramee</i>
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	HOPEFUL CONVERSATIONS / FUTURE VISIONS Welcome to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights <i>Jérôme Marchildon, Interpretative Program Developer</i> Gallery Visitation (with a twist)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch

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AFTERNOON

The afternoon session will include guests from the Conference of School Leaders (COSL) who wish to learn from and with Student Leadership Forum attendees.

1:00 pm	Welcome
1:15 pm – 2:05 pm	“ HOPEFUL CONVERSATIONS ” and Gallery Tours
2:05 pm – 2:20 pm	Break
2:20 pm – 3:15 pm	“ HOPEFUL CONVERSATIONS ” Continued
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	“ <i>Our Message is</i> ”
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Unstructured Time before Evening Events <i>(Student choices to be discussed with and approved by supervisors)</i>

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EVENING

5:15 pm.	Return to Buhler Hall
5:30 pm – 7:15 pm	Dinner and Entertainment
7:30 pm	Buses depart for Hotels

► Friday, February 15

MORNING

8:15 am Bus pick up for teams at Fairfield Inn and Homewood Suites
(Breakfast provided by the hotels for registered guests)

9:00 am Welcome and Overview of the Day
(Coffee, tea and juice provided)

Over the course of the day, participants will have the opportunity to learn and engage during the following three (3) sessions. (Biographies for facilitators can be found on the back page of the program.)

1) Food and Water Security Byron Beardy, Four Arrows Regional Health Authority

Byron will discuss his understanding of the connections of land-based language in the context of food from an indigenous lens.

2) Mental Health and Wellness Taylor Demetriooff, Canadian Mental Health Association

Taylor will be exploring themes related to mental health, depression vs sadness, stress vs anxiety plus resources to keep young individuals feeling well. The facilitator will also share his personal story through the presentation.

3) Diversity Lindsay Brown and Heather Beach, Diversity Essentials

This workshop is intended for those interested in learning and unpacking the strength of our differences and who wish to deepen their understanding of how they can use their privilege to support equity and inclusion. By the end of this interactive and thought-provoking workshop, participants will identify ways to support diversity, equity and inclusion in their personal, social and school lives, identify ways to leverage each other's individual strengths, and to describe the foundations of allyship.

9:15 am – 10:15 pm Rotation 1

10:15 am – 10:30 am Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am Rotation 2

11:40 am – 12:40 pm Lunch

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AFTERNOON

12:40 pm – 1:40 pm Rotation 3

1:40 pm – 2:30 pm “HOPEFUL CONVERSATIONS” “My Message is ……”

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Wrap Up

3:00 pm Departure

FACILITATOR BIOGRAPHIES

LINDSAY BROWN, Diversity Essentials

Lindsay Brown is a high school and post-secondary educator with over a decade of classroom experience. Lindsay works with colleagues to make course content inclusive of LGBTQ2+ lives and experiences, all the while sharing their love of film, comics, literature, and art with their students. In addition to their work in the classroom, Lindsay is actively involved in their local teachers' association and sits on the standing committee for Equity and Social Justice at the Manitoba Teachers' Society. As a queer, genderfluid teacher, Lindsay cares deeply about increasing the visibility of educators from historically marginalized groups.

HEATHER BEACH, Diversity Essentials

Heather Beach is a current Nursing student at Red River College who aims to foster an accessible and inclusive healthcare system for the LGBTQ2SQ+ population through patient advocacy. Known as "Beach", Beach previously served as a youth program coordinator offering LGBTQ2SQ+ youth a safe environment to explore gender and sexual orientations while developing new skills, friendships and celebrating identities. As an education facilitator Beach delivered workshops focusing on identity-based anti-oppression awareness by breaking down common stereotypes, navigating intersectionality and defining differences between equality and equity. As a queer woman passionate about community care and education Beach strives to create a professional academic learning environment in which diversity is included, valued and celebrated promoting human freedoms, and human rights.

BYRON BEARDY, Four Arrows Regional Health Authority

Byron Beardy is the Regional Food Security Coordinator for Four Arrows Regional Health Authority Inc. and is from Wasagamack First Nation in the Island Lake region of Manitoba. Heading into his 11th season as the Regional Food Security Coordinator, Byron sits on various food security/"foody" committees locally, regionally, provincially and nationally and he is frequently requested to speak, plan and/or present at schools, universities/colleges, gatherings/workshops and etc. related to indigenous food sovereignty & security.

Fluent in his Anishinew (Ojibway-Cree) language, Byron utilizes his language skills in everyday life and with his busy hectic schedule he also does Ojibway-Cree translation, interpretation, narration, transcription services for various clients throughout Manitoba.

In his early years, Byron grew up in Wasagamack with his mother and maternal grandparents where he says he had the privilege of eating everything edible from the land and learning and living in language to which he continues to enjoy today. He has also lived in the urban setting with his father, late Jackson Beardy, where he, again says, was fortunate to have lived and learned the 'contemporary' way of life. Having experienced both worlds in his early life, he says he appreciates what each has to offer.

TAYLOR DEMETRIOFF, Canadian Mental Health Association

Taylor Demetrio has taken his experience as a teen struggling with mental health issues and turned it into a positive by helping teens in our community. After working over eight years in the field, he is now the Youth Mental Health Promotion Worker at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba and Winnipeg. Through various avenues, he continues to run youth programs and gives presentations and workshops for high school and middle school students. Taylor promotes mental health awareness not only in his professional life, but in his personal life as well.-*-

Special Thanks to our Student Leadership Planning Committee

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