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Equity Education Programs

2017-2018 Course Calendar



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EDUCATION & DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS

Register your students for engaging & empowering programs that reflect the core objectives of the Equity & Inclusivity Strategy.

COURSE SELECTION:

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| <p> Canary in the Coal Mine
<i>Grades 9 – 12; 2 hours</i>
Antisemitism is referred to as the longest hatred, having existed for more than 2000 years. Journey through a brief history of antisemitism along with a study of its continued pervasiveness today. Explore how acceptance and normalization of intolerant attitudes endangers democratic values and human rights.</p> | <p> Lessons & Legacy of the Holocaust
<i>Grades 7 – 12; 3 hours</i>
“The Holocaust is not just a Jewish story, but a human story.” Explore the history of the Holocaust and the attitudes and social forces that enabled one of the darkest periods of human history to occur. Students also have the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor, listen to his/her testimony, ask questions & gain a better understanding of the impact of the Holocaust at a personal level.</p> |
| <p> Digital Hate: How Connected Are You?
<i>Grades 4 – 12; 2 hours</i>
The internet can function as a forum for progress and social change, but also as a vehicle to spread hate and intolerance. Issues such as cyberbullying, digital hate and the real life consequences of these increasingly dangerous and growing trends are investigated. Students are given tools to protect themselves online and practice ‘netiquette’ when engaging in online activity.</p> | <p> Media Literacy, Propaganda & World War II
<i>Grades 7 – 12; 2 hours</i>
Throughout the Holocaust and World War II, powerful forms of propaganda were used to persuade and coerce populations. A look through different imagery, media and styles of propaganda are used to discuss bias and misinformation both in the past as well as in deciphering messages in today’s media.</p> |
| <p> Genocide & the Power of Action
<i>Grades 7 – 12; 3 hours</i>
Genocide is defined and investigated through Gregory Stanton’s 10 Stages theoretical framework. Three case studies are applied to allow students to build an understanding of where theory intersects with reality. Students also have the opportunity to listen to testimony from, and interact with, a survivor.</p> | <p> Roots of Hate & Intolerance
<i>Grades 7-12; 2 hours</i>
Canada, often described as a diverse cultural mosaic, is not free from hatred and intolerance. Racism, antisemitism and prejudice are examined, as well as how these issues impact students and their communities. Real historical and contemporary examples of hate are used as a means of creating awareness and promoting dialogue and positive action within the school and community.</p> |
| <p> Heroes Among Us
<i>Grades 4 – 6; 2 hours</i>
What does it mean to be a hero? Characteristics such as integrity, courage and responsibility are investigated through real people who <i>walked the talk</i>. This course encourages an introspective look at personal defining characteristics of a hero and the ways in which each of us has the power to affect positive change in our homes and schools.</p> | <p> Who Was Simon Wiesenthal?
<i>Grades 7 – 12; 3 hours</i>
“History of man is the history of crime and history can repeat so information is a defense. Through this we can build, we must build a defense against repetition.” Learn more about the founder of the organization through Academy Award winning Moriah Films’ documentary, <i>I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal</i>. A facilitated discussion follows.</p> |
| <p> Leadership 101
<i>Grades 7 – 12; 3 hours</i>
“Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example.” This interactive, hands-on workshop challenges existing perspectives on leadership and encourages students to explore their own diversity story. Students are introduced to tools they can use to promote respect and lead their school in affecting real, inclusive change.</p> | <p> Women’s Rights are Human Rights
<i>Grades 5 – 12; 2 hours</i>
Despite significant developments over the course of the past century, gender inequities continue to persist. Consequences of this imbalance have an impact on all of humanity. Exploration of issues including access to education, gender-based violence and body image in the digital age, both at home and abroad, are examined. Students will leave informed, empowered and equipped with tools to affect real and positive change.</p> |

WORKSHOPS ARE:

- Free of charge at Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) *
- Linked to Ontario elementary & secondary school curriculum expectations
- Taught by trained facilitators
- Developed to make real world connections to historical events
- Created to empower young people to make a difference

*There is no charge for a workshop that takes place at FSWC;

Workshops that travel to schools require a minimum payment to cover facilitator travel expenses

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TOUR FOR HUMANITY



This exciting educational initiative is a fully self-contained mobile classroom that educates students in a highly interactive environment. The Tour for Humanity inspires and empowers students to raise their voices and take action against hate to help make the world a better place. This unique project, designed to initiate discussion on critical human rights issues, is now in its second year of operation and available to come to your community.

There are three different workshop options:

1. **The Global Experience** This workshop begins with a screening of a three-part documentary series produced by FSWC focusing on *The Holocaust*, *Universal Genocide* and *Real-World Heroes*. The Ten Stages of Genocide are then discussed in relation to the Holocaust and students are engaged in discussion. *Suitable for Grades 9-12.*
2. **The Canadian Experience** In this workshop, students learn about a variety of topics in Canadian history including the Indian Residential School System and the systemic internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. Following a review of the past, current issues including cyber bullying and modern-day examples of intolerance are examined and discussed. *Suitable for Grades 6-10.*
3. **Simon's Story** Aimed at junior audiences, the goal of this workshop is to enhance elementary school students' ability to become proactive members of society by influencing positive change. Stereotypes, racism and prejudice are defined and discussed in an age-appropriate manner. *Suitable for Grades 3-6.*

Each session is approximately 45 minutes to one hour in length. The bus can accommodate one class of 30 students at a time, allowing for six classes or 180 students over the span of a typical school day.

Teachers will receive additional educational materials prior to the Tour visit to prepare their classes for the presentation and to continue the learning in the classroom about the topics covered in the program.

The Tour for Humanity requires ongoing support in order to run and, as such, a fee of \$500 per visit (local) or \$750 (out-of-town) is required to cover the cost of travel and the program facilitator. Our tour bus requires a designated parking area of 25ft. by 50ft. (5 – 6 parking spaces) to set up and allow students to flow on and off safely.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

To register for any special event email: education@fswc.ca

FREEDOM DAY – Wednesday, October 11th, 2017



Freedom Day is an annual, free of charge educational event attended by more than 3,000 students from across the Greater Toronto Area and beyond. The program, held at Yonge-Dundas Square, is an energetic celebration of Canadian rights and freedoms designed to raise awareness about human rights issues and empower youth to take action to make the world a better place.

This year's speakers include Corey Fleischer, a Montreal-er who is erasing hate graffiti in all of its forms; CFL alumni Orlando Bowen, who's mission in life is to give back to community and encourage those around him to do the same; and Holocaust survivor and author Max Eisen. MC for the program is ET Canada's Rick Campanelli.



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY – Saturday, January 27th, 2018

Plan a special event in your school to commemorate the Holocaust with the guidance of Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center. Encourage your school board to join the initiative - we will circulate suggested activities and guidelines to help you organize a special event in your school.



NATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE ON HOLOCAUST EDUCATION: THE FUTURE OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATION – Saturday & Sunday, January 27th – 28th, 2018

Location: Novotel North York, Toronto, Ontario

Join Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies for an impactful Professional Development experience. Learn best practices in Holocaust education from expert educators, listen to recommendations from Holocaust survivors regarding the future of Holocaust education and learn about innovative research in the field of Holocaust studies.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – contact Melissa at mmikel@fswc.ca for registration information

SPEAKERS IDOL – Tuesday, March 27th, 2018

Location: Toronto, Ontario (details coming soon)

Speakers Idol is an annual speech writing and public speaking competition for students in Grades 6 – 12. For 2017-2018, students are asked to prepare a three-minute speech on the **importance of standing up and speaking out in today's society**. Speeches must include Simon Wiesenthal's famous quote: *Freedom of speech is not freedom to propagate hatred*, and relate to how they envision creating positive change in the world. A Semi-Finalist round will include a workshop with award-winning debate team members from Ontario universities followed by a Finalist round where students will have a chance to present their speeches before a panel of celebrity judges. Grand prizes will be awarded.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, February 9th, 2018 – **WRITTEN SPEECHES DUE**
- Sunday, March 4th, 2018 – **SEMI-FINALIST ROUND**
- Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 – **FINALIST ROUND**



EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE COURSES

Through primary documentation, artifacts, witness testimony and written scholarship, these professional development courses provide an overview of the history of the Holocaust and genocide. In addition to exploring this history within an historical context, educators will build an understanding of the human cost to these atrocities, along with discussing the continued legacy of these horrific world events still today. Educators receive a certificate at the end of the course along with extensive resource lists and activities that can be adapted to any classroom.

Holocaust Certificate Course

July 23 – 26, 2018

Genocide Certificate Course

July 30 – 31, 2018

NEVERFORGETME.CA

neverforgetme.ca preserves the memory of the Holocaust through recorded survivor testimony. A unique on-line resource for educators, the website brings personal survivor testimony into the classroom. Resources will be added throughout the year.

