

## COMMON GROUND

RESPECT  
FOR BEING a **Boy** &  
THE POWER  
OF BEING a **GiRL**  
CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

9:00am - 4:00pm

CNIB Conference Centre 1949 Bayview Ave.  
(south of Eglinton Ave)



Hosted by YWCA Toronto and the White Ribbon Campaign and presented by OSSTF District 12, Common Ground, a free one day conference, is a response to a broadly acknowledged need to “build common ground” between young women and young men in today’s Toronto, with a particular focus on finding solutions to gender-based violence.

### HOW CAN WE REGISTER?

Visit [www.weekwithoutviolence.com](http://www.weekwithoutviolence.com) for forms or call 416-961-8101 ext.305

There are several ways you can register your delegation:

1. Complete registration forms and fax to 416-961-7739
2. If the entire delegation is 16 and older you can register online
3. Complete the Excel chart and email as an attachment to [abc@ywcatoronto.org](mailto:abc@ywcatoronto.org)

**PLEASE  
NOTE**  
CNIB is a  
scent-free  
environment

### WHAT WILL THE CONFERENCE LOOK LIKE?

9:00am	Registration Opens
9:30am	Keynote Speakers Setting the plan for how we will work together
10:30am to 3pm	<b>Workshops</b> -Connect, Act, Listen, Common Ground Teachers' Workshop
12:30pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	Report Back, Common Ground Challenge Networking and goodbyes

### WORKSHOPS

#### Connect!

Respect and power, rights and responsibilities, balance in your relationships with your friends, girlfriend or boyfriend, in the hallways, at home, at work.

#### Listen!

Popular culture today bombards us with images of women as sex objects, songs with derogatory lyrics, movies where heroes have big muscles and bigger weapons. This workshop is an opportunity to discuss how this makes us think about what a girl is, what a boy is, and what standards are for each.

#### Act!

Learn techniques to express your reality, plan events and campaigns to make change in your school and community. This workshop will use games and exercises to explore youth violence, how people get treated differently for who they are and where they are from, and what it means to be a boy or a girl.

#### Common Ground Teachers' Workshop

Get a frame of reference to discuss the constructs of femininity and masculinity as it relates to violence against women. Learn basic facilitation skills to get through difficult conversations and moments. This workshop will prepare you to immediately facilitate discussions with students after their workshops, and get consensus on what the next actions are for the delegation.

#### The Common Ground Challenge

After talking, its time for action. Is your delegation ready to take on a Common Ground school project? Now that you have learned about power, privilege and gender stereotypes, you will have a better sense of how to create clear messages to tell a story, inform and influence. Whether it is promoting healthy dating relationships, reducing violence, or defining sexual harassment, delegates are encouraged to do something at school or in their community to foster peace.



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## EDUCATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit one registration per delegate. Up to six delegates per school, an even number of girls and boys are invited from your school. The delegation representative will receive a phone call or email to confirm your registration has been received. If all delegates are 16 and over you can register online at [www.weekwithoutviolence.com](http://www.weekwithoutviolence.com)

\*Student workshops are closed to teachers.

School \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
How many delegates will be attending Common Ground? \_\_\_\_\_  
How would you like to receive your confirmation?      Circle: Phone      Email

How do you plan to support students after they return to the school (i.e. creation of campaigns and events)?

Please check if you **DO NOT** wish to be contacted about any future events by YWCA Toronto or White Ribbon Campaign

### 10:30am to 3:00pm    **Common Ground Teachers' Workshop**

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the YWCA Life Skills, Publications and Training program will offer a workshop that runs parallel to the student conference. Get a frame of reference to discuss the constructs of femininity and masculinity as it relates to violence against women. Learn basic facilitation skills to get through difficult conversations and moments. This workshop will prepare you to facilitate discussions with students after their workshops, and get consensus on what the next actions are for the delegation. A catered lunch will be provided in the workshop.

Yes, register me.     No thanks, I will lounge.     I need more information

## PHOTO PERMISSION

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I do not want to be filmed or photographed while I am at the Common Ground Conference.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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## DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Complete one form per delegate. Please print clearly and in block letters. This form is used to generate students' volunteer certificates.

### 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you **DO NOT** wish to be contacted about any future events by YWCA Toronto or White Ribbon Campaign

**2. LUNCH:** A boxed lunch will be provided (sandwich, juice, cookies, chips, and fruit)  
Please choose a sandwich for your lunch box

Egg Salad       Tuna       Roasted Vegetables       Turkey

Other accommodation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. WORKSHOP SELECTION:** Please indicate workshop choice with 1.2.3

Act!       Connect!       Listen!

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I do not want my minor child (under 16) to be filmed or photographed while at the Common Ground Conference.

Parent Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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