

Call for Art Submissions

“RESISTING COLONIALISM & REBUILDING PATHWAYS TO HOPE”

Art Exhibit & Film Screening

on Monday, Sept. 21, 2009 @ 6 p.m.

**Co-Sponsored by the Centre for Women’s Studies in
Education (CWSE) & Native Youth Sexual Health Network**

We are seeking: Submissions of artwork by youth reflecting: resistance to oppression, violence and all kinds of discrimination; the process of healing, and the building of hope.

What do I have to do? Submit your artwork for the exhibit. Then, on September 21st, participating artists will have an opportunity to talk about their work at the launching of this art exhibit. The exhibit will be followed by a screening of the documentary “Highway of Hope,” a documentary filmed and directed by Indigenous feminist activist Jessica Yee about the numerous disappearances and murders of Aboriginal women along Highway 16 in British Columbia.

Why would I want to do it? To showcase your work, to share your vision of hope and change and to inspire others!

Art Submissions: Must be able to hang on the wall and must be submitted by **September 1st 2009**. The artwork will be exhibited for two weeks and can be reclaimed by artists afterward. Please include a short bio, contact info, and the title if applicable. Submissions can be mailed, or artists can hand deliver their work to:

Centre for Women’s Studies in Education
252 Bloor Street West Unit 2-225
Toronto, On M5S 1V6

For more information please contact CWSE: cwse@oise.utoronto.ca

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Food for thought---a glossary of terms and ideas:

Colonialism:

the process of domination and subjugation of a nation or group of people by another nation or group of people. May include physically conquering/colonizing land, or may refer to economic, political or social control mechanisms (neo-colonialism)

Oppression:

The process whereby discrimination against an identified group is stimulated, encouraged and reinforced by way of promoting antagonism towards the "Other". The attack or undermining of people's identity by a dominant group.

Resistance:

The act of resisting oppression and all forms of colonialism through struggle, self-expression, or the re-claiming and expression of one's identity, values or true self.

Some types of discrimination:

Racism:

discrimination based on physical/ethnic/cultural/genetic characteristics; stereotyping or profiling of individuals based on the category of "race"

Sexism:

the idea that men and women should do certain things, or behave a certain way; discriminatory or unequal treatment based on these stereotypes.

Ableism:

Discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities, especially physical disabilities.

Ageism:

Discrimination based on age.

Homophobia:

An irrational fear or intolerance of homosexuality; behaviour that is perceived to uphold and support traditional gender role expectations.

Questions you might think about:

Do you identify your experience(s) with any of these oppressions?

How have you found the strength and passion to overcome obstacles in your life?

What kind of world do you want to see in the future?

What gives you hope?

How are youth today, individually and collectively, resisting these oppressions and transforming their worlds?