

Together for Sex-Ed
A National Gathering of Sexual Health Education Champions
Virtual Gathering October 20th and 21st, 2020

Retreat Objective

Bring together stakeholders from across Canada, as well as international comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocates, to:

1. Share knowledge to make the collective case for sex-ed as a key intervention to achieve better public health outcomes, further gender equality, reduce stigma around sex and sexuality, address violence and discrimination and to meet human rights obligations
2. Take stock of tools, strategies, and opportunities to advance CSE
3. Organize a national multisector movement in support of sexuality education and form a National Sex-Ed Advisory committee

Participants

80 Leaders and sex-ed champions from diverse sectors

Pre-gathering – individual learning and reflection *these materials will be sent in advance and can be reviewed by participants at their leisure	
Video Panel Discussion: State of Sex-Ed in Canada	Moderator: Frederique Chabot, Acting Executive Director, Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights Panelists Makeda Zook - Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights Dr. Sandra E. Byers – University of New Brunswick Quinn Xenia Jeffery-Off - Youth Activist Natalya Mason – Education Coordinator, Saskatoon Sexual Health Javier Davila – Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Equity Officer Monika de Souza – High school sex-ed teacher
Video Panel Discussion: Sex-ed as a Tool for Equity	Moderator: Frederique Chabot, Acting Executive Director Panelists include: Claire Dion Fletcher – National Aboriginal Council of Midwives Phillip Morgan – Anti-Black racism and policing in education Nelly Bassily - DAWN Montreal Fae Johnstone - Wisdom 2 Action Anuradha Dugal - Canadian Women’s Foundation
Video Discussion: CSE: A Global Movement (short video)	Lessons, reflections and advice from global partners working to advance comprehensive sexuality education around the world
Pre-session reflection	We encourage you to share your reflections in the State of Sex-Ed and Sex-Ed as a Tool For Equity jamboards being sent out in advance of the virtual gathering



Day 1: Tuesday October 20th, 2020

Session 1: 10:15 am – 12:00 pm EDT		
10:15-10:30 am EDT	Join the virtual gathering using link provided	
10:30 am EDT	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Land Acknowledgement and decolonizing sex-ed Who is the imagined learner? Why sex-ed still matters during COVID The role of sex-ed in advancing sexual health and rights in Canada and abroad 	Frederique Chabot , Acting Executive Director Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights Stephanie Jewel Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah , Executive Director of CCGSD
Short Health Break		
11:30 am EDT	Gathering Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of virtual panel discussions Agreements, approach and logistics Personal Reflection 	Frederique Chabot Tanya Noel , Facilitator
12:00 pm EDT	One-hour Health Break	
Session 2: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EDT		
1:00 pm EDT	Sector Specific Issues/barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakout groups by sector to deep dive into challenges encountered 	All
Short Health Break		
2:00 pm EDT	Issues/barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing back from breakouts 	Tanya Noel
2:30 pm EDT	Thirty-minute Health Break	
Session 3: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm EDT		
3:00 pm EDT	COVID mini panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities and innovations that sectors have implemented during COVID How opportunities might look different in the future Re-imagining ways we campaign into the future 	Moderator: Marian Nur , Campaigns Officer, Action Canada Panelists: Karen B. K. Chan , sex educator Becky Van Tassel , Centre for Sexuality Robbie Ahmed and Eleni Han , Nuance
Short Health Break		
4:10 pm EDT	Wrap-up & Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways from the day High-level overview of process for building off this exercise on day 2 	Tanya Noel



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal reflection activity 	
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Day 2: Wednesday October 21st, 2020

Session 1: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm EDT		
10:15 -10:30 am EDT	Join the virtual gathering using link provided	
10:30 am EDT	Welcome & Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome back & Check-in Agenda Day 2 approach Logistics recap 	Tanya Noel, Facilitator
10:40 am EDT	Panel Discussion – the Tools at our Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing information on the development and potential use of sexual health education guidelines Sharing legal and policy advocacy mechanisms to help us achieve better sex-ed 	Moderator: Sarah Kennell , Director of Government Relations (on leave), Action Canada Panelists: Mariana Cruz Murueta , International Planned Parenthood Federation Western Hemisphere Region (IPPFWHR) Alex McKay , Sex Information and Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN) Pooja Badarinath , Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI) Marcus McCann , Lawyer, Millard & Company Catherine Hart , Committee Chair, Manitoba Teachers' Society
Short Health Break		
11:30 am EDT	Full group discussion – the Tools at our Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection & discussion 	Tanya Noel
12:00 pm EDT	1-hour Health Break	
Session 2: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EDT		
1:00 pm EDT	Opportunities for Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakout group discussions on potential areas for action 	All
Short Health Break		
1:45 pm EDT	Where do we go from here? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing back from breakouts Identifying potential action areas; prioritization exercise 	Tanya Noel



2:30 pm EDT	Thirty-minute Health Break	
Session 3: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm EDT		
3:00 pm EDT	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of findings: “Towards a Sex-Ed Campaign” • Discussion of the National Advisory Committee 	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights staff
Short Health Break		
3:35 pm EDT	Closing Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global standards and sex-ed as a human right • Ukrainian youth activist will share her experience fighting HIV stigma and working to advance CSE 	Dr. Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli , Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, World Health Organization Yana Panfilova Founder, Teenergizer

