



Call for Submissions:

2017 Youth Sexual Health Research Symposium:

Fight Forward, Fight Back

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

9:30am - 4:30pm

William Doo Auditorium (45 Willcocks Street, Toronto, ON).

DEADLINE FOR ALL ABSTRACTS:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15th, 2017

The goal of the symposium is to bring together community youth (ages 16-30 who are part of a youth group/organization, not attending University, or would like to get connected with people of similar passions) and university students to share their research and artistic pieces on youth sexual health. In the current political climate, this year's symposium will provide a crucial forum for solidarity and resistance. During the symposium, students, youth, academics, policy makers, and community members working in or interested in these fields will be given the opportunity to network and engage in each other's work. We encourage students from all disciplines to present research "in progress," test out ideas for a thesis or dissertation proposal, or present original research or artistic pieces.

We are interested in work that includes but is not limited to:

- Social justice and sexual and reproductive rights
- HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health
- Harm reduction
- Trans and intersex sexual health inclusion
- Indigenous and two-spirit sexual health access
- Youth focused access and education initiatives
- Community based and participatory methodologies and alternative pedagogies that promote youth involvement and empowerment.
- LGBTQ2SA inclusive sexual health
- Intersectional approaches to equity and the social determinants of sexual health for youth
- Globalization, migration, and sexual health
- Structural violence and reproductive justice
- Colonialism and sexuality
- Neoliberalism and sexual health inequities
- Sexual health education work and strategies
- Disability and sexual health
- Preserving sexual health and reproductive rights in the Trump Era

Keynote Performance: SExT, Youth Sexual Education by Theatre

This is a FREE symposium: A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**For registration and any inquiries, please email oskudkarlska@gmail.com

Registration is strongly preferred; please register by **March 10th, 2017**



Guidelines for Submissions:

Abstracts are due Wednesday, February 15th, 2017

1. Abstracts must be no longer than **250 words**. If submitting an abstract for an artistically focused presentation, you may choose to submit a video clip, web link, photograph, or other electronic means of communication in addition to a description in order to convey the meaning and relevance of the art piece.
2. Submitting an abstract represents a commitment to attend and present at the Youth Sexual Health Research Symposium, should the abstract be accepted. Therefore, all persons submitting an abstract should register to attend the Student Symposium at the time that they submit the abstract.
3. Only one author can be listed as the primary presenter. The primary author must present the abstract at the Student Symposium. The primary presenter should be directly involved in, or leading the research or artistic project. Co-authors may register for the symposium separately and attend the session. Co-authors may also present along with the primary author.
4. The Symposium Committee will decide which abstracts submissions will be chosen for oral presentations. All others that are accepted will be poster presentations or artistic presentations.
5. Applicants will be notified by e-mail whether their abstract was accepted by **February 24th, 2017**.

Eligibility for Abstract Submission:

Community youth (ages 16-30 who are part of a youth group/organization, or would like to get connected with people of similar passions) and students (undergraduate, graduate, or PhD) are eligible to submit an abstract. When you submit your abstract, please indicate your preferred method of presentation at the start of your 250 word abstract:

- Oral Presentation Preferred
- Poster Presentation Preferred
- Artistic Presentation Preferred
- No Preference

If you do not indicate your preference at the time that you submit the abstract, it will be assumed that you have no preference.

Selection Criteria:

Abstract submitters should ensure that their abstracts provide sufficient detail so that reviewers will be able to fully evaluate the author's work, research design, data, analysis, results, and artistic expression. Submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed by a panel comprised of one university student, one faculty member, and one community youth - all of whom are involved in youth sexual health research.

Oral/ poster presentation selection criteria will be assessed on:

Clarity of writing and quality of research, with attention to design and methods, use of original data, presentation of results, and discussion of relevance and impact.

Artistic presentation selection criteria will be assessed on:

Quality of research, creativity, level of youth engagement, and relevance.

How to Submit the Abstract or Register:

All abstracts must be submitted electronically **by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

To oskudlarska@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name
- Affiliation
- Whether you plan to submit an abstract (and your preferred method of presentation)
- Whether plan to attend (1) breakfast and (2) lunch
- If you are a vegetarian or have any other dietary restrictions

Contact Information: If you have any questions, please email oskudlarska@gmail.com