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For more than 30 years, Facing History and Ourselves has been dedicated to fostering thoughtful dialogue in classrooms and communities about issues of tolerance and civic responsibility. Our resources, seminars, and public events link historical events such as the Holocaust and other examples of genocide and mass violence to the everyday issues people face in their own lives, providing opportunities for people of all ages to recognize the importance of civic participation and learn from the courage and resilience of others.

Founded by educators in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1976, Facing History has grown from an innovative course taught in a single school district to an international organization with more than 150 staff members. Through nine offices in North America, an international hub in London, and educational partnerships that span the globe, Facing History has established itself as the premier educational organization delivering high-quality classroom strategies, content, and lessons for teachers and students. Our network of trained educators now includes more than 29,000 teachers who reach nearly two million students each year.

Facing History and Ourselves has been working informally in Canada since 1981. Since opening an office and becoming a registered Canadian charity in 2008, we have reached more than 600 educators. For more information contact Program Director Leora Schaefer at leora_schaefer@facing.org or 416-901-3831.



WHO WILL BE THE VOICE?

The following poem was written by Robert Mewhinney, Program Coordinator for Social and World Studies and the Humanities at the Toronto District School Board, during his participation in Facing History's 2010 summer seminar.

Who will be the voice?
 He who teaches of a genocide
 That a state continues to deny;
 He who uses the art of words
 To combat threats to make him comply?

Who will be the voice?
 He who helps others see the faces
 Of those who the state would dehumanize;
 Showing the diversity of those
 Who the state would depict as the OTHER?

Who will be the voice?
 She who helps us focus on the perpetrators
 So the grand scheme of evil is not clouded
 By the unique stories of the targets
 And those so vulnerable to have not a voice?

Who will be the voice
 When her voice can no longer be heard?
 When the survivor's voice is silent for
 future generations,
 Who will hear the voice, the children, and
 grandchildren
 And a great grandchild named
 Emuna (faith)?

Who will be the voice?
 We who have heard, learned, shared,
 laughed and cried.
 We who vow to pass the voices on to our
 students.
 We who have worked hard to face history
 And in so doing, face ourselves.



SPOTLIGHT: Facing History Awarded Multiculturalism Grant

We are excited to announce that Facing History has been awarded a three-year grant from the Multiculturalism Program of the Government of Canada. This three-year grant will allow us to deepen our efforts in Ontario and to extend our work with teachers in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The grant's key activities include facilitating seminars and workshops; developing an advanced teacher group; working directly with students, and conducting a comprehensive evaluation of our work.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Across Canada teachers are embracing the methodology and professional support that Facing History provides and integrating our program into their classrooms. In partnership with the Toronto District School Board, Facing History developed a Grade 11 course called Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity. The course was approved by the Ontario Ministry of Education, and now more than 500 students in 22 schools are taking the course. Additional school boards will implement the course over the next two years, including Hastings Prince Edward County, Waterloo Region, and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Boards.

Since the inception of Facing History’s work in Ontario in 1981, we’ve offered workshops for the former Toronto Board of Education, Thames Valley District School Board, Kitchener-Waterloo (both Catholic and public school boards), Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board, and Hastings Prince Edward District School Board. In addition, we’ve done extensive work with faculties of education at York University, Ontario Institute of Studies in Education of the University of Toronto, and Althouse College of the University of Western Ontario.

REFLECTIONS ON A SUMMER SEMINAR



“No professional development seminar has impacted me or given me what Facing History has,” one participant said after attending a Holocaust and Human Behaviour seminar this summer. “As a teacher of history for 15 years, Facing History opened up an entirely new pathway of teaching strategies and

resources that are easily placed into my classroom.”

This teacher was one of 33 educators representing six school boards from across Southern Ontario and Winnipeg who came together for our summer seminar. Participants gathered at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and at our new space at the Centre for Social Innovation for a week of exploring our innovative frameworks, teaching strategies, and resources.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

Community Event

**Holocaust Education Week Program:
Trauma in the Aftermath of Genocide**

Keynote address by Dr. Robert Krell,
Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry UBC
Location: William Doo Auditorium

NOVEMBER 3–DECEMBER 2, 2011

Exhibit

**Janusz Korczak and the
Children of the Warsaw Ghetto**

Location: The Gallery @ the Miles Nadal JCC

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Teacher Workshop

**Rescue During the Holocaust: Taking
Inspiration and Hope from the Past**

Location: Centre for Social Innovation
215 Spadina Avenue

For more information about these and other events, go to www.facinghistory.ca or call 416-901-3831.

STAYING CONNECTED

- Attend one of our events. See above for more details.
- Visit our website at www.facinghistory.ca to learn more about Facing History’s work and to browse our full selection of educator resources.
- Take our journey online and learn about our pedagogy.
- Give a gift to Facing History and Ourselves Canada (Charitable Registration # 82181 4019 RR0001).
- Contact Program Director Leora Schaefer at leora_schaefer@facing.org.