

SAFER SPACES POLICY

As an organization, we are dedicated to making all of our events a safer space for Black and Indigenous two-spirit and trans people, particularly trans women, transfeminine persons and those who were designated male at birth (DMAB). No forms of transphobia, transmisogyny and transantagonism will be tolerated and those who violate this policy will no longer be welcome to our events.

This conference, event, and all affiliated programming is a designated “safer space”. We are making an explicit decision to prioritize voices of people who experience anti-black oppression and misogynoir. People attending this conference are asked to be aware of their language and behaviour, and to think about whether it might be offensive to others. This is not a space for violence, for touching without consent, for intolerance of religious beliefs or lack thereof, for racist, ageist, sexist, hetero-sexist, transphobic, transmisogynistic, ableist, classist, patriarchal views, or for any other behaviour or language that may perpetuate oppression. We want to encourage the expression of radically different opinions, choices and tactics, which means we must work hard not to silence each other. This means also engaging with people outside of academia, mainstream non-profit sectors and relating in honest and non-discriminatory ways. When we disagree, let us do it in a way where we can hear each other, and communicate with care while respecting and considering context.

By engaging respectfully with each other at BFN TO, we can all do our part to maintain a safe space for everyone. Abuse and discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated at this event, nor will targeted harassment, assault, sexism, homophobic, transphobic or racist etc. behaviour.

Things we can all do to create a safer space:

- Respect people’s physical and emotional boundaries.
- Always get explicit verbal consent before touching someone.
- Be aware that raising your voice or other aggressive body language may be understood as abusive behaviour by others.
- Respect people’s differing opinions, beliefs, and points of view.
- Be responsible for your own actions. Be aware that your actions do have an effect on others despite what your intentions may be.

In attending this event, you are agreeing to behave in a manner that is compliant with the safer spaces policy. Any group or individual violating the policy will not be welcome at BFN TO. The Safer Spaces Policy articulates our stance in challenging an oppressive culture and emphasizing the empowerment of marginalized individuals.

AMENITIES + ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible Washrooms (Women) | TEL 1170A + 1198

Accessible Washrooms (Men) | TEL 1171 + 1199

Single Stall Barrier Free Accessible + Gender Neutral Washrooms | TEL 2174, 2180, 2197, 3192, 3198, 4179, 4198, 5180, 5198, 0161 + 0177



**IMAGINING FUTURES FOR BLACK WOMEN, GIRLS, CIS, TRANS,
NON-BINARY, AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING FOLKS TODAY**

MORNING SESSIONS

REGISTRATION + OPENING ADDRESS

Registration | 8:00AM - 8:50AM

Opening Address | Akio Maroon | 9:00AM - 10:00AM | TEL 0007

Coffee + Tea Break | 10:00AM - 10:30AM | TEL 0013

PANELS + WORKSHOPS

FAC Sponsored Panel: *"Black Arts, Black Magic"* | 10:30AM - 12:00PM | TEL 0009

Moderator: Geneviève Wallen

Panelists: Lynx Sainte-Marie, Lue Boileau, Kim Ninkuru, Lourdes Duniam

"The Sensationalized Somali: Anti-Blackness in Toronto's Media" | 10:30AM - 12:00PM | TEL 0011

Moderator: Hawa Y. Mire

Panelists: Idil Abdullahi, Maandeeq Mohamed

Youth Coding Workshop | Ashley Jane Lewis | 10:10AM - 1:10PM | TEL 0004

Media Literacy 101: Youth Media Workshop | Jean Boampong | 10:30AM - 12:30PM | TEL 0015

"A Holistic Approach to Healing" Workshop | Dre Ngozi | 11:00AM - 12:30PM | TEL 0013

Lunch | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

PANELS + WORKSHOPS

"Black Student Activism Across Campus" | 1:30PM - 3:00PM | TEL 0011

Moderator: Dr. Alissa Trotz

Panelists: Evelyn Amponsah, Brittany Andrews-Amofah, Jessica P. Kirk

"Never Been Broken: Blackness, Disability & Healing Through Art" | 1:30PM - 3:00PM | TEL 0015

Moderator: Gloria C. Swain

Panelists: Whitney French, Jassie Justice, Lynx Sainte-Marie, Sharrae Lyon

"Growing Up Black in Canada" | 2:00PM - 3:20PM | TEL 0009

Moderator: Amelia Ruthven-Nelson

Panelists: Jordyn Samuels, Aisha Addo, Tumaini Wanjiru Lyaruu

"Taking Up Cyberspace - Online Activism & Community Building" | 2:10PM - 3:30PM | TEL 0006

Moderator: Adwoa Afful

Panelists: Sajae Elder, Hawa Y. Mire, Vanessa Adams, Chelsy Monie

"Building Solidarity Across Feminist & Activist Communities of Colour" | 3:30PM - 4:50PM | TEL 0006

Moderator: Adwoa Afful

Panelists: Teddy Syrette, Nayani Thiyagarajah, Kimalee Phillip,

Coding Workshop | Ris Wong | 1:20PM - 4:50PM | TEL 0004

"Inside Out Portraits - Mixed Media on Canvas" | 1:30PM - 3:30PM | TEL 0013

Facilitated By: Erica Beya, Maandeeq Mohamed

Sponsored By: Girl's Art League

"Participation As Resistance: Media Literacy Workshop" | Shantal Otchere | 1:30PM - 3:30PM | TEL 0007

FINAL SESSION

Keynote Address, Discussion + Closing Remarks | 5:00PM - 6:30PM | TEL 0006

Moderators: Adwoa Afful, Amelia Ruthven-Nelson

Speeches: Amanda Paris, Huda Hassan

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