

# Your body. Whose rules?

Sex ed, children's rights, culture and religion

Public Lecture, Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Bromwich, Carleton University  
Ellis Auditorium, 7-8:30 pm

## Free Dinner for High School Students

Monday, September 24, 2018

Dear high school students,

As many of you are aware, debate has resurfaced around the “sex ed” portion of the Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum. While the political stakes are overwhelmingly foregrounded in various “values,” the stakes of how you are informed (or not) about health and sexuality are highest for you.

In this lecture, we propose that setting up discussions about what our children should learn in school as a battle between “authorities” misses a fundamental aspect of what is at stake: the health, sexuality, and self-expression of the province's youth. That's you.

You have a right to know what your rights are, and also to have a voice in this political discourse. **That's why we are inviting you to join us for a free dinner on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.** We anticipate that media will be joining us at 6:30, and any of you who would like to talk to the media, and have your parents signed permission, will be provided that opportunity.

We aren't going to tell you what to think. We want to make sure you understand your rights as outlined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (which Canada signed in 1991). We also want to provide a forum for an open conversation about the Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum, adolescent health and well-being, and your rights.

In order to attend the dinner, you MUST register by email to [valerie.michaelson@queensu.ca](mailto:valerie.michaelson@queensu.ca) so that we know you are coming and have all of your dietary requirements. You also MUST bring the signed permission form with you to the dinner (attached). The first 20 people who register will be accepted to attend.

Please contact Valerie Michaelson by email with any questions: [valerie.michaelson@queensu.ca](mailto:valerie.michaelson@queensu.ca)

Sincerely,

*Dr. Rebecca Bromwich, Program Director of the Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution in the Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University*

*Dr. Valerie Michaelson, School of Religion and Department of Public Health Sciences, Queen's University*

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**When:** Wednesday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, 5-6:30 pm

Please read and respond to each question. Please print & bring this signed form with you to the dinner.

1. I understand that I (or my child) will be participating in a dinner and open forum in which we will be discussion the Ontario Physical Health and Education Curriculum in the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Beyond that, the focus of our conversation will be determined by the people in the room. It is possible that the participants will decide they want to focus on the sexuality education component of the curriculum, and that our discussion may include issues related to gender, sexual orientation, sexual engagement, sexual health and other like issues.
2. I understand that this dinner will provide a safe and open environment for discussion topics that are important to the people in the room. Some of these topics may be sensitive. I commit to respecting the dignity and ideas of every person in the room, and engaging in a respectful way. I understand that any participant who detracts from this being a safe environment for all will be asked to leave.

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Name of participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

We have been advised that various local media outlets have been invited to this event, and may want to talk with this group of high school students at 6:30. This is entirely optional. If you think there is a chance you would like to talk to the media, please ask your parent or guardian to provide their permission here. You do not need to make a decision about this until after the dinner.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_ years, to be interviewed by interested journalists/media personnel about the Ontario Physical Health and Education Curriculum.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

Please provide any food allergies, sensitivities or dietary needs:

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