

Youth, Higher Education and Community Engagement in the Portuguese Community

Date:

Friday November 25, 2016

Time:

4:30pm to 6:00pm

Brief overview of the conversation:

This community conversation offers the opportunity to discuss issues of academic performance, engagement and participation of Portuguese-Canadian youth. Although open to the public, we aim to attract a considerable group of community leaders and educators in order to dialogue on task forces, programs and recent directives. We will also seek the assistance and the input of the community regarding the potential of York University as an agent for change, youth engagement and inclusivity.

Location:

Gallery of the Portuguese Pioneers (960 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario)

Organizers:

Dr. Maria João Dodman is Associate Professor of Portuguese & Luso-Brazilian Studies. Fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese, she researches literature in both languages written during the Age of Discovery. She also publishes and teaches courses on colonial encounters, contemporary Brazilian and Portuguese literature and culture; the culture of the Azores; and on the Portuguese language, especially as spoken in the Greater Toronto Area, about which she has designed an experiential education course.

Dr. Inês Cardoso is Sessional Assistant Professor of Portuguese & Luso-Brazilian Studies. She has experience both in teaching and in conducting teacher training in Portugal and Brazil. She is a specialist in the philosophy and practice of Portuguese language teaching. Her research centers on students' relationship with language, especially with writing, and on teacher training, particularly developing and publishing course materials and activities so that language learners can communicate meaningfully in Portuguese. At York University, she teaches Portuguese language courses at all levels.

Sponsor(s):

The Gallery of the Portuguese Pioneers Museum was inaugurated in 2003 to honour Portuguese immigrants who arrived in Canada predominantly in 1953, 1954 and 1955. These

pioneers, who scattered all across the country, created a path for many future immigrants. The museum houses many immigrants' stories and memorabilia which provide a snapshot of the lives of those who are truly pioneers of their time. The Gallery of the Portuguese Pioneers can be used by the community as a place of reflection and study. It also acts as an educational resource to show future generations where Portuguese immigration began.

<http://pioneersgallery.ca/>.

Working Women Community Center (WWCC) - Working Women is a charitable organization, created in June 1974, that provides a variety of programs and services, which help immigrant women adjust to living in Toronto. Working Women Community Centre was created in June 1974 in Toronto's West End to help newcomer women with pre-employment and employment counseling. Specifically the Centre was created to help women from Portugal, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa. Today WWCC services all newcomer communities across the city, with office locations in the Jane/Finch Community, Don Mills/Sheppard/Peanut Town Community, the Bloor West Community and the Victoria Village Community.

<http://www.workingwomencc.org/>.

Portuguese Canadian Hall of Fame – The Portuguese Canadian Walk of Fame is located at Camoes Square, at the corner of College St. and Crawford. Positioned in the heart of a vibrant community of people of all backgrounds, it is intended to honour those of a Portuguese background who have made an impact and significant contribution to the advancement of Portuguese Canadian Culture in Canada.

Community Conversations @ York University provides great opportunities for exchanging experiences and ideas and a space for people to discover what they have in common as well as their differences. Community Conversations are public, semi-structured and open to anyone who is interested in the topic. If you wish to suggest a topic, or provide feedback on one of our conversations, please contact us, gce@yorku.ca, visit us at <http://laps.yorku.ca/laps-in-the-community/>.

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Please arrive 10 minutes early in order to secure a seat!