

YOUTHSPEAK LIST OF PROGRAMS

Positive Mental Health, Bullying Prevention and/or Addiction ASSEMBLIES: Grades 4 – 12 One-hour interactive assembly includes youth speakers who share their personal stories with that are raw, real and relatable. This 45-60 minute session includes a Q&A, as well as interactives that build inclusivity, self-regulation and empowerment. The speakers give a message perseverance and encourage the students to use their voice and ask for help when needed. We also covers topics such as **Healthy Relationships** and **Decision-Making**. (Please contact us to discuss the issues that are most relevant for your specific group)

NEW Body/Mind Wellness Assemblies: Grades 3-5, 9-12 Youth speakers with lived experience share their personal stories with body image, eating and health challenges related to nutrition and fitness. As always, these assemblies are interactive and engaging as the youth team guides students through information linked to the Phys. Ed. curriculum and activities that help them understand the relationship between nutrition and fitness with their mental health and well-being.

YouthSpeak & Toronto Marlies: Youth speakers team up with players from the Toronto Marlies to bring a strong message about resilience, character and overcoming obstacles. In this 75-minute assembly students will benefit from hearing the youth speakers' personal stories as well be motivated by the voice of professional hockey players (Afternoon assemblies only).

CLASSROOM FOLLOW UP SESSIONS: Grades 7-12 Following an assembly facilitated by the youth team lead an interactive session to increase awareness and understanding of the specific issues addressed built on the themes of stigma-reduction, resiliency and self-discovery.

POST-SECONDARY: Large Group Presentation (approximately 45-60 minutes): Youth with lived experience share their personal stories with mental health and related issues to create a safe space for students to ask for help, give hope and help them feel less alone. Information on various mental health challenges to increase awareness and decrease stigma, tips on how to support a friend and a list of resources are provided.

Small Group Workshops (approximately 60-90 minutes): youth with lived experience share their personal stories with mental health and related issues. Youth speakers guide the students through an interactive session of learning tools for coping and building resilience.

PARENT/TEACHER SESSION: Youth speakers offer practical exchanges that are eye-opening, real and raw through their personal stories as they travelled the path from struggle to improved wellness. The speakers share how their struggles influenced, not only themselves, but their friends and families, and provide caring adults with tips on how to create a safe space for youth to talk.

Annual AWAKE conference: Grades 9&10 A youth drug awareness conference held in March each year that provides students with an opportunity to hear the personal stories of youth speakers, engage in a range of fun, positive activities such as breakdance, martial arts, slam poetry, graffiti arts, belly dance, knitting. As well, explore community agency interactive booths and demos.

KEYNOTES: We provide presentations for school councils, conferences, AGM's and many other community groups. The YouthSpeak teams' engaging style adds impact and generates meaningful conversation to the successful outcome of events.

Lunch N' Learn: Employees are provided with two options: 1) **Self-Care** related to mental health and well-being. This workshop is facilitated by Una Wright, Founder of YouthSpeak who shares her personal toolbox of coping strategies. 2) **Youth Share Their Personal Stories** to increase understanding of issues relevant in the teen years such as depression, anxiety, self-harm, bullying, addiction, as well tips on how to create a safe space for youth and information on resources.

Stepping Up To Leadership Workshop: Four pillars to developing a mountain mover are honesty, inclusivity, compassion and self-discovery. Leadership is not about standing alone but inspiring others to move with them by becoming aware of their own mental health and wellbeing. Youth help to build leadership skills in other youth through engaging activities that make a mark for success.

Youth experience. Youth voice. Youth empowered.

