

YOUTH empowerment DAY!

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“

A day to join together in celebration of our children and youth, to inspire empowerment, individuality, confidence, and kindness!”

—
Francesca Licursi



BWG Library Teams Up with Youth Empowerment Collective to Empower Young Artists!



We are excited to announce that the Town of Bradford will officially proclaim May 4th, 2024, as Youth Empowerment Day! This is a momentous occasion, and we would be honored to have you and your school community join us in celebrating!

To mark this special day, the town officials will be hosting a flag-raising ceremony, followed by the Grand Opening reception of The Empowered Expressions Art Exhibit!

The volunteers of the Youth Empowerment Collective, have been the community champions in creating this monumental day!

In partnership with the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, the exhibit is a powerful showcase of artwork, created by local children and youth. The artwork on display will reflect the vision of empowerment through the dreams of our future generations and explores themes of inspiration, confidence, self-esteem, ambition and strength.

The exhibit will begin on Youth Empowerment Day and go through until May 18th, 2024 in the Zima Room of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and Cultural Centre.

More information on the Art Exhibit can be found on our website at www.youthempowermentcollective.ca





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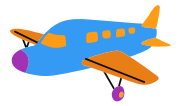
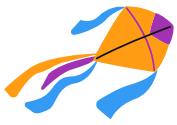
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Empowering Young Minds for a Brighter Future

Empowering young people stands at the very core of shaping a brighter future for our communities. It goes beyond being merely important—it is an absolute necessity. When we empower our youth, we not only equip them with the tools to navigate life's challenges but also instill within them a deep sense of belonging and purpose. This empowerment doesn't just impact their individual lives; it ripples outwards, shaping the collective well-being of our society.

In this journey of empowerment, schools play an indispensable role. They serve as the cornerstone of our communities, shaping the minds and hearts of our future leaders. By fostering a culture of empowerment and inclusivity within the school environment, educators not only create a safe space for students but also lay the foundation for a more compassionate and resilient society.

Youth Empowerment Day serves as a poignant reminder of our collective responsibility to uplift and support our young people. It's a call to action for schools to reaffirm their commitment to empowering every student, regardless of background or circumstance. By actively participating in this celebration, schools demonstrate their dedication to creating an environment where every individual feels valued, heard, and empowered to thrive.



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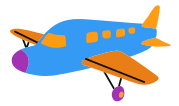
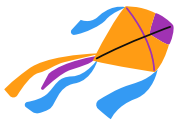
Get Involved: Your School's Guide to Participation

As part of our Youth Empowerment Day Event, we warmly invite all Bradford schools to join us in fostering youth empowerment! We encourage schools to participate in celebration (a day early!) on Friday, May 3rd, 2024 by asking students to wear bright colors, symbolizing self-expression and empowerment. This vibrant display is designed to uplift spirits and unite Bradford's Youth!

But that's not all. We believe that true empowerment begins in the classroom. That's why we've attached a resource for you to share with each teacher, aiding in integrating Youth Empowerment Day into their social justice curriculum. These resources will facilitate discussions on empowerment, self-worth, and community involvement. We encourage schools and teachers to enhance these activities with their own creative ideas to have the most impact with their students.

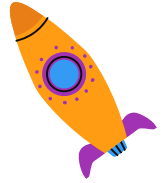
Furthermore, we ask schools to share the art exhibit flyer with your school community and invite them to visit the exhibit at the library. This exhibit will showcase the achievements and aspirations of our youth and will run from Youth Empowerment Day through May 18th, 2024. We believe this exhibit will be an inspiring display of the talent and potential within our community.

We also have a need for High School Volunteers! The resources include a call out for high school students to support the exhibit during its two week run at the library, its a great way for them to complete their required 40 hours of community service!



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We sincerely hope that you and your school community will join us in celebrating Bradford's First Youth Empowerment Day. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth.

Our team of volunteers are here to help answer any questions you may have about the event. We would absolutely love to know if your school will be participating! Please email us at info@empowercollective.ca with any question and to let us know how your school will celebrate Bradford's FIRST Youth Empowerment Day!

Warm regards,
Francesca Licursi and The Entire Team of Volunteers at the Youth Empowerment Collective





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RESOURCES

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS FULL RESOLUTION FILES

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MAY 3RD INVITE TO WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS



Hello Parents/Guardians of Bradford Students!

The Town of Bradford will officially proclaim May 4th, 2024, as Youth Empowerment Day!

We warmly invite all Bradford Young People to join in the celebration a day early!

On Friday, May 3rd please come to school in bright colours!

Bright colors, symbolize self-expression and empowerment. This vibrant display is designed to uplift spirits and unite Bradford's Youth!

For more information on the exciting events planned in Bradford, on May 4th, please visit www.youthempowermentcollective.ca

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TEACHER RESOURCE

The attached resource was prepared by a team of Youth Empowerment Volunteers. The volunteers who contributed to the school resources include a retired teacher, a Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying), a York University Psychology student, an Educational Assistant as well as our Youth Ambassador!



Youth Empowerment Collective
presents
Empowered Expressions
Youth Art Exhibit
in partnership with
BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

What is this feeling?

Using a deck of cards assign each suit one of the following emotions:
Happiness, Excited, Worried, Angry
Have each student take a card

Ask each student to share an experience where they felt the emotion on their card and how they expressed this emotion.
Do they think they would have liked to express it in a more productive way? Does anyone in the class have ideas of how they could have responded in a productive and healthy way?

Allow the students to explore and share their emotions, highlighting the fact that only they can control how they react to emotions and that when we take the time to think, what is this feeling?, we have the chance to decide the most productive and healthy way to react.

Join us as we kick off our journey to empower children and youth with the towns proclamation of an annual Youth Empowerment Day on May 4th, 2024!

In partnership with the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, we present The Empowered Expressions Art Exhibit!
A powerful showcase of artwork, created by local children and youth.

The artwork on display will reflect the vision of empowerment through the dreams of our future generations and explores themes of inspiration, confidence, self-esteem, ambition and strength.

We'll be celebrating the creativity and resilience of our children and youth beginning from Youth Empowerment Day, May 4th, 2024, through until May 18th, 2024 by exhibiting youth art at the Zima Room of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and Cultural Centre.

How can you involve your class?
We want all the youth in Bradford West Gwillimbury to feel empowered to be the best person they can be! Using the activity "What is this feeling?" engage your class in a social emotional learning lesson on May 3rd as part of your Social Justice lesson, with a discussion around emotions and reactions.

We would love to see your students empowered and share their experience at the Empowered Expressions Art Exhibit, so feel free to record their experiences, if consent is given, and forward it to:
info@empowercollective.ca

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY

SERVICE HOURS



This event is only made possible through the support of event volunteers & we are looking for volunteers to assist!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Art Gallery Attendants

We are looking for a team of Art Gallery Attendants!

The role is to enhance the public's experience by:

- Greeting and welcoming visitors to the gallery-
- Providing information about the Gallery to guests-

Flexible shifts available between May 4th & May 18th

May 4th Event Volunteer

Event Logistics, including set-up/strike

Social Media

& much more!

Great Opportunity for high-school students, to fulfill their volunteer hours credit.

email: info@empowercollective.ca to apply!

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INVITE TO FAMILIES TO VISIT THE THE
EMPOWERED EXPRESSIONS ART EXHIBIT!

