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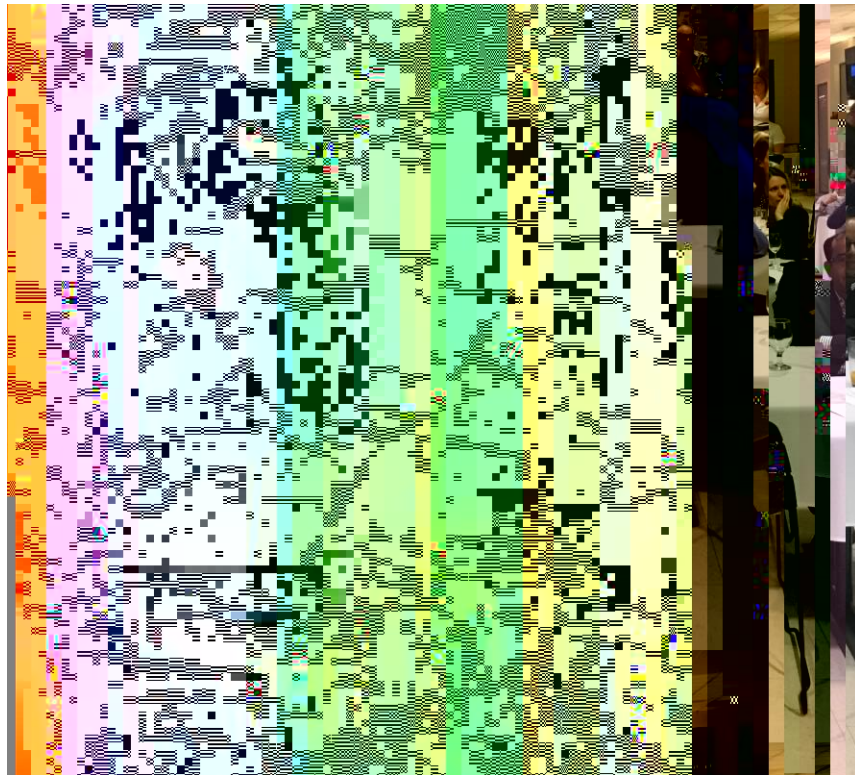
Finding the Good is about bringing academics and practitioners together to share ethical international development ideas and practices.

The event will make a constructive contribution to problems through the discussion of how to advance social justice, inclusion and human rights in international development efforts. With escalating challenges to ideas of fundamental human dignity and social inclusion, this project will expand the space for communities to find the 'good' in the current era.

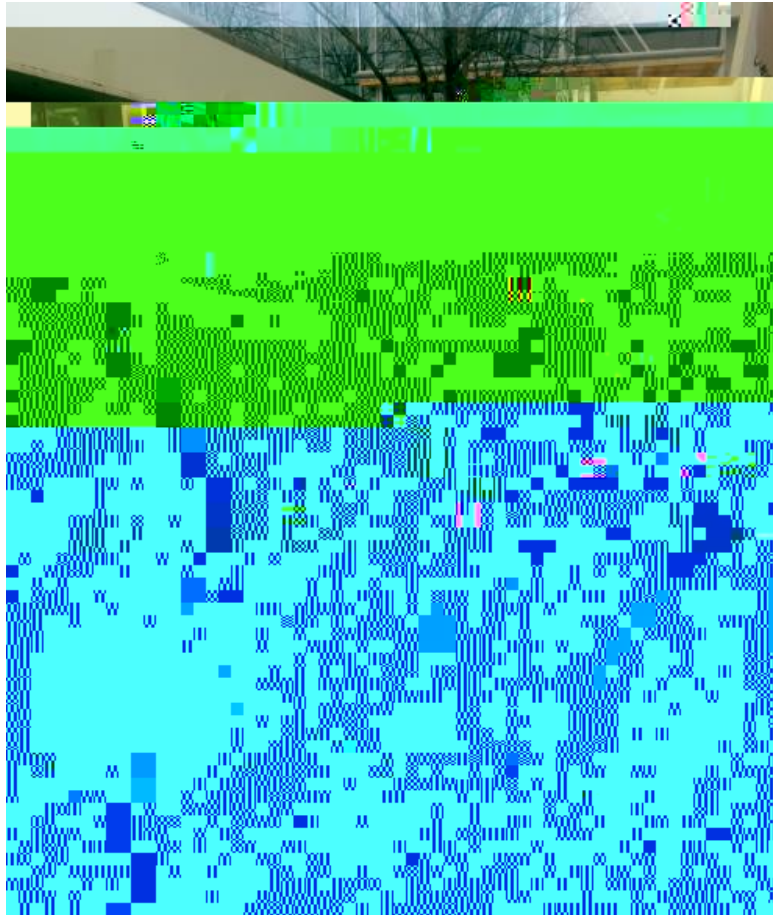
Sessions

- The Sustainable Development Goals
- Women, Gender and Feminism
- Universal Values and Inclusion
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OCFA Members at the 2018 Winter General Meeting



Council members Sasha Johnston and Norah Bowman participate in counter demonstrations against a Kelowna anti-choice group's presence on campus last week.

Norah Bowman

1. Wednesday, March 21, 2018, HRISC organized the launch of [the FPSE decolonization manual for educators and community members](#), the Mohawk analyst, writer, and activist Russell Diabo spoke at the launch. The launch was attended by about 50 people. Community members, students, former students and faculty from Kelowna, Vernon and Salmon Arm attended.
2. HRISC has supported two student projects this term. Both projects provide support and information for students regarding sexual health and reproductive choices.
3. HRISC also made 15 signs. The signs are 18 by 24 inches, foam core, and ready to be attached to sticks or to be held without sticks. 12 signs say: Collective Action for Safe Study Spaces. 3 signs say: I support student voices and choices. These are available for times when community members wish to show their demand for harassment-free study spaces for students.
4. I will most likely not be running for OCFA council again this year. HRISC is therefore seeking nominations for a chair.



Russel Diabo speaks to a group of students, faculty, staff, and community at OC.

additional spending in the new budget is geared toward these efforts, more detail about what this support looks like is required. We are optimistic that now budget is approved and information sessions begin at each campus that this will become clearer, and I would encourage you all to attend those meetings to voice your concerns.

- In January and February, I attended two more of the campus bargaining discussions/ winter socials in Salmon Arm and Kelowna. Many thanks to Terry Kosowick and Joe Hobart, our local Community Reps, for arranging the evenings, and to all of you who came out to provide us with useful input and direction as we begin to turn our attention to the next round of negotiations.

once everyone has been evaluated, I will again poll the membership and we will revisit this with JCAA.

- o We discussed whether or not parking should still be deemed a taxable benefit, given that the college is no longer able to provide a spot for every OCFA member on the Kelowna campus. More on this to follow.
- o We encouraged the college to discontinue asking applicants to allow OC to run credit checks on them: not only is doing so completely irrelevant for those seeking a faculty position, but it also adversely impacts the credit rating of applicants.
- o After failing to convince the registrar to delay the implementation of the new academic integrity policy in order to allow faculty feedback, we raised this issue with JCAA. Management is under the (mis)apprehension to

Bob Groves, Bargaining Chair

Here are some of the pre-

- Issues surrounding the Academic Integrity Policy.
- Assisted a member in completing paperwork for LTD.

- Answered questions for a member regarding conversion into a position attached to a seconded member of admin.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Watkins
OCFA Chief Steward
