

**The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board  
Diversity Committee Presents**



**Equity Conference 2013**

**Keynote Speaker: Maestro Fresh Wes Williams**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

**St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School**

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**REGISTRATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE CAN BE  
MADE THROUGH PD PLACE:**

- PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST REGISTER, AND SUBMIT PAYMENT FOR THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER.
- THEN YOU MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT WORKSHOPS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT**

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### REGISTRATION FEE

**INCLUDES:**

- REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE, LIGHT SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

**Cost: \$10.00**

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<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AND <b>TWO</b> WORKSHOPS THROUGH PD PLACE
<b>PAYMENT:</b>  <b>\$10</b>	ONCE YOU ARE REGISTERED ON PDPLACE, PAYMENT FOR THE CONFERENCE CAN BE MADE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BY CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD)</li> <li>• SEND CHEQUES TO MICHELLE COUTINHO C/O THE CEC</li> </ul>
<b>T-SHIRT ORDERS:</b>  <b>\$10</b>	IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A T-SHIRT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM AND RETURN IT TO MICHELLE COUTINHO C/O THE CEC

**Registration Form & Fee Due: Monday, April 15**

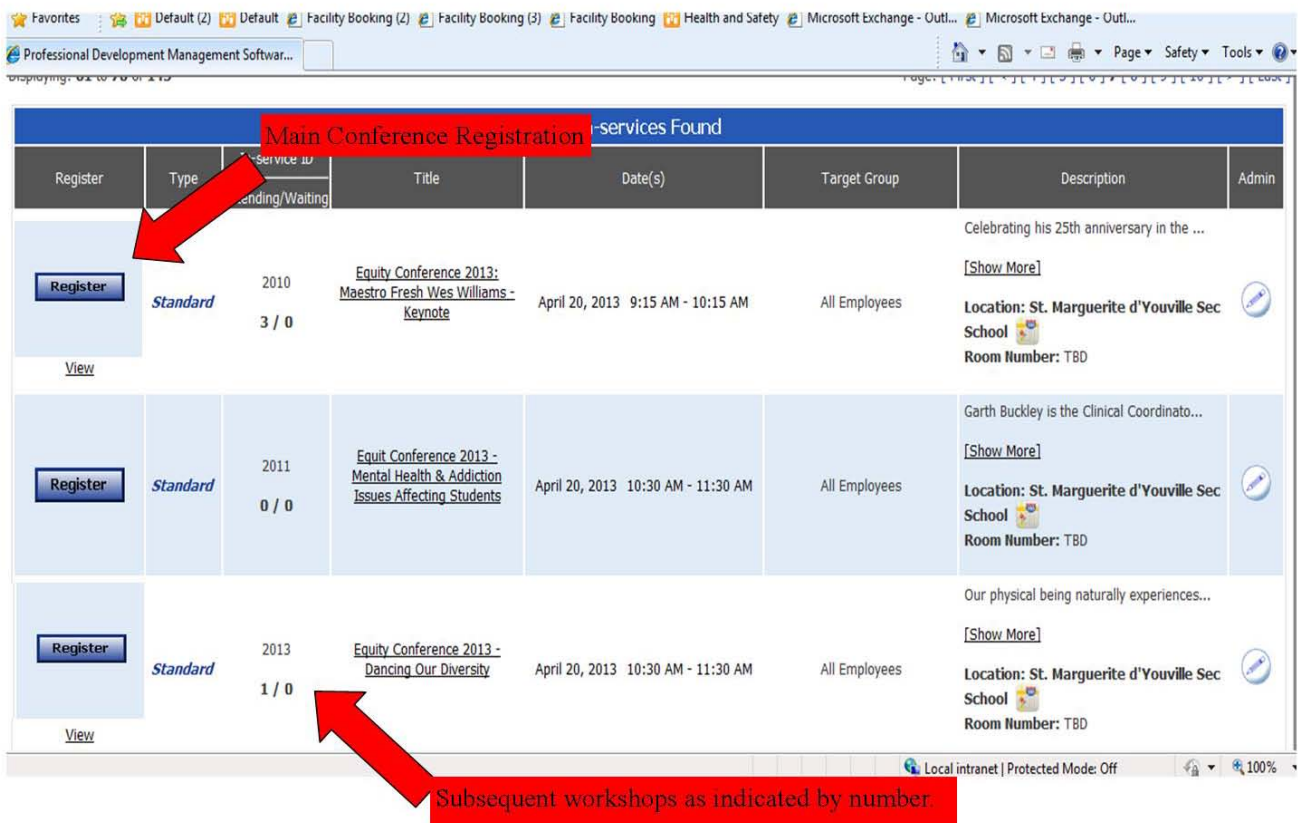
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## PD REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PDplace link: [http://pdplace/index.php?show\\_main](http://pdplace/index.php?show_main)

- Please ensure that you register, as indicated below, for:
  - The Keynote speaker
  - Workshop session 1 – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
  - Workshop session 2 – 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Each workshop registration must be done individually.



**Main Conference Registration** -services Found

Register	Type	Service ID	Title	Date(s)	Target Group	Description	Admin
<a href="#">Register</a>	Standard	2010 3 / 0	<a href="#">Equity Conference 2013: Maestro Fresh Wes Williams - Keynote</a>	April 20, 2013 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	All Employees	Celebrating his 25th anniversary in the ... [Show More] Location: St. Marguerite d'Youville Sec School Room Number: TBD	
<a href="#">Register</a>	Standard	2011 0 / 0	<a href="#">Equity Conference 2013 - Mental Health &amp; Addiction Issues Affecting Students</a>	April 20, 2013 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	All Employees	Garth Buckley is the Clinical Coordinato... [Show More] Location: St. Marguerite d'Youville Sec School Room Number: TBD	
<a href="#">Register</a>	Standard	2013 1 / 0	<a href="#">Equity Conference 2013 - Dancing Our Diversity</a>	April 20, 2013 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	All Employees	Our physical being naturally experiences... [Show More] Location: St. Marguerite d'Youville Sec School Room Number: TBD	

Subsequent workshops as indicated by number

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## AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast / Registration
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Anthem</li> <li>• Opening Prayer</li> </ul>
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	<p>Keynote Speaker Maestro Fresh Wes Williams</p>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break / Snack
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session I
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Break / Light Lunch
11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Workshop Session II
12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Vendor Browsing & Certificates Received

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<b>WORK-SHOPS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>PDPLACE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Mental Health &amp; Addiction Issues Affecting Students</b>	<b>Garth Buckley Clinical Consultant, Concurrent Disorders Peel Children's Centre</b>	<b>Session 1: #2011 Session 2: #2012</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Dancing Our Diversity</b>	<b>Patricia Dal Ben Academic Consultant, DPCDSB</b>	<b>Session 1: #2013 Session 2: # 2014</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Empowerment</b>	<b>Yolanda De Souza Elementary Teacher, DPCDSB</b>	<b>Session 1: #2015 Session 2: #2016</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Inuit Qitigusingit" - Inuit Games</b>	<b>Johnny Issaluk Inuit Games Athlete</b>	<b>Session 1: #2017 Session 2: # 2018</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Human Trafficking</b>	<b>Katrina MacLeod Human Trafficking Advocate</b>	<b>Session 1: #2019 Session 2: # 2020</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Shadism</b>	<b>Amanda Parris Co-Inventor, Lost Lyrics</b>	<b>Session 1: #2021 Session 2: #2022</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Examining Your Biases</b>	<b>Dionne Wright Poulton, Ph. D. Education Consultant</b>	<b>Session 1: #2023 Session 2: # 2024</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Redemption</b>	<b>Michael "Bull" Roberts Award Winning Canadian Author</b>	<b>Session 1: #2025 Session 2: #2026</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Ability</b>	<b>Shayne Smith Motivational Speaker &amp; Wheelchair Athlete</b>	<b>Session 1: #2027 Session 2:# 2028</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>Examining Poverty in Peel</b>	<b>Edna Toth Peel Poverty Action Group</b>	<b>Session 1:#2030 Session 2: #2031</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Student Panel</b>	<b>Secondary Students from St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.S.</b>	<b>Session 1:#2032 Session 2: #2033</b>

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## “MAESTRO” FRESH WES WILLIAMS

Celebrating his 25th anniversary in the music industry, "Maestro" Fresh Wes Williams is one of Canada's most successful and influential Hip Hop artists, and premier multi-media personalities. His signature song, "Let Your Backbone Slide", was the first Canadian Hip Hop single to ever go gold. Wes stars as a high school teacher on CBC's hit show, "Mr. D." He is also the author of the critically-acclaimed book, "Stick to Your Vision". Wes will share his personal experiences, and philosophies, which have allowed him to stick to his visions, and reach his goals.

*Pdplace: # 2010*



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## WORKSHOPS DESCRIPTIONS

### Workshop A - Garth Buckley

#### Mental Health & Addiction Issues Affecting Students

Garth Buckley is the Clinical Coordinator of Concurrent Disorders at Peel Children's Centre. He possesses significant knowledge in the area of Concurrent Disorders, which include mental health and substance use. This workshop will look at some of the most common mental health issues that youth experience and what they do to cope. The workshop will also discuss substance use and why so many youth with mental health struggles choose to use illicit substances as a means of coping. There will also be a discussion on the implications of substance use on mental health and effective strategies to engage and support these youth.

*Pdplace: # 2011, #2012*

### Workshop B - Patricia Dal Ben Dancing Our Diversity

Our physical being naturally experiences and expresses our cultural identity and reality through movement and dance. Come and be part of an energizing dance workshop that is focused on exploring and understanding 13 dances from 5 different continents. Learn about the dances, their origins and history. They are all awesome expressions of the many cultures, rich diversity, as well as, inclusive nature ever present in our schools.

*Praise God with timbrel and dancing –Psalm 150.*

*Pdplace: # 2013, #2014*



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**Workshop C - Yolanda De Souza  
Empowerment**

Yolanda De Souza, shares her successes in implementing a 6 session anti-bullying program that not only examines the causes of bullying, but the very real actions taken by her students to empower them in dealing with the bully. Empowerment is a program which promotes self esteem in all members of the bullying equation; the victim, bystander, and bully. Participants will be given the tools to use a multi-media approach to empowerment development in an engaging and successful format that may be personally tailored to address the unique cultures of your school communities.

*Pdplace: # 2015, #2016*



**Workshop D - Johnny Issaluk**

**Inuit Qitigusingit" - Inuit Games! Understanding Inuit Culture through our Games**

Johnny Issaluk grew up traditionally, out on the land, hunting, fishing and camping with his elders, as Inuit have for centuries. Traditional life was juxtaposed with conventional education through residential secondary school and Nunavut Arctic College Johnny works with various organizations that address mental health, suicide prevention and healing through counseling and traditional activities. Workshops will address what the games are, what they represent, and also the purpose of why the games were used, along with Throat Singing and Drum Dancing. A discussion of the history of the games with attention given to his personal background/accomplishments will highlight why he does these presentations. There is an interactive component where attendees are able to participate in demonstrating the games.

*Pdplace: # 2017, #2018*



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### Workshop E - Katarina MacLeod Human Trafficking

Katarina MacLeod has suffered the same traumas that Human Trafficking Victims suffer. A survivor of exploitation, sexual abuse, drug addiction, kidnapping, physical abuse and domestic trafficking, she was trapped in prostitution or the "Game" for over 15 years. Katarina has expertise knowledge of the Game and how these people are brutalized, demoralized and made to not only sell their bodies but their souls. After finally gaining the courage to escape the Game she has turned her life around.

She has volunteered with Ontario's leading anti-human trafficking organization "Walk With Me". Her knowledge, experience and care for domestic Human Trafficked victims made an incredible impact in Walk With Me's work, and as a result young Canadian victims were able to get out of the sex trade safely and permanently. During this workshop, she will share her moving story.



*Pdplace: # 2019, #2020*

### Workshop F - Amanda Parris, Co-Inventor, Lost Lyrics Shadism

Lost Lyrics is a mobile and innovative space empowering young people through arts-based education. Self-empowerment is integral to lost Lyrics as students define curriculum and create a space somewhere between the streets and their ideal classroom, reinforcing a positive and reflective self-image. The themes and activities we explore help challenge young people's understanding of their complex surroundings so they can learn to be critical thinkers and access support while navigating the school system, media, peer circles, culture and communities. [www.lostlyrics.ca](http://www.lostlyrics.ca).

This workshop theme explores the historical roots of beauty ideals and utilizes photography, film, painting and theatre to explore the concepts of shadeism and the rise of music video vixen. It pushes students to step outside of simplistic mainstream narratives and uncover the layers.



*Pdplace: # 2021, #2022*

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**Workshop G - Dionne Wright Poulton, Ph.D.  
Examining Your Biases**

This highly interactive and thought-provoking workshop will help participants critically explore, recognize and examine any unconscious and conscious biases, assumptions, stereotypes and preconceived notions they may have about their classrooms and the students within them. In this workshop, the facilitator will first present real-life classroom scenarios.

The workshop is designed to help participants uncover and acknowledge their personal biases that research has shown to be both inherent and learned. Suggestions will be offered to participants on how to manage their personal biases and how to avoid introducing these biases into their classrooms and their overall work.

*Pdplace: # 2023, #2024*



**Workshop H - Michael "Bull" Roberts  
Redemption**

Award winning author Michael "Bull" Roberts experienced overwhelming trauma and abuse as a child and a teen. Michael shares his journey from childhood, to drug lord to social activist and believer. He speaks from the heart, and spares no details.

"How does a smelly, greasy biker or homeless person become a well-dressed, well-groomed example of the love of God? Well that's easy. It's up to you to love him, clothe him, mentor him and help him to the cross every time he falls until he becomes the man God has planned for him to become." (p. 168)

The Tender Heart of a Beast won a 2010 Canadian Christian Writing Award in the Books: General Readership category and an honourable mention in Books: Culture. It has recently been made into a movie.

*Pdplace: # 2025, #2026*



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### Workshop I - Shayne Smith

#### Motivational Speaker & Wheelchair Athlete

Shayne embraces life and looks at every day as a gift to be enjoyed. His biggest lesson in life, through all the challenges he has faced is "that no is never an option" and when asked what the message is that he wants to get across to people, he will tell you "Nothing should hold you back, that's my message. I figure if I can shoot 80% from the floor with half a hand, surely you can get up and go to work with a smile on your face."

After only a few minutes with Shayne, you stop seeing a person with physical disabilities and recognize a young man who believes he can accomplish anything he sets his mind to. He is inspirational and uninhibited.

*Pdplace: # 2027, #2028*



### Workshop J - Edna Toth Examining Poverty in Peel

Edna Toth is chair of Peel Poverty Action Group (PPAG), an organization that is composed of people who are homeless, who are struggling, service providers, advocates and individuals working towards the elimination of poverty in the Region of Peel.

PPAG's mission is to work toward eliminating poverty by increasing awareness and sensitivity to the needs of those affected by poverty and to advocate for positive social and political change.

Edna was named as Mississauga's Citizen of the Year in 2011. Edna has been praised for her "consistent perseverance and positive attitude," She is "a great ambassador for the poor and a champion for those who have no voice."

*Pdplace: #2029, #2031*



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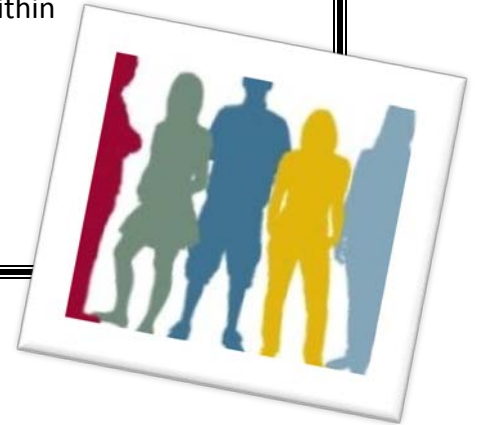
### Workshop K - Student Panel

#### Real Life Case Studies: Helping You Teach Us

This workshop is comprised of a student panel that has faced many challenges in learning. These students will provide “case studies” based on their experiences and ask teachers how they would create a more inclusive and effective learning environment. In addition, students will share their experiences and challenges within the education system.

Teacher moderator: Jennifer Costa-Pellico.

*Pdplace: # 2032, #2033*



**Workshop enrolment can be limited, and will be completed on a first come, first serve basis.**

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### T-Shirt Order Form



If you would like to order a conference t-shirt, please complete the information below, and

1. Email it to [michelle.coutinho@dpcdsb.org](mailto:michelle.coutinho@dpcdsb.org)
2. Send a copy of the order form with payment to:

Michelle Coutinho, Principal of Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Education, c/o the CEC.

T-shirt orders will be accepted no later than: **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

All cheques should be made payable to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board with "Equity Conference" noted on the memo line.

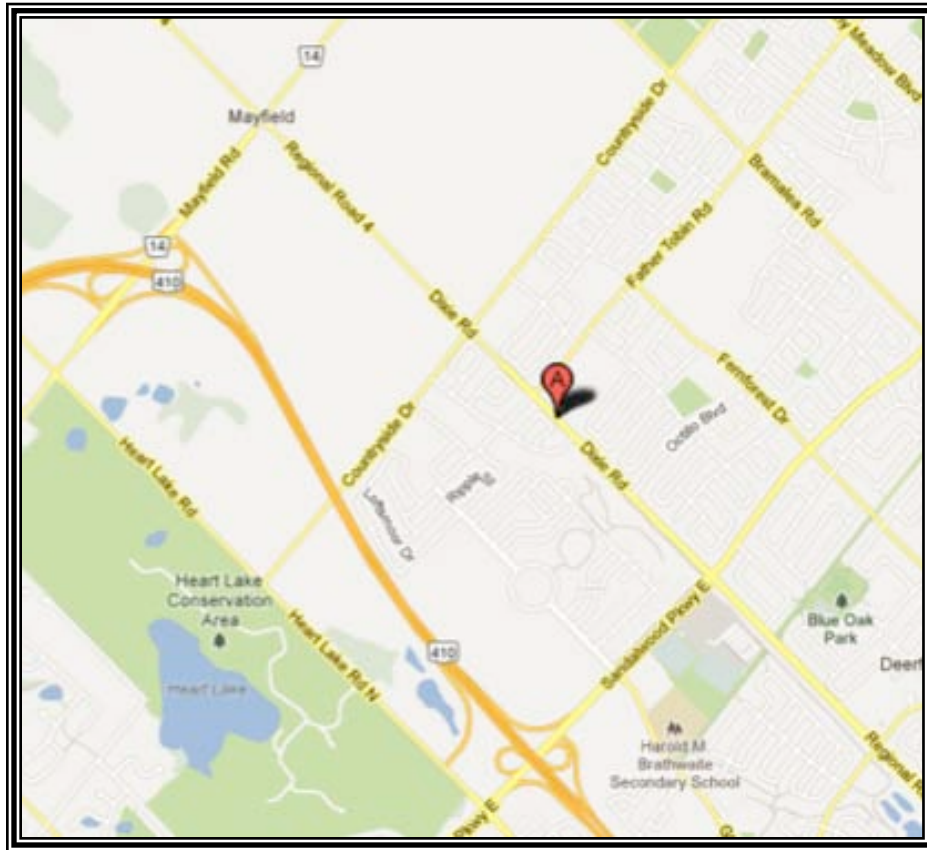
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## EQUITY CONFERENCE 2013

### MAP



**St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School**

**10815 Dixie Road Brampton ON, L6R 2W5**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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