

DEHR UPDATE - MAY 1, 2024

- **Significant Dates:**

- 3rd - World Press Freedom Day
- 3rd - [Freedom to Learn National Day of Action \(USA\)](#)
- 8,9th - Time of Remembrance & Reconciliation for those who lost their lives in WWII
- National Day for Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – May 5
- 16th - [Moosehide Campaign Day](#)
- 29th - [International Peacekeepers Day](#) “Peace Begins With Me”



- **25th - 31st - Week of Solidarity with the People of Non-Self Governing Territories**

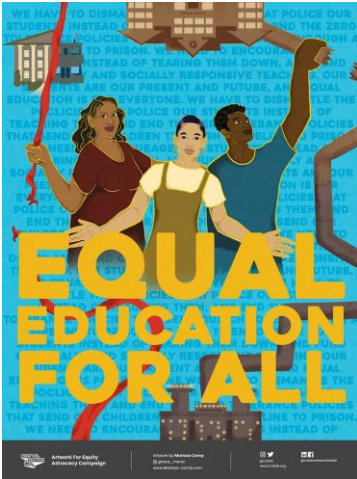
- 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories according to the UN Charter (including Turks & Caicos, French Polynesia, American Samoa, Guam)
- Since the formation of the UN 80 former colonies have regained their sovereignty
- UN continues to work towards goals of global [decolonization](#)



Other things:

- DEHR Conference was amazing. Margaret Culley attended from Parkland, Rick and I were there as part of the committee. This years theme was Upholding Human Rights in Challenging Landscapes, partnership with the John Humphrey Centre for Human Rights. We had a fabulous keynote on Thursday night who was a Rwandan refugee and he shared his struggle to connect with schooling in Canada. He overcame, and is now a rap artist with music on Spotify. Friday we heard from a keynote who spoke about being Black in Canada and her personal experiences of racism in hre family history and in Alberta. There were a variety of breakout sessions that presented opportunities to hear about inclusion, learning about Islam and Muslim students, Racialized teachers and Indigenous Education, Queer Joy and others. We finished the afternoon with an Ethiopian Coffee ceremony and the best samosas I've ever eaten from Taste of Ethiopia. One of the things that stood out for me was really the Queer Joy presentation from some teachers in Calgary Catholic. They shared some of their challenges but the resilience and resolve of these educators to represent 2SLGBTQIA+ staff and students and provide welcoming spaces for all was inspired.
- May 10th - POW WOW PRACTICE at Prescott - Everyone is welcome and invited!
- Don't forget about the ATA GSA! Allies & All Welcome, but you need to register ahead!
- PEC approved some exciting reorganizing that will better support DEHR initiatives. Requires that it be passed through ARA for staffing first, but positive change is on the horizon!

"Education For All" by Marissa Camp



This piece responds to the idea of miseducation by highlighting some of the political and social policies that marginalize minority communities. The figures in the piece are students, figuratively breaking and cutting the structures that harm our communities. One student is breaking the “pipeline” that pushes young minority students through failing educational institutions to prisons. Another student cuts the “redline” that allows funding and resources to be allows resources and funding to be prioritized to white and wealthy families. While the calling phrase of the poster is “equal education for all,” the text in the background calls for a promotion of gender equality and inclusion of LGBTQIA communities within minority discussion. It also calls for dismantling harmful zero tolerance policies that are blind the real needs of the students in our schools. Investing in our children is investing in our communities. It is investing in our future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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