



ALPHA
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STAND AGAINST RACISM

CONDUCTED BY

ALPHA Education

FOR

Students With Educators

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHO ARE WE?

ALPHA Education is a registered charity in Canada that promotes a critical-historical inquiry of World War II in Asia that contributes to peace and reconciliation. Founded in 1997, ALPHA Education's mission is a commitment to humanity and global peace. This commitment is achieved through four strategic directions: engaging students and educators, empowering youth, supporting research, and connecting with communities.

ALPHA Education programs, events, and initiatives aim to develop the values of humanity, equity, and diversity. By representing and reflecting the human side of the history in our education work, contemporary issues such as racism, discrimination and hate, gender bias and violence, ethics and empathy, identity and belonging are explored.

For more information about ALPHA Education visit our website at www.alphaeducation.org.

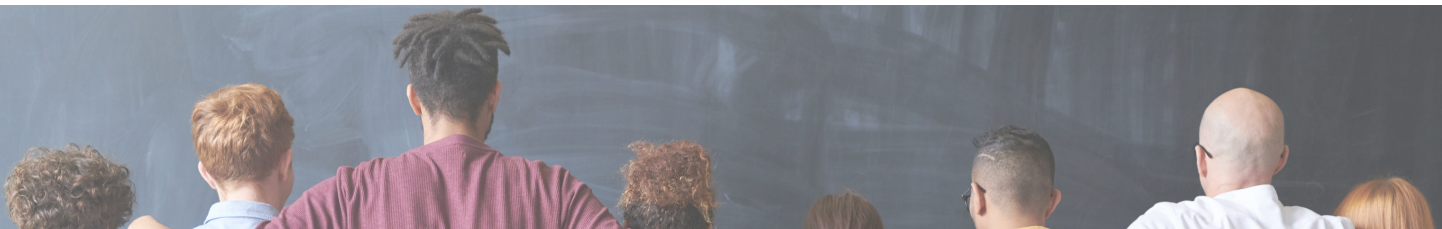
STAND AGAINST RACISM

- Racism affects us all, whether we are the targets, or not.
- Historical and contemporary racism challenges the narrative and identity of Canada as an inclusive and multicultural society.
- Racism faced by racialized groups differs in form, saliency, and consequences.
- The causes of racism are complex and have lasting impact on individuals and their communities.
- Taking proactive action against racism is necessary.
- Anti-racist initiatives transform individuals and society.

OBJECTIVES

Our anti-racism work

- Addresses bias, discrimination, stereotype, hate, and racism.
- Supports inclusive teaching and learning by educators, using historically culturally relevant pedagogy.
- Engages youth in sustainable prevention of racial hierarchies and them vs us.
- Partners with communities to address institutional racism which are barriers to representations, participation, success and wellbeing for all.



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

1. Identity and Belonging

Asian Canadians come from many countries in the vast Asia continent. Identity, community, belonging and intersectionality are explored in this workshop. Through interactive activities and discussions, students examine monolithic myths, stereotypes, and false narratives about Asian-Canadians and internalized racism. Silence and voice with a focus on belonging and mental well-being are explored to reframe our thinking and strengthen belonging experiences for all.

2. Unlearning Bias and Discrimination

By viewing videos on stereotype tropes and engaging in interactive reflection activities, this workshop challenges students to question them vs us behaviors and practices towards their peers and their communities using the socio-ecological framework. More importantly, discussions on the endemic harm, often invisible, will advance students to be social actors and contributors towards equity, inclusion, and diversity in Canadian society. Everyone can be an anti-racist and that every small act matters will be a key takeaway from this workshop.

3. Xenophobia and Refugees

This workshop examines the connections between refugees and xenophobia through the history of the Komagata Maru in 1914, the Vietnamese refugees 1974-76, and more recently the Syrian refugees. The role of mass media and click-bait news on social media, disinformation, and myth-creations and how together they contribute to xenophobia are examined. Case-study activities will develop student media literacy, perspectives-taking, empathy, and their interrogative voice. Students will also recognize that as Canadians, there are more in common than what divides us.

4. Suitcase of Lived Experiences

Racism experienced by different racialized populations differ in form, saliency, and consequences. Understanding their histories of racism is an important aspect of developing historical, cultural literacy. Using narratives of lived experiences, students will explore: What are the histories of systemic racism in Canada? How do power and privilege create and maintain systemic racism? These questions are examined through migration stories of Asian Canadians and the changing conditions, and their contributions in the development of Canada.

For workshops for staff, parents and caregivers, please contact info@alphaeducation.org

Identity & Community

Historical Impact

Case Study

What Can We
Do?



STAND AGAINST RACISM WORKSHOPS: WHAT WILL STUDENTS GAIN?

Students will:

- Increase understanding of the social, political, and institutional roots of racism in Canada's history.
- Recognize, address, and prevent bias, discrimination, stereotyping.
- Understand power and privilege as barriers to success and wellbeing.
- Unlearn racism and develop cultural literacy.
- Value the richness of struggles and contributions of racialized populations.
- Learn about ally-ship, coalition building, and social activism.

To provide students with engaging experiences, the learning is a combination of group discussions, videos, fun quizzes, case studies, and more. Virtual chat and Q & A will be available for students to ask questions, make comments and connections.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE & DELIVERY

The workshops can be customized to be 60 - 120 minutes in length. Workshops will be a balance of presentation and activity-based learning.

Each workshop is planned for a maximum of 30 - 35 students to ensure interactivity. If more students are attending, contact Brandon Choi, Education Program Associate at brandon.choi@alphaeducation.org to discuss how we can accommodate.

ALPHA Education uses Zoom to conduct its virtual workshops but it is open to using other platforms if necessary, such as Google Meets and Microsoft Teams.

If the virtual workshop is offered to in-school students, the classroom will need stable wifi and internet access. If the workshop is offered virtual, students will need a stable and reliable internet connection.

Once a date has been set for a workshop, the Education Program Associate will liaise with the teacher prior to the workshop on understanding the teacher's learning goals for their students and technology needs and alignment.

BOOKING INFORMATION

- Select a student workshop (s) from the menu of choices
- Book your workshop (s) minimally three to four weeks in advance
- Brandon Choi, Education Program Associate, will confirm with the teacher to discuss details
- Please fill out the booking information form and send it to brandon.choi@alphaeducation.org

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