

Community Living Trent Highlands

Building Equitable and Inclusive Communities

Dates: Monday May 26 and June 2, 2025

Time: 7pm to 8:45pm

Format: Virtual via Zoom

Program Description

In this two-part series, a Harmony Movement facilitator will lead interactive workshop sessions to develop a better understanding of how educators can apply equity and inclusion principles and better incorporate anti-racism practices in their work.

During each workshop session, participants will engage in activities and reflect on their practices to create positive and inclusive environments for all and support a wide range of diverse needs in the community.

Learning Objectives

- Incorporate equitable approaches to daily practice to inform and enhance the overall experiences of all community members
- Build knowledge of how to challenge and change ideas and individual actions, grounded in anti-oppressive, anti-racist and culturally relevant and responsive practices
- Embrace the goal of inclusive care practices to create an environment which reflects and affirms a diversity of experiences

Through knowledge building, self-reflection, and open dialogue, participants will cultivate a greater sense of community that is engaged in the collective responsibility of fostering more inclusive learning environments for all.

Following each session, participants will complete a brief evaluation to reflect on their level of comfort engaging in conversations and practices that uphold the principles of equity and inclusion.

Facilitator Bio

Shafiq Aziz (he/him) is the Director of Programs for Harmony Movement and a high school teacher in the Toronto District School Board. He supports students with diverse special education needs in an alternative school setting. Shafiq is an equity and social justice advocate with over fifteen years of community organizing experience in Toronto.