

TOUR FOR HUMANITY

Welcome to the Inaugural Newsletter of the Tour for Humanity!

The Tour for Humanity newsletter is your brand new source for all information concerning the Tour for Humanity mobile Tolerance Education Center. This monthly newsletter will keep you up to date on its travels across the province as it inspires and empowers Canadians to take action against hate and intolerance.

T4H Visits Parliament Hill

Despite frigid temperatures, the Tour for Humanity received an extraordinarily warm welcome when it was unveiled in the nation's capital in a ribbon cutting ceremony on International Holocaust

tangible means of commemorating the 69th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp and International Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this sombre occasion, the Tour for



The Tour for Humanity bus on Parliament Hill, January 27, 2014

Humanity had a particularly profound significance as a memorial which, while looking back on the atrocities of the past, also looks to the future with optimism; the memory of the Holocaust and the hope for a better future lives on within each community reached by the Tour.

Remembrance Day, Monday, January 27th. The bus was impossible to miss from street level and was highly visible from all three blocks of Parliament.

The ceremony was well-attended by high-level VIPs including Members of Parliament, ambassadors from over twenty nations including Israel, Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, and Zambia. Also in attendance were Tim Uppal, Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Holocaust survivor Max Eisen. Jason Kenney, federal Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism took time for a special visit to the bus during the day as well. In addition to being unveiled in front of such a prominent crowd, the Tour for Humanity played a far more important role that day; it served as a highly visible,



VIPs and dignitaries, including the Hon. Tim Uppal (centre) attend the Tour for Humanity's ribbon cutting ceremony on Parliament Hill, January 27, 2014.

What are people saying about the Tour?

"This is a great opportunity for students and a fantastic learning experience."

**-Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Mayor of Vaughan**

"We will definitely be continuing these conversations in the classroom."

**-Teacher, Metcalfe
Public School, Ottawa**

"Please let us know if you will be back in the area because I would love to have you at more of our schools."

**-Ottawa-Carleton
District School Board
Member, Ottawa**

"That was great. We'd love to have you back again."

**-Principal, St. Michael's
College, Toronto**

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Tour for Humanity Around Ontario



Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua with members of the T4H team at Vaughan Winterfest, February 9, 2014



Students from Metcalfe Public School in Ottawa aboard the bus, January 30, 2014

Coming to a Neighbourhood near You: The Tour goes to Newmarket

On February 11 students of Pickering College received a visit from the Tour for Humanity. The bus was parked in front of the school's main entrance and was displayed proudly to all parents and the students they dropped off.



The Tour for Humanity at Pickering College, Newmarket, February 11, 2014

Pupils in grades five to nine were taught about human rights infractions of Canada's past, including First Nations residential schools and the treatment of Jewish immigrants in 1939 in a workshop dealing with hate in a Canadian context. The workshops are designed to encourage and empower participants to start making a difference by taking action in their own communities to change their world for the better. These steps may include refusing to be a silent bystander to bullying, or researching a human rights cause

and finding out how to become involved. Teachers and

administration were impressed with the message of the Tour and have expressed interest in having the bus return to Pickering College in the spring.



Pickering College students on the bus, February 11, 2014

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have attended a Tour for Humanity workshop, FSWC would like to hear about your experience. In 100-200 words, please tell us what you found useful about the workshop you participated in for your chance to be featured in next month's newsletter! For more information, please contact either Ryan or Laura at 416-864-9735.

Get Involved with the Tour for Humanity!

Volunteers are welcome to assist at Tour for Humanity visits. Please contact either Ryan or Laura to see how you can become involved:

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