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Post-Conference Report

## Sesquicentennial Leaders of Today Youth Forum - Fredericton, New Brunswick

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# LEADERS OF TODAY YOUTH FORUM

## JOIN US!

The goal of the Sesquicentennial Leaders of Today Youth Forum, is to bring youth together to critical places of power and open the doors of our democracy by starting new dialogues. Themes include: Reconciliation, diversity, inclusion, creating a legacy, LGBTQ issues, civic engagement, anti-bullying

**When:** Monday October 23, 2017 at 9:30 am

**Where:** Presentation at Science East followed by a tour of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly

**Speakers include local politicians, activists, student leaders and artists**

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## Introduction

This youth forum presented in Fredericton, New Brunswick was part of The Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity`s Sesquicentennial Leaders of Today Youth Forums being held at each provincial legislature. We hosted 14 events held at each legislature (and at Parliament) that brought youth participants from coast to coast into these critical places of power and open the doors to our democracy by starting new dialogues on important social justice issues.

Most youth have never been to their legislature, and wanted to change that. Not only do we want to bring youth in the doors, but we wanted them to interact with local politicians and youth leaders in their communities who are taking steps to ensure Canada in an inclusive place for all.

Students from Oromocto High School attended a presentation at the Science East Museum where local politicians, activists, community organizers and artists engaged them in discussions about reconciliation, diversity, creating a legacy, civic engagement, LGBTQ2S+ issues and anti-bullying. This presentation was designed to encourage youth to take action and inspire them to be leaders in their own communities. The presentation was followed by the students taking a tour of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly.

## Schedule

**9:15 am** - Pick up students from Oromocto High School

**9:30 am**- Registration at the Science East Museum

**10:00 am**- Presentation

**11:00 am** - Lunch in downtown Fredericton

**12:30 pm** - Tour of The New Brunswick Legislature

**1:45 pm**: Students return to Oromocto High School

## Speakers

**Jeremy Dias** : Executive Director at the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity. Jeremy hosted the days events, shared the work that the CCGSD is undertaking and presented the speakers throughout the presentation.

**David Coon**: Leader of the New Brunswick Green Party. David Coon spoke about the importance of youth engagement in community organizations and political movements. He emphasized the need of youth to join as volunteers and speak up when they see something they are unhappy with.

**Erin Fredericks**: Associate Professor of Sociology and LGBTQIA+ Resource Advisor at St. Thomas University. Erin spoke to the youth about how to work as a group to make change in our communities. She gave some examples to good activism and provided some tips for working as a diverse group to make social change.

**Reid Lodge**: New Brunswick LGBTQ+ education, rights and policy advocate. Reid discussed how New Brunswick has one of the best LGBTQ2S+ "Inclusive Education" policies across the country. He discussed the current challenge of educating school staff and students about the policy, their rights, and their responsibilities when it comes to creating an environment where inclusive education can truly occur.

**Moon Joyce**: Activist and community arts animator in LGBTQ2IA+ communities across Canada. Moon Joyce performed songs and poetry as an inspirational and uplifting end to the presentation.

## Pictures of the Day

