

METANOIA @ THE MARY WARD CENTRE

[met-uh-noi-uh] noun - a profound transformation in a person that is deep enough to change one's heart, not simply one's mind.

February 9 - 9am-2:30 pm
 March 2 - 9am-2:30 pm
 March 30 - 9am-2:30 pm
 April 18 - 9am-2:30 pm



Learn from Experts

Guest Speakers include Sr. Evanne Hunter, Fr. Bill Ryan, Anne Marie Jackson, Luke Stocking and more.



Opening Minds

Students will learn about and analyze important global topics that will develop critical thinkers with open minds.



Experience Mentorship

Under the leadership of young adults, students are given time for processing and reflection.



Improve Skills

Students will get to work on and improve their communication and self-advocacy skills.

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Topics to be covered include:

- The United Nations
- The Refugee Crisis
- The Earth Charter
- Laudato Si
- Indigenous Rights
- Climate Change

Each school is permitted to bring up to 10 grade nine gifted/enriched students and one teacher

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Outline/Rationale

“Metanoia from Greek: Teilhard de Chardin interpreted it as a profound transformation in a person that is deep enough to change one’s heart, not simply one’s mind. It usually involves a spiritual conversion. Metanoia implies a personal freedom to engage new holistic thinking, new experience, new loving—openness to change one’s mindset, one’s way of seeing the world—dissatisfaction with partial analysis of situations or problems—especially as found in economics, politics, etc. This is about becoming free enough to read the signs of the times and thus seeing how the Spirit is at work in each one of us and in the world.” (Bill Ryan, SJ)

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Metanoia @ The Mary Ward Centre is geared towards Grade Nine students who are identified as Gifted/Enriched. The program is designed to address the Grade Nine strand of Communication and Self-Advocacy.

Topics

Using *The Earth Charter* and *On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si)* as a point of departure, *Metanoia @ The Mary Ward Centre* addresses a variety of justice issues and topics, including:

- The United Nations
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission/Indigenous Rights
- The Refugee Crisis
- Climate Change

Structure/Location

Metanoia @ The Mary Ward Centre takes place over four days; these days are spread out during the semester. This structure allows participants the time to assimilate and absorb their learning and insights.

The dates of the program are as follows:

- **February 9th, 2016: 9am-2:30 pm**
- **March 2nd, 2016: 9am-2:30 pm**
- **March 30th, 2016: 9am-2:30 pm**
- **May 4th, 2016: 9am-2:30 pm**

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This program takes place at The Mary Ward Centre, 70 St. Mary Street, Toronto.

Outcome

Students are expected to create and implement an advocacy and awareness campaign that they can then bring to their home schools. This is a collaborative endeavor within each school group. Students will decide upon and prepare a feasible action plan that can be proposed to their school community. Support, guidelines and assistance are provided.

Cost

\$25 per student course fee

\$20 for food for four days (**optional**—students may choose to bring their own lunch)

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