## School of Social Work 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium



## SUBVERSIVE ACTION: (RE)VISIONING SOCIAL JUSTICE "WORK" IN SOCIAL WORK

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017** 

Rm S802 - Ross Building South, York University

## **POSSIBLE TOPICS (NOT LIMITED TO):**

- What does subversive action look like in social work (research, education, and practice/policy)?
- How do social workers contribute to change in the world? How are we acting as "agents of conscience"? Social action initiatives
- Exploring possibilities for dissent and civil disobedience within the bounds of social work's contested positionality
- What do critical: hope, witnessing, resistance, and action mean in practice?
- Critical research methodologies in social work, in general, and relating to policy analysis and development
- Impact of neo-liberalism on critical social work education, practice and research
- Transformative and critical social work practice informed by anti-colonial and anti-racist perspectives, Queer/LGBTTIQQ2SA studies, Indigenous epistemologies, disability studies, mad studies, feminism, transformative justice, and anti-capitalist critiques
- Critical social work practice with diverse communities which have been historically and politically excluded from mainstream knowledge production or who have been adversely affected by social work intervention

## CALL FOR PAPERS

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017** 

Submit on the website:

The School of Social Work, York University, invites proposals for papers for its 2017 (10th) annual Symposium on the theme of "Subversive Action: (Re)visioning Social Justice 'Work' in Social Work".

This year's theme reflects Social Work relationship with the various stakeholders probing questions about who/what the profession serves, its ambiguous positioning between the care and control of populations, and whether extra-juridical means could open up pathways to bring back the 'Work' of social justice in Social Work. Our aim is to invite dialogues about subversive possibilities and propositions in the face of diminishing support for advocacy and action orientation.