

2017 - 14th Annual Child Witness Centre Youth Symposium



Tuesday April 11, 2017 for students in Guelph and Wellington County.
Galaxy Cinemas, 485 Woodlawn Road, Guelph
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday April 12, 2017 for students in Waterloo Region
Landmark Cinemas (formerly Empire Theatres), 135 Gateway Park Drive, Kitchener
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

- a. **ANDY THIBODEAU: Get Your Hand UP - Participate in Class, in School, in Life!...** Ask Questions! Answer Questions! Try Your Best! Volunteer and get involved in school activities! Take advantage of your time in school to LEARN and have FUN! This powerful message will entertain and inspire students by encouraging them to bring back their grade three enthusiasm and "get your hand up". The overall moral of this message is to remind students to "take advantage of your time in school to both learn and have fun!" www.andypresentations.com
- b. **IAN TYSON: Hero Inside...**This session will help students overcome obstacles and personal tragedy, step outside their boundaries, balance their time, respect themselves and others, find a motivation in life, find the "Hero" in themselves, and MUCH MORE! Ian's high-octane presentation will take students on a hilarious journey from childhood to high school and beyond, while also leaving them with words and thoughts to live by. www.iantyson.ca
- c. **STU SAUNDERS: Take the Risk – Be STUpendous...**A hilarious and inspirational look at the challenges that young people face on a daily basis, with real tools which students can use to make the right choices. Stu Saunders is one of Canada's most experienced youth speakers. www.ylcc.com
- d. **SCOTT HAMMELL: Get Paid to Breathe! ...**The Guinness World Record Holding magician teaches his highly effective techniques for turning dreams into reality. Magic and message are fused together to deliver a high impact, high energy show! www.PaidToBreathe.com
- e. **MIKE PEARSE: Making a Positive Difference...** Often students need encouragement to see just how simple it is to truly make a difference in the lives of others, in the life of their school and community, and in their own lives. It doesn't take much; it doesn't take long; BUT, the effects may be profound and everlasting. Through humour, dramatic story-telling, tangible, meaningful examples, AND a whole lot of play, Mike will prove to every participant in this workshop the ease and power of "Making a Positive Difference". www.tawingo.net
- f. **DEBB BODKIN: Global Citizenship and the Experience that Moved Me to Action!** Debb was a Sergeant with the Waterloo Regional Police Service for 23 years. She has had three overseas experiences in Kosovo, Chad and Sudan, working for international organizations as a Scenes of Crime Officer and Investigator. Debb will speak about her experiences, the incredible people she met, and the need and ways all of us can become involved to challenge crimes against humanity.
- g. **RICK OSBORNE: A Journey Through Addiction, Crime and Prison...**Rick Osborne connects with students about his life as a former gang member and his 23 years in the prison system. Rarely does someone survive Rick's past with both the ability and the motivation to make a difference in so many young lives. www.truthforteens.com

- h. THE MAKING BOX: Letting the Squirrel Out of the Garage: How to improve Life with Improv...** Improv is unscripted theatre. Players get on stage with nothing planned and create newly imagined scenes together. They do this by listening to the needs of each other and the task at hand, making confident choices, moving forward through positive action and finding creative solutions together. It turns out these skills are also pretty important off-stage too, especially when we consider that most of our lives are unscripted! In this workshop, improv instructors Hayley and Jay, show you how to harness the power of improv theatre in your daily life, helping you be your most open, happy and connected self! Treat the world as your improv stage where you can confidently support others and promote positivity. You are an improviser! www.themakingbox.ca
- i. ONE MOVEMENT PRESENTS "MOVE FORWARD"**...Using dance, motivational speaking, media and entire audience participation, ONE Movement will educate your students about: Bullying; Self Esteem; Teen Depression; Teen Suicide; Where to go for Help; and How to STOP bullying at your school. ONE Movement will motivate and inspire your students to make a change and "Move Forward" in a positive direction. Students will be empowered to educate younger students at their school about bullying and how "it only takes ONE movement to create change." Don't miss this powerful presentation by ONE Movement. www.onemovement.ca
- j. JOEL HILCHEY: Finding Your Voice...** Joel's super-interactive presentation will leave you inspired to explore what you care about, contribute your voice, and make a difference in the world. www.joelhilchey.com
- k. BECKY KELLAR-DUKE: Pursuing Excellence...** Becky competed at the first four Olympic Winter Games in which women's ice hockey was included, winning one silver and three gold medals. Come listen to her experiences and lessons learned in pursuing her goals and dreams.
- l. MOLLY BURKE: Light Up Your Life: Celebrating You, Helping Others & Finding Hope...** Molly touches on her journey embracing disability, living with mental illness and overcoming bullying. She discusses living on her own, being an activist, accepting help, and many of her other life experiences and lessons. Molly's audiences walk away feeling empowered, with a renewed sense of self and direction. Molly strongly believes that it is never too late to find the hope that lives within all of us. www.mollyburke.ca
- m. WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE & SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT CENTRE: Youth Dating Relationships...** Youth are bombarded with media images and the social pressure to be in dating relationships – from “hanging out” to “hooking up”. This session will provide youth with an understanding of what makes for healthy, respectful dating relationships. Students will take away some skills for recognizing both qualities to look for and what qualities to watch out for.