

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, May 2021



The Month of Teaching and Learning Events

After you've participated in the [STAY Symposium – A 5 Day Challenge](#), hopefully you have capacity to participate in other teaching and learning events at York University this month. This newsletter features a few of these events.



Teaching in Focus (TiF) Conference 2021 (May 10 & 11)

TiF 2021 will be taking place on May 10 and 11 in a virtual format. Its theme, ***Engaged Teaching Wherever We Are***, encourages us to think about teaching far beyond the constraints of physical locations. What goes into crafting an outstanding learning experience, beyond punctual teaching performances located somewhere, includes a lot more: experience, dialogue with students, critical engagement with pedagogy in theory and in application, a dose of creativity and risk-taking, curiosity to investigate one's own practice, and the willingness to share with others our successes and failures – our triumphs and tears. Please head to our event website for more information, including the schedule of events and links to join the sessions.

[Here is the link to the event website](#)

Open Space for Open Education

Open Space for Open Education is an exciting opportunity to discuss and create awareness of open education at York. Join your colleagues to reimagine what education can look like on Thursday May 6 from 1-4pm.

[Here is the link to learn more and to register](#)



Alternative Assessment – Webinar Series

Join us during the month of May for some professional development sessions related to alternative forms of assessment. You can attend one, or all!

[Please click here to register for any of the sessions.](#)

- How to Assess Your Students Using Case Study on Wednesday May 5, 11:00am to 12:30pm. [Here is the link to learn more.](#)
- Mastery-based Grading on Thursday May 13 - 11:00am to 12:30pm. [Here is the link to learn more](#)
- Oral Assessments as a Form of Alternative Assessments on Thursday May 20, 11:30am to 1:00pm. [Here is the link to learn more](#)
- The Use of Open Educational Resources as a Form of Alternative Assessments on Thursday May 27, 11:30am to 1:00pm. [Here is the link to learn more](#)

*Please note these webinars will NOT count toward the [Record of Completion Certificates](#), but we will have bi-weekly sessions in June and July that will count, so stay tuned!



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