The McMaster Students Union

PRESIDENT’S PAGE

Hamilton Change Camp 2015: Community, Partnerships, & Collaboration

Event takes place Wednesday March 25, 2015 at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

When students become members of the McMaster community, they also become members of the broader Hamilton community. This city has countless cultural, social, recreational, and employment opportunities, of which every student should aspire to take advantage. Oftentimes, students are eager to engage with the community, but they do not know how to go about finding these opportunities. Most importantly, students may be unaware of how to engage in a meaningful way.

To address this issue, the McMaster Students Union (MSU) has aligned with the Network for Community-Campus Partnerships, Mohawk College, and many other Hamilton-based organizations to present Change Camp Hamilton. A participant-driven dialogue, Change Camp brings students, residents, and educational partners together in conversation about community and collaboration. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 25, from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

The event will consist of a number of guided roundtable discussions. Each table, focused on a particular topic, will be guided by a facilitator, and accompanied by a note taker to capture the discussion. As the event progresses, table topics will evolve, and participants will be able to move among roundtables. In addition, Twitter trends and suggested topics deriving from the hashtag #CCHamOnt will translate into conversational topics at Change Camp Hamilton. A report capturing all of the event’s discussions will be distributed to event participants, as well as made publicly available online for all to view. After the release of the report, there will be a follow-up meeting to provide ongoing support, and ensure that concrete progress is made on the partnerships and ideas.

We hope this collaborative evening will become a permanent Hamilton event, where both McMaster and the broader Hamilton community can maintain a platform for shared learning. In doing so, all involved parties are able to learn from each other, while respecting existing knowledge, and also imagining future possibilities.

Change Camp Hamilton is a free event open to students, residents, and educational partners. Food and refreshments will be available during the course of the evening. Register at msumcmaster.ca/change-camp.

Join a conversation on community, partnerships, and collaboration.

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