

***“Creating, Strengthening and Nurturing Filipino Canadian Women’s Struggle
for Empowerment and Genuine Liberation”***

*Celebrating 10 years of Filipino Canadian women’s organizing in Ontario
OISE, University of Toronto
November 27 & 28, 2010*

Conference Programme

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2010

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| 9:00– 10:00 AM | Registration & Breakfast |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | Welcome & Cultural Performance
Sinag Bayan Ontario |
| 10:30 – 11:30 AM | 1 st Panel
History of Filipino Canadian Women’s Organizing
Listen intently and feel the transformation within you as representatives from the Philippine Women Centres of BC, Ontario, Quebec and the National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada share the history of Filipino Canadian women’s organizing. Learn why women have always been at the forefront of social change and become empowered through the process of learning about our true history as Filipino Canadian women.

Speakers:
Joy Sioson, Chairperson, Philippine Women Centre of Ontario

Marilou Carrillo, Board Member, Philippine Women Centre of BC

Cecilia Diocson, Executive Director, National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada |
| 11:30 – 12:30 PM | Q&A / Discussion |
| 12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lunch |
| 1:30 – 2:45 PM | 2nd Panel
PWC and the Making of the Young Filipina Canadian Activist
Young Filipino Canadian women from across the country have taken up the challenge to nurture what generations of Filipino women before them have created. Hear about the challenges and experiences of young Filipino Canadian women and realize your own inherent capacity for nurturing the struggle for genuine liberation and empowerment. |

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Speakers:

Charlene Sayo, Executive Director, Philippine Women Centre of BC

Qara Clemente, Member, Philippine Women Centre of Ontario & Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa Canada/Filipino Canadian Youth Alliance

Julay Nieto & Jill Sudayan, Board Members, Philippine Women Centre of Quebec

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Q&A/ Discussion

3:30 – 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 – 4:00 PM

KAPIT BISIG MALETAS:
A Political Fashion Show

4:00 – 4:45 PM

3rd Panel

Take Action Towards an Empowered Future!

Feel your blood boil and let liberation flow through your veins while witnessing our culture of resistance being brought to life. Be enthralled at the transformative capacity of art and culture, as seen through a fashion show, an art exhibit, and yes, even through policy engagement. Who knew that social change could be so fun and exciting?

Speakers:

Alleben Purugganan, Member, Philippine Women Centre of Ontario

Danielle Bisnar, Member, Philippine Women Centre of Ontario

4:45 – 5:30 PM

Q & A / Discussion
Synthesis

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Reception & Mingling

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Dinner

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Solidarity Night

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Community Lunch and Sharing

Nourish your appetite for change while listening to the experiences of Filipino Canadian youth, women and workers. Hear members of the Magkaisa Centre share stories of life, labour, struggle and love. Testimonials from several women are sure to reveal how the Live-in Caregiver Program and the education system affect and impact the community. Understand how our experiences as Filipino Canadian women cuts through and shapes the entire community. Most of all, see how we can work together to create, strengthen and nurture an empowered Filipino Canadian community.

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 – 1:15 PM

Introduction & Cultural Opening
Sinag Bayan

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Our stories, Our realities, Our Future
Testimonials

Speakers:

Marivic Oponda, Member, SIKLAB Ontario

Liphayette Hilado, Member, Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa
Canada/Filipino Canadian Youth Alliance

Kelly Botengan, Member, SIKLAB Ontario & Philippine Women
Centre of Ontario

2:00 – 2:30 PM

Q&A / Discussion

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Anti-Racism Education Research Project:
A Report Back

Speakers:

Kim Abis, Member, Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa
Canada/Filipino Canadian Youth Alliance

Aila Comilang, Member, Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa
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3:00 – 3:30 PM

Q&A / Discussion

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Conference Closing