



“We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.”

SOLIDARITY STATEMENT

Trent University is committed to creating opportunities for all community members to develop and flourish as individuals and global citizens (Trent’s Vision Statement, 2010). Through this role, our goals are for equity-deserving campus community members to feel included, inspired, safe, supported and celebrated. The University seeks to actively promote an accessible, equitable and inclusive campus society that reflects and embraces the diversity of its occupants guided by human rights principles and practice, free from discrimination.

As an institution we stand in allyship and solidarity with members of Indigenous communities and marginalized groups, including racialized persons, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, persons with an immigration background, persons with visible and invisible challenges. We stand against all forms of violence - direct, systemic and cultural oppression and uphold our shared social contract premised on the values of dignity and respect. As a university, we will continue to strive for inclusive excellence through adopting a rights-based approach, shaping data-driven, informed policies through innovative research, education and continuous learning and unlearning.

On the global and national front, we are witnessing an increase in hate ideology and hate crime. 2SLGBTQIA+ rights are challenged and incidents of anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, gender-based violence, ethnic and religious clashes are prevalent. We affirm our commitment to supporting our students, colleagues, and all vulnerable communities.

We assert the right to function, teach, learn, research, and engage in assenting and dissenting discourse in safety and with integrity.

We extend our condolences to our international staff and student community who are bearing the burden of natural disasters, war, and displacement.