





# **GSA Day 4 Racial Justice**



**February 24, 2023  
#GSADay4RJ**

# Community Agreements

- “Try on” and be as present as you can
- What’s said here stays here; what’s learned here leaves here
- Right to Pass
- Intent vs. impact
- Tone Indicators

# Tone Indicators

**What are Tone Indicators?** Tone indicators are used to indicate if the person is joking, being serious etc. etc. Neurodivergent people have trouble conveying or understanding emotion and tone through written text, using tone indicators is really helpful for neurodivergent people to make it easier for them to read/convey, it is also very helpful for people with anxiety.

**Why should we use them?** People don't always pick up the tone of the message but when we use tone indicators, it helps people, especially neurodivergent people understand the intention and tone of someone's message. Tone tags can be really helpful.

**What is Neurodiversity?** Refers to the range of differences in individual brain function and behavioral traits. Neurodivergent people can include but not limited to folks who are autistic, ADHD, dyslexic, etc.

# Opening

- Name
- Pronouns
- Land Acknowledgment - <https://native-land.ca/>
- Question: How are you practicing self-care? or How will you practice self-care?

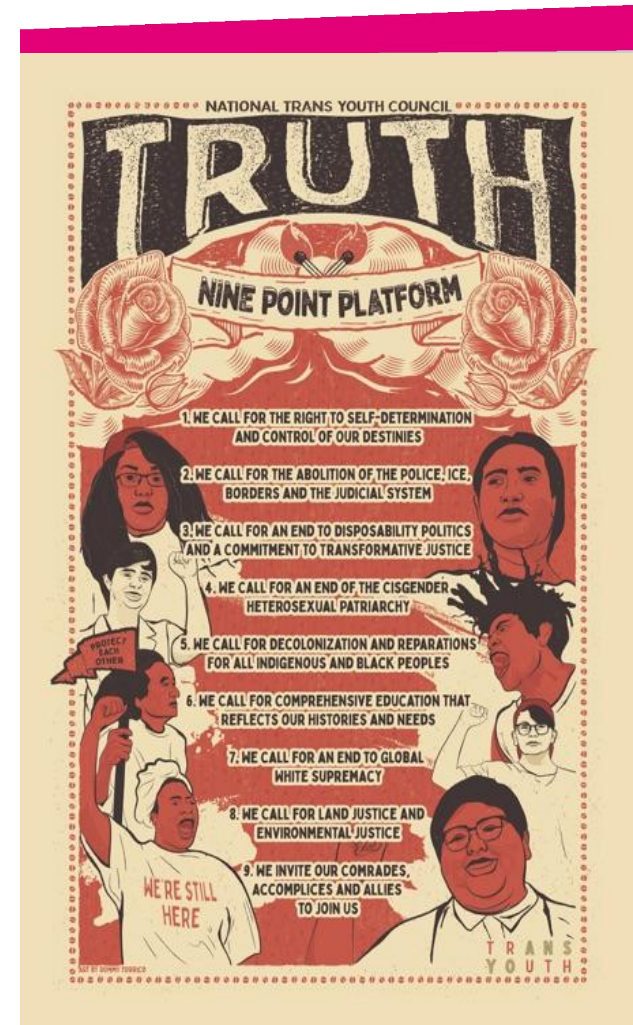
# GSA Day 4 RJ

- What is GSA Day 4 Racial Justice?
  - National GSA Day 4 Racial Justice is an annual day of action to mobilize for racial justice and celebrate the multiple identities we hold as LGBTQ youth.

**“There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.” — Audre Lorde**

# Theme

- We call for Decolonization and Reparations for all Indigenous and Black Peoples
  - We call for the payment of reparations that are owed and the reclamation of cultural practices by the communities from which they originated. We call for the active and complacent perpetrators of cultural appropriation and colonization to be held accountable and to recognize the privilege they maintain through the oppression of others. (TRUTH 2018)



# Definitions

**Decolonization:** The “cultural, psychological, and economic freedom” for Indigenous people with the goal of achieving Indigenous sovereignty — the right and ability of Indigenous people to practice self-determination over their land, cultures, and political and economic systems.

**Reparations:** The act of or process of making amends for a wrong. (M4BL, Reparations)

**Land Back:** A movement that seeks to re-establish Indigenous folks’ political and economic control over land that has historically belonged to them prior to colonization.

**Settler Colonialism:** A form of colonialism that seeks to replace Indigenous folks through the removal and erasure of culture and land.

**TQ2S+:** trans, queer, Two-Spirit +

**Two-Spirit/2S:** Indigenous people who have both feminine and masculine spirits. Depending on the tribe, a person’s Two-Spirit identity can describe how they express themselves, what work they do in the community, and/or what role they may have in traditional ceremonies.

# Jamboard - Discussion + Connection



# Calls to Action

- Create a media piece (paintings, videos, poems, songs etc.) around racial justice and this year's theme. Be sure to tag us @GSANetwork and use the hashtag #GSADay4RJ to be featured in our Instagram Story!
- Host a discussion with your GSA or community about racial justice. Download our discussion guide at [www.gsanetwork.org/gsaday4rj](http://www.gsanetwork.org/gsaday4rj)
- Follow GSA Network and @ourtranstruth on Instagram and Facebook for updates!



# Thank You!



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