

Dave Saunders School, April 20 to 24th  
Human Rights

This was a great course. The facilitators were Ainsworth Hamilton, Sharon Rodgers, and another woman, Monique (didn't get her last name).

There was a lot of history at the beginning of the week – what is racism, discrimination, pay equity versus pay equality, and so on.

Each day we spent some time on each of the following areas:

Class, oppression, what is equality, racism, aboriginal history, migration and immigration, sexism, homophobia and transphobia, disability and ableism, being allies, anti-harrassment, bargaining, pay equity, duty to accommodate, childcare, and finally the closing.

What I realized after taking this course is just how racist Canada has been in the past, and unfortunately, still is... this does not mean all people, but it does affect us all.

In our own room, we had an issue deciding what our skit was going to be because some people didn't want to "provoke" the rest of the school, or say something that would be really offensive. I found this to be offensive in that it felt like we were giving in, and not bringing out the real reasons we were there – to make a difference, and be a part of the movement that ends this kind of behaviour for good!

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