

**REPORT OF THE
EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
TO THE MGEU 65TH CONVENTION 2018**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Area 1 Roger Nabess

Area 2 Brenda McKay

Area 3 Carol Grant

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Area 7 Michael Welfley

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Chair Diane Arksey

Staff Scott Cloney, Staff Representative
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These past 2 years have gone by quickly. Our committee has tackled many issues, brought awareness to many more and challenged legislation, and policy, helping to create a more inclusive environment and improve education on human rights and inequality issues.

PRIDE

- Thompson PRIDE – our committee attended the Thompson PRIDE 2017 event which is a fairly new event that is gaining momentum.
- The committee attended Winnipeg PRIDE, marched along with a float in 2017.

Thompson – Women’s Shelter

The committee recognized the need for donations to the Thompson Women’s Shelter. Committee members gathered and donated a truck full of much needed food, household items, and toiletries.

Multicultural Days in Brandon

Our committee held a meeting in Brandon and then spent the evening volunteering at a Multicultural Day event. We were paired up with Mexico which was a new pavilion that was very appreciative of the additional volunteers. Our committee was honored to assist.

Mother Earth Recycling

The committee toured the Mother Earth Recycling facility to learn more about the Indigenous-run organization that employs low income community members, and recycles furniture and appliances. Our committee is eager to volunteer with delivery of donations to help this venture.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Our committee was able to attend the free 2017 event held at the Human Rights Museum which highlighted the talents of local artists/performers with different challenges and showcased their skills and triumphs. We were able to network with many advocacy groups

No one is Illegal Gathering

Our committee attended a gathering put on by University students raising awareness of asylum seekers.

Education

We have worked on improving education for members on vicarious trauma, reconciliation, and ally support. We are assisting the Membership Education Committee in developing new courses and improving content to address equality and human rights issues and awareness.

Accessibility

We have championed improvements in accessibility and will continue to seek out improvements.

Thank-you to all of the activists that assisted with this Committee in this past term!