

# for All People trainings

Respect



*to address and prevent hate crimes*

Respect for All People Trainings are designed to support Ontario **service providers of women experiencing violence**. They focus on **anti-Hate Legislation** and the **subtle forms of prejudice** that can occur within in our organizations. Participants will learn about the issues and gain practical skills to address it in their day-to-day service provision. Trainings will be held in the following regions:

April 30: Kingston  
May 1: Belleville  
May 2: Ottawa  
May 21: Windsor  
May 22: London  
May 28: Barrie

May 29: Newmarket  
May 30: Peterborough  
June 6: Toronto  
June 16: Thunder Bay  
June 18: Sudbury

**Training sessions are free. Lunch and resource materials will be provided to all participants. Register now - space is limited.**

**For more information, please contact [respectforallpeople@gmail.com](mailto:respectforallpeople@gmail.com)**



*Respect for All People is an initiative of METRAC, a not-for-profit, community-based organization that works to prevent violence against diverse women, youth, and children. For more information, please visit [www.metrac.org](http://www.metrac.org). This project is in partnership with Kingston Frontenac Anti-Violence Coordinating Team, Women's Health Care Centre (Peterborough Regional Health Centre), Anishnaabe Kwewag Gamig Inc., Beendigen Inc., York Region Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee, and the THRIVE Coalition and supported by funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Government of Ontario.*



# About METRAC

Founded in 1984, The Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC) is a not-for-profit, community-based organization that works to ensure diverse women, youth, and children live free from all forms of violence and the threat or fear of violence. METRAC's programs seek to prevent and end all individual, institutional, and systemic forms of violence. We work collaboratively with a broad range of partners to develop strategies to end violence against women and build safer communities for everyone. Through our three main program areas, Community Safety, Community Justice, and Community Outreach and Education, METRAC engages in violence prevention work, training, public education, policy reform, and safety initiatives to benefit diverse women, youth, children, and their communities.



## Zahra Dhanani

*Respect for All People  
Training Facilitator*

Artist, educator, DJ and lawyer, Zahra Dhanani lights up a room with her passionate and creative approach to social justice for women and girls. Currently the Legal Director for METRAC, Zahra has worked within the Violence Against Women sector for 17 years. She has devoted her young and productive life to multiplying the arenas in which justice work can be done. Her contributions include breaking taboos about body image and sexual abuse in South Asian communities. Through initiating groups for women of colour at Sheena's Place, bursting forth on radio, in print and through her magnetic Djing of Funkasia, her own late night invention, Zahra is a pioneering and exuberant proponent of healthy and pleasurable sexuality for all orientations.

Zahra's joyous cultural activism is matched by an equal measure of somber attention to the structures of inequality that trap women and girls on the negative side of society's ledger. Zahra is an accomplished lawyer who has devoted herself to increasing access to justice for immigrant and refugee women, often fleeing violence, abuse and political repression at home. Zahra Dhanani studied at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she received her LL.B. She is currently completing her LL.M. in Alternative Dispute Resolution at Osgoode Hall with a focus on Restorative Justice. Zahra's leadership in finding new definitions of justice has benefitted many young women of culturally diverse backgrounds in low income communities. She has directed special Restorative Justice and peacemaking initiatives in St. Jamestown and Regent Park with Aboriginal and Black young women. Openly embracing the stereotype-defying identity she has been brave enough to grow into, this lesbian, Muslim woman born into poverty has lived her life out loud, to the immense benefit of others.



# Registration Form

## *Respect for All People Trainings*

**Trainings are FREE. Please register early as space is limited. All trainings are from 9 AM-4 PM. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided free of charge.**

Name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Diet or other special requirements (notetaking services available upon request): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which training you will attend (check only one):**

Kingston (April 30):  
Central Library Branch,  
130 Johnson St.,  
Delahaye Room (2nd fl.)

Belleville (May 1): Core  
Centre, 223 Pinnacle St.

Ottawa (May 2):  
Hintonburg Centre, 1064  
Wellington St. Training  
space provided by:



Windsor (May 21):  
Holiday Inn,  
430 Quellerie Ave.

London (May 22): Cross  
Cultural Learner Centre,  
505 Dundas St.

Barrie (May 28):  
Wildwood Banquet Hall,  
52 Morrow Rd.

Newmarket (May 29):  
Children's Aid Society,  
16915 Leslie St.

Peterborough (May 30):  
Peterborough Naval  
Association,  
24 Whitlaw St.

Toronto (June 6):  
Ramada Plaza,  
300 Jarvis St.

Thunder Bay (June 16):  
Victoria Inn,  
555 Arthur St.

Sudbury (June 18):  
Howard Johnson Plaza  
Hotel, 50 Brady St.

**Please email completed form to [respectforallpeople@gmail.com](mailto:respectforallpeople@gmail.com)**

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