

Psychology Month: Volunteer to Give a Talk this February

Dear MPS Members,

With **Psychology Month in February** fast approaching, MPS is currently working to organize a list of speakers for this annual event. Psychology Month is a National initiative aimed at broadening public awareness and exposure to the diverse offerings of our discipline. We would like to encourage you to consider contributing by volunteering to give a presentation within the month of February. Appropriate presentations for Psychology Month include presentations on any psychology-related topic, within any area of psychology, that **meet the following criteria:**

- Meaningful to the community (i.e., general public or a particular group within the community)
- Presented by a psychologist or graduate student with the support of a psychologist
- Free for attendees
- Happening in February

Perhaps you have a talk that you have done in the past, or you have an area of expertise that you would be interested in presenting on. Just let us know what topic you are considering and **MPS can help with the following:**

- Arranging an appropriate public venue (e.g., community centre/organization, school, public library)
- Advertising through MPS website and our general Psychology Month advertising campaigns
- Creating and providing colour posters
- In some cases, we've been able to help negotiate reduced/waived venue fees

Why contribute to Psychology month? Promoting public awareness of what our profession can offer is an important part of professional advocacy as it raises the profile of the important psychological work being done in our community. Furthermore, it provides you with the opportunity to connect with your community while providing a service that is greatly appreciated. Having a broad range of activities and topics, including events that are open to the general public and events that are offered to a specific group (e.g., staff of a particular employer), helps inform our community of the many applications psychology has to offer.

If you have a presentation that you would be prepared to deliver, or if you have any questions or comments regarding Psychology Month, **please contact:**

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Regards,

The MPS Board