

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Executive Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** September 16, 2020  
**Regarding:** **Take Back the Night**

## **Take Back the Night Virtual 2020**

The Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) and several Sexual Assault Centres across Ontario are teaming up to create a Take Back the Night Virtual Event! Use #TBTNVirtual to see updates and find posts easily.

### **How To Attend**

This event is free and will be pre-recorded, then uploaded on YouTube for participants to watch together in the comfort of their home on September 24th, 2020 at 5PM. The video will be approximately 2-hours in length. Because this event is not "live", participants can join to watch the event whenever is most convenient for them and re-watch the event video!

### **What To Expect**

During the viewing of the #TBTNVirtual video on Sept. 24, Sexual Assault Centre's will be live Tweeting and posting via social media using #TBTNVirtual to share insights and thoughts throughout the event video. Use #TBTNVirtual to join the discussions and see what other survivors and allies have to say.

This event will be hosted by Alexa, a Public Educator from one of our Ontario Sexual Assault Centres. The event will include BIPOC guest speakers, and community submissions that highlight BIPOC voices and experiences.

Topics may include personal experiences, healing, messages of support, past Take Back the Night experiences, and experiences in receiving support from local SAC's.

Submissions can be written, pre-recorded or art pieces that have been photographed or digitally created.

For more details on making a submission, check out our poster on the event page or email [TBTNsubmissions@sexualassaultsupport.ca](mailto:TBTNsubmissions@sexualassaultsupport.ca) for more info. Deadline to submit is September 17th.

### **Provincial Virtual Gathering**

Since the mid-1970s, Take Back the Night events have been held internationally to raise awareness of gender-based violence and the right to feel safe in public spaces, particularly at night. This year, ETFO provincial office will be hosting a virtual gathering to acknowledge the work of survivors, activists and ETFO members who have mobilized to end gender-based violence.

**Date:** Friday September 25, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Registration link:** [events.etfo.org/conference/Take\\_Back\\_the\\_Night](https://events.etfo.org/conference/Take_Back_the_Night)

Registration opens on Sept. 8 and ends on Sept.18, 2020

If you have questions or require more information regarding the above, please contact the ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local office at 519-474-3150.

*c. Released Executive, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local*

