

SANCTUARY STUDENTS SOLIDARITY &
SUPPORT COLLECTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



COLLECTIVE

WELCOME

A Letter to Our Members,

5 years ago, the Sanctuary Students Support and Solidarity (S4) Collective was born to Support Sanctuary Scholars in their journeys toward post-secondary education. The term "Sanctuary Scholar" refers to anyone who has faced barriers to accessing education due to their immigration status. The various intersectionalities that dictate how we navigate the world have pushed us to realize that access itself is unequal to racialized students who lack permanent status in Canada.

Many of us have received countless "no's" from school staff, universities, colleges, you name it! We have been turned away from school opportunities because we simply do not fit within the colonial expectation of what a migrant should look like. But our communal effort and tenacity to fight for what is right continue to guide our main goal: to fight for a world where access to education is not dictated by immigration status.

5 years ago, we began this journey. We want to celebrate our wins as a community through the various things we have achieved. From establishing 2 access programs to surviving a pandemic, S4 resists and will continue to do so thanks to our members and communal support. Thank you for being with us through this journey, whether you were there during our inception in a classroom at Seneca, or whether you first joined us online via Zoom.

In solidarity with Sanctuary Scholars around the World,

The S4 Collective

Our Vision

A world in which immigration status is not a barrier to accessing meaningful and equitable education.

Our Mission

Increase equitable access to education for sanctuary students in Canada by fostering community-led support, solidarity, and capacity building.

What We've Been Up To



Holiday Party 2022

Deck the halls with the S4 collective!
Another holiday party is in the books for us.
This is always a great time to get together and
celebrate all of our
achievements as a community.

What's Next: High School Night

Our 4th annual High School Night was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended as we continue one of S4's traditions. These nights are dedicated to youth who wish to continue with their studies after the secondary level.

Thank you to all of you who came to share your experience with the new generation of sanctuary scholars, and thank you to all the youth who attended and took the opportunity to enforce a sense of agency over your studies!

S4 is always here to support you, no matter what your journey after high school might look like.

Community Mapping 2023



A picnic at High Park AND resource sharing?
Sign us up!

Our community mapping event invited members to share their experiences in school.

We discussed what made us feel safe in school, what didn't, resources we turned used to advocate for access, and so many other important things that we as sanctuary scholars experienced.

Thanks to your input, we created maps that highlighted our journeys as a community.

Borderless Access To Education Project

The project continues! After receiving a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the S4 collective, Black Creek Youth Initiative (BCYI), and Justice for Children and Youth (JFCY) formed a coalition to identify and address the various barriers youth across Ontario face while accessing all levels of education. The Borderless Access To Education Project (B.A.T.E) is a 6-year project that seeks to identify barriers, connect with allies to form strong community bonds, and also DESTROY the walls that we came across while pursuing our studies.



B.A.T.E

Borderless Access to Education
Accès à l'Éducation Sans Frontières



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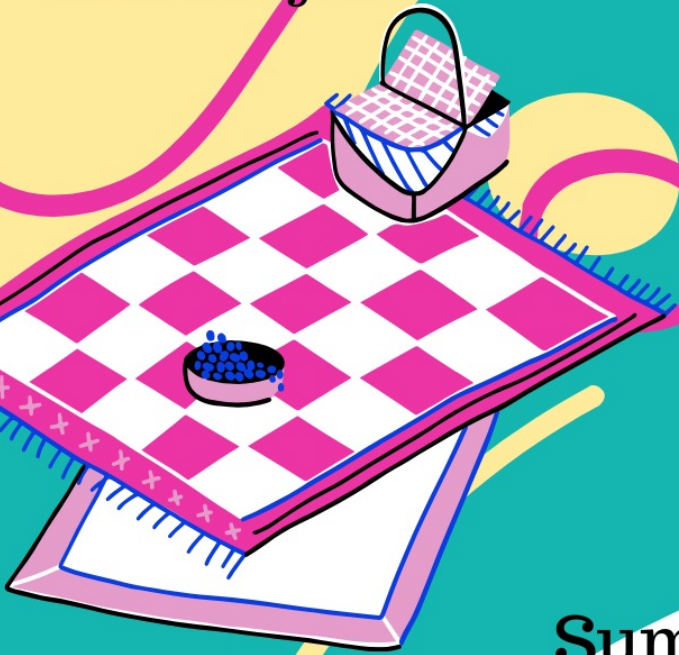
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CHUFFED CAMPAIGN

We are asking community members and allies to help us meet our fundraising goal of \$10,000! 50% of the donated proceeds will go to scholarships for sanctuary scholars to cover the cost of tuition, while the other 50% will keep S4 alive and running. We are CHUFFED to see the progress we have been making and hope to reach our goal.



Summer Presentations

What better way to celebrate these warm months than to come together and share a bit of our favourite things? The Summer 2023 Presentations series allows our members to take a facilitator role and talk about things we are passionate about! From policing history in Canada to the creation of early internet memes, we are always learning something new here at S4.

Presentations for the Canadian Centre of Victim's of Torture

This cycle, we partnered with the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) to talk to their members about access to education at the post-secondary level. CCVT provides meaningful resources for folks who have experienced violence in their home countries. We are very excited to continue to work with other grassroots organizations that fight for access to education at all levels. Thank you to Zastid and Ana for coordinating both presentations!



Presentation for the University of Toronto

We were invited by Genevieve Ritchie to give a presentation about our history as a youth-led, migrant movement. Our talk consisted of access to education in Ontario, the various barriers we face at all levels when enrolling in school, and how we fight to create a world where sanctuary scholars can pursue their goals, no matter what they are. Thanks for having us.

Let's talk finances

Income/Assets

Amount

Total

\$46,896.58

Expenses

Amount

Total

\$40,118.36

Surplus/ Carry over for 2023

\$6,718.22

