

Teaching Commons News

A seasonal gift – an additional TC newsletter!



We don't usually publish a newsletter in December, as the beady-eyed of you will have noticed, the last newsletter was shown as November and December. However we have some exciting news to share with you and don't want to wait until January.

A Teaching Commons Knit-in



Many of us have been following the news stories about refugees from Syria and like us you may be wondering how you might help. With this in mind we would like to invite colleagues to join in a knitting circle to be held in the TC lounge on Wednesday lunchtimes from 12 to 2 throughout January and February.

Please join us for talks about teaching and learning as we create warm toques and scarves for our new friends. Don't worry if you can't knit or prefer to crochet – we can learn together! We will also be collecting gently used children's clothes and toys – so please drop by if you would like to donate anything – and join us whether you intend to knit or not!

Teaching Commons CN News

For those of you who were wondering, Mandy Frake- Mistak and Celia Popovic were successful in their CN Tower climb on November 7th and raised **\$915** between then in support of the University's fundraising for United Way.

eLearning Bootcamp

Considering integrating technology in your teaching for the 1st time? Join us at our December eLearning Bootcamp **10am – 3 pm, Thursday, December 10, 2015** (Room TEL 2114)

[Register now](#)

Take us home for the holidays!



Stay in touch with us online throughout the holiday season. Visit TC's new social media sites and start the holiday cheer flowing.



Social Media and the Teaching Commons

The Teaching Commons is expanding our social media presence to in order to better share topical pedagogical stories and to connect and interact with you. Please follow the links below to join us on Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, Youtube and Google+. You can also search for us on social media under the username YUTeachingCommons.



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If you only have time for one, check out our facebook site. We encourage you to join in debates and discussions and keep our TC community dynamic and thriving. Stay tuned in the next few months for additional news on how the TC is using social media and technology to more effectively engage and inspire you and promote excellence and innovation in teaching.

Looking Ahead to TIF

Regular readers will know that this is our annual teaching conference - Teaching In Focus rather than some film festival or other. Please make a note in your diary for May 19th and 20th, and look out for an announcement in the early new year calling for proposals.

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