

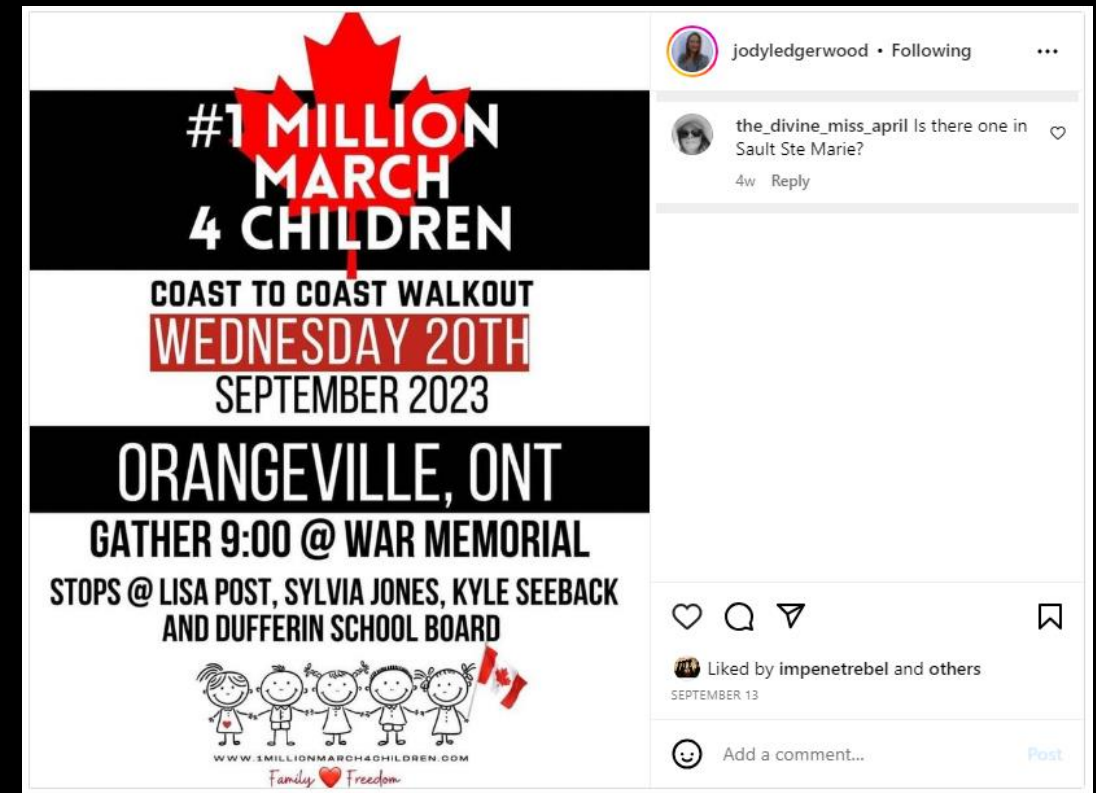
# Orangeville's #1 Million March 4 Children: a recap



Anthony Zambito

# What was the #MillionMarch4Children?

- According to 1millionmarch4children.squarespace.com: “Uniting diverse backgrounds and faith, we share a resolute purpose: advocating for the elimination of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI), pronouns, gender ideology, and mixed bathrooms in schools.
- Organizers suggested that parents pull their kids from school on September 20th, and participate in one of many marches happening across the country.
- Organizers started planning this nationwide “March” as early as August 25<sup>th</sup>





Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 27, 2023

## Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ Action Plan

### Cis-sexism

The belief or assumption that cis people's gender identities, expressions, and embodiments are more natural and legitimate than those of trans people

### Overview

#### Recommendation:

That the Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ Action Plan, as attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

#### Highlights:

The vision behind the Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ Action Plan is to dismantle homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and other forms of oppression created by cis heteronormativity within the education system to ensure that Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ students and staff can be their authentic selves in a safe and supportive environment.



**Devon A Thompson** ✓  
@truedevonthomps



What's concerning about this action plan, is that it views heterosexuality as an opposing force to the LGBTQ+ community.

It seems to insinuate that the existence of heterosexuality as a majority occurrence in children, means that LGBTQ+ children AND adults will never fit in.

They are saying, that to promote heterosexuality, is to promote homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, etc.

### Cisnormativity

A discourse based on assumption that cisgender is the norm and privileges this over any other form of gender identity.

### Heteronormativity

An assumption that heterosexuality is the norm and privileges this over any other form of sexual orientation

# The Lefty Liberal Reaction

**Billboard Chris**    
@BillboardChris

Reps from 130 unions across Canada held a Zoom call yesterday.

They're organizing counter-protests so they can fight back against those of us who don't want to sterilize kids.

They repeatedly call us fascists and nazis and all the usual hyperbolic nonsense.

These people represent every union in Canada.



4 million Canadians are paying for this through their union dues.

Some crazy lady starts talking about our last protest in Ottawa at the 34-minute mark.

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**Billboard Chris**   @BillboardChris · Sep 16

Here is the Ontario Federation of Labour's email to members, helping them organize counter-protests for the various marches across Canada on the 20th, and my school protest in Toronto on September 22nd.

Thank you for RSVPing to say there is no space for hate in Ontario, and to those of you that were able to join the strategy and organizing call this morning.

Here are a few resources that we shared this morning, and that can help you and your organization plan for a safe event on September 20, 2023 and the days that follow:

**Resources:**

- Anti-hate Rapid Response
- Safe Protest: A Guide to Your Rights
- Safe Protest: A Guide to Your Rights (FR)
- Safety Tips for 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth
- Know Your Rights
- Safety Plan Checklist
- Pride and Safety Toolkit
- Guide for Pride Defenders
- Guide For Pride Defenders Handout (ABRIDGED VERSION)
- Confronting and Preventing Hate in Canadian Schools

**For Support:**

- LGBT National Hotline:  
<https://www.lgbthotline.org/>  
1-888-843-4564
- Trans Lifeline  
<https://translifeline.org/>  
1-877-330-4366
- LGBT Youthline:  
<https://www.youthline.ca/>  
1-888-687-9688
- Hope for Wellness Helpline (for Indigenous People):  
<https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>  
1-855-242-3310
- Legal Support

**Social Media Graphics:**

- Twitter/Instagram (EN)
- Twitter/Instagram (FR)
- Facebook (EN)
- Facebook (FR)

Additional materials will be added as they become available. Please check back to the events page: <https://ofl.ca/event/no-space-for-hate/> periodically.

**Important Next Steps:**

**2SLGBTQIA+ PRIDE ORANGEVILLE & DUFFERIN COUNTY**

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September 18 at 1:01 PM · 🌐

This Wednesday across the country anti-LGBTQ groups have planned events to protest 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion in schools under the guise of "protecting children."

We see what has been going on in the US, and now that hate has come to Canada. Let's drown it out with our voices and bodies by attending the counterprotest. Here's the link to the Ontario Federation of Labour site that is organizing counter protests across Ontario:

<https://ofl.ca/event/no-space-for-hate/...>



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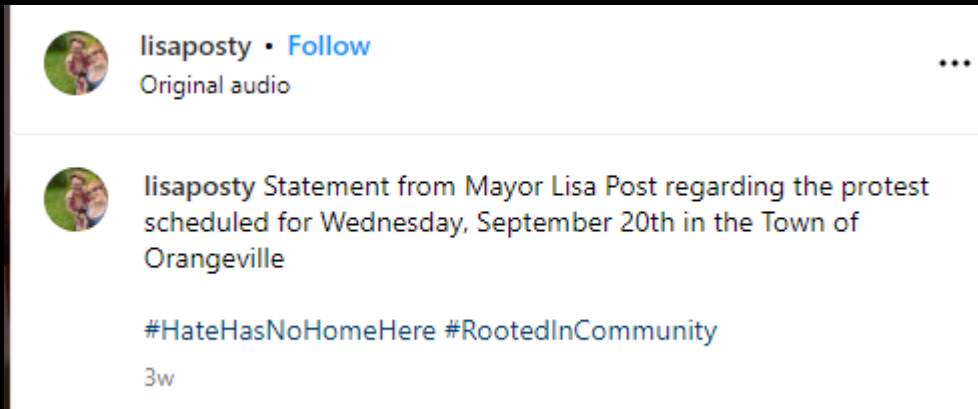
**No Space For Hate | The Ontario Federation of Labour**

On September 20th, the ultra-conservative right are planning nationwide events to protest tea...

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# Post from Mayor Post

- September 19<sup>th</sup>





# The March



**Jeremy D Williams**

September 20 at 12:48 PM · 🌐

Large turnout for #1MillionMarch4Children March in Orangeville.

It's a shame that people can't voice their opinions on how their children should be educated with being labeled as <fill in the blank>. Some say don't hate and then hate those that don't agree with them.

It was very peaceful. Police kept an eye on it. I asked the undercover OPP (grey car in video) why he was not in a marked car. He said he didn't know, it was just the one assigned to him. Read into that what you will.

If the focus was on education and not indoctrination of viewpoints or opinions, I



**Jeremy D Williams**

September 20 at 12:48 PM · 🌐

If the focus was on education and not indoctrination of viewpoints or opinions, I can't help but think we would all be better off. Teachers (who I respect greatly) hopefully can take from this the desire of many parents to remain neutral with their students. Sadly many don't.

Respect of viewpoints of life must go both ways otherwise we aren't truly living in a free and open democracy.

And before those with an agenda start dumping on me for this post, I'm not part of the March. But I am capable of listening to their concerns.

See less

NEWS

# Orangeville protest part of national march against 'gender ideology' in schools

School board condemns 'non-peaceful, violent or aggressive actions' of some protesters

By Orangeville Banner

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | ⌚ 1 min to read

🕒 Article was updated Sep 22, 2023



Protesters decrying what they call “gender ideology” in schools descended on downtown Orangeville as part a nation-wide movement calling itself “1 Million March 4 Children.”

Demonstrations were planned in cities across Canada, including in Orangeville. Counterprotests were likewise planned throughout the country.

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police said it had officers staggered along the march route, which saw traffic clogged on Broadway Wednesday, Sept. 20 morning, as people made their way to the planned stops at town hall, the local constituency offices of MPP Sylvia Jones and MP Kyle Seebach, as well as the Orangeville office of the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) nearby on Amelia Street.

OPP media officer Terri-Ann Pencarinha said the provincial liaison team was also on hand working with those involved in order to minimize the impact on commuters and to ensure order and public safety.

Pencarinha said the protest was peaceful, and there was no police involvement beyond what was mentioned above.

However, a slightly different picture was painted by the public school board, which reported people pounding on windows, yelling for officials to come outside and Pride flags and supporting signs being ripped up.

The protests have been described as opposing sexualization and indoctrination of children at school, but those who counter the movement say it has also included significant misinformation about what is actually being taught at school.

Locally, the protest was met with statements denouncing the rhetoric ahead of the protests.

In a joint statement, Dmytro Basmat, president of Youth Activists Inc., and Julia Bertola, founder of Caledon PRIDE, said they were united in defending against what they termed “dangerous and discriminatory rhetoric from affecting students.”

“The movement continues to push disproven and discriminatory views that promote a culture of intimidation directed towards trans and LGBTQ+ students,” the statement reads.



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# CANADA'S PREMIER YOUTH SOCIAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION



Founded in February 2019, Youth Activists Inc. continues to embark on a variety of youth social advocacy campaigns, ranging from **Human Trafficking, LGBTQ2+ advocacy, the illegal invasion of Ukraine** and beyond. Youth Activists Inc. regularly comments on youth social issues in the media, being regularly quoted in publications like the Toronto Star, Mississauga News, and Brampton Guardian.



Dmytro Basmat

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dmytrobasmat Back to the campaign trail we go! 🙋

I'm very glad to be managing @votebobgordanier's campaign for MPP in Dufferin-Caledon. He's one of the most down-to-earth people that I've ever had the pleasure of working with, and someone that knows the community like the back of his hand. Bob will be a fantastic voice for progressive change at Queen's Park.

 Swipe for the outtake

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Youth organization in Bolton, Ontario

**Located in:** Bolton Professional Building

**Address:** 30 Martha St, Bolton, ON L7E 5V1

**Hours:** Closed · Opens 7 p.m. Fri ▾

**Phone:** (416) 735-7842

**Province:** Ontario

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“The movement continues to push disproven and discriminatory views that promote a culture of intimidation directed towards trans and LGBTQ+ students,” the statement reads.

Following the protest, a statement was issued by UGDSB chair Ralf Mesenbrink and director of education Peter Sovran, saying they stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and that they will not tolerate hate directed toward them.

UGDSB spokesperson Heather Loney said apart from seeing protesters pounding on windows and damaging Pride supporting signs, staff also witnessed protesters intimidating and yelling at a group of counterprotesters across the street.

And at Princess Elizabeth Public School, protesters walking by started banging on windows and yelling profanities, she said.

The Banner was not able to independently verify this information.

The board statement condemned the “non-peaceful, violent or aggressive actions of some of the protesters witnessed on school board grounds.”

“We will not tolerate this behaviour, or any behaviour meant to intimidate our students, staff and school communities.”

— *With files by the Toronto Star*



**ZammerLive On IG & FB**

to Ralf, inquiry ▼

📧 Mon, Oct 2, 10:55 PM



Hello Mr Mesenbrink

Can you please follow up with the communications team?

Perhaps you can follow up directly with Communications Manager Heather Loney. On September 20th, the Orangeville Banner published an article. In it, Mrs Loney "said apart from seeing protesters pounding on windows and damaging Pride supporting signs, staff also witnessed protesters intimidating and yelling at a group of counterprotesters across the street."

My updated list of questions for the UGDSB are below:

- 1) Was the school put in lockdown because of the march? What steps were taken to ensure student safety at the time of the march?
- 2) Have parents been notified of this incident? If so, how?
- 3) Were the police notified? Were reinforcements needed?
- 4) Was the OPP on scene to make arrests? If so, why were no arrests made? How come no charges were filed?
- 5) Is there video evidence to back up these claims? If so, when will it be released to the public?
- 6) What evidence did Mrs Loney observe before making that statement?

Up to this date, the Orangeville Banner has not been able to independently verify this story. Citizens of Orangeville are questioning the validity of the UGDSB's claims.

If you could please respond by noon, Friday October 6th, that would be great.

Thanks,

Anthony Zambito

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