

## **WINNIPEG CENTRE CANDIDATES DEBATE AT THE U OF W**

WINNIPEG -- On October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall at the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Centre candidates representing the New Democratic, Liberal, Green, and Communist parties will be taking part in a debate hosted by the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA), University of Winnipeg Faculty Association (UWFA) and University of Winnipeg Alumni Association (UWAA). The Conservative candidate declined an invitation to participate.

The candidates will be answering questions submitted by students, faculty, and alumni of the University of Winnipeg pertaining to three themes: jobs & opportunities, post-secondary education, and energy & the environment. Moderating the debate will be CKUW News Director Michael Welch.

"On behalf of our more than 45,000 members we are proud to be involved in an event that is at the core of our democratic process and that encourages discussion about important topics in our community," said Kevin Freedman, President of the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association. "The University of Winnipeg is among the most important institutions in Winnipeg Centre and it is exciting that our three organizations, representing completely different stakeholders, are able to partner up to facilitate this debate."

"The UWSA is pleased to be partnering with faculty and alumni to hold a substantive, policy-based discussion of interest to the University community," said Peyton Veitch, President of the UWSA. "We are anticipating a thoughtful exchange of views regarding how Winnipeg Centre candidates plan to address issues ranging from the crisis of student debt, double-digit youth unemployment, and Canada's role in averting climate catastrophe."

"It is our great honour to welcome these candidates to take part in a debate at a University which fosters spirited discussion," said Richard Jochelson, President of UWFA. "Likewise, agreeing to a debate shows tremendous respect for the electorate as these are candidates that understand the importance of informing the electorate and earning the vote. UWFA is proud that the UWSA and the Alumni Association are also committed to open, transparent and civil conversation in the political realm."

Attendance is free of charge, and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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