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The March For Science returns to Toronto!

Join scientists, policy enthusiasts and concerned citizens as we march to advocate for science

On **14th April 2018**, Toronto will once again host a March for Science, and take part in what was previously the largest science advocacy event in history. This year, **the Toronto March for Science will begin at Nathan Phillips Square at 11 AM, and end in Queen's Park**. Similar to last year, the March will feature a diverse line-up of speakers to reflect on the need for evidence-based policy and safeguarding of scientific integrity in Canada - and around the world.

Communities from coast to coast will come together to celebrate science in Canada as part of the international "March for Science" movement. This cross-Canada event is hosted by Evidence for Democracy and plans to celebrate, encourage, and work towards science that is for everyone. **Science isn't just for scientists - it impacts all of us**, by protecting our health and our environment, and providing us with facts and evidence to hold our governments accountable.

The March for Science in Canada is a celebration of our passion for science and a call to safeguard the science that keeps us safe, healthy, and prosperous. While 2017's March was primarily in solidarity with our American counterparts as they faced funding cuts, muzzling and hostility, this year's March aims to:

- Celebrate Canadian scientists and their contributions
- Advocate for evidence-based decision making in government
- Advocate for the promotion of diversity and inclusion in science and scientific institutions, at all levels, including leadership roles
- Advocate for science integrity: that the process of scientific research should be free from politically-motivated vetting / filtering

As a member of the press, we invite you to attend the March for Science. You are welcome to reach out for more information on this year's logistics, input on last year's March, and to interview invited speakers beforehand or on the day of the March.

On 14th April 2018, we will march out of the lab and into the streets.

Will you join us in the March for Science?

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