



STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY

The Armenian genocide has been ongoing since the 1800s and persists to this day. Due to a ten-month starvation by blockade and a deadly military assault, we saw the traumatic departure of over 100,000 Armenians from the Republic of Artsakh in September 2023. This was a major displacement of Indigenous peoples from their territory. Many genocide experts have deemed there to be a cultural genocide of the Armenian people, evident in harmful actions such as the destruction of cultural structures and statues on traditional Armenian land, and recently, the tearing down of the Artsakh flag on campus.

The Armenian Students Association has reached out to York University on several occasions in hopes of prompting a conversation about support and recognition for the plights of Armenian students. On all of these occasions, the university has either delayed response or failed to adequately come to the table to discuss pathways forward. Armenian students are calling on York University to implement adequate recognition and support to the affected community.

The York Federation of Students (YFS) supports the Armenian Students Association's call for recognition on our campuses. The YFS condemns the ongoing genocide of the Armenian people, the hate crimes being perpetuated against Armenian students on campus and is actively working to provide supports and retributions to the Armenian community.

If you are in need of resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

For more information, contact YFS Vice President Equity, Olivia Ferguson, at vpequity@yfs.ca.

Resources:

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