

SUSK Commemorates Holodomor Awareness Week Across Canada



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November is the month of Holodomor commemoration, the famine-genocide of the Ukrainian people in 1932-1933. An estimated 7-10 million people were starved to death and ruthlessly tortured by the Soviet regime.

In light of this, SUSK commemorates this tragedy hand-in-hand with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and its other member organizations to spread the truth and ensure it will be continually acknowledged around the world as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian nation.

"SUSK has had an astonishing amount of activity in the last week," SUSK President Cassian Soltykevych observed. "We have had 11 clubs pay homage to the victims of the Holodomor from East to West. From information booths, to vigil events, to even attracting international



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media attention, our clubs did a phenomenal job in raising awareness to people outside our community."

Various clubs attracted media attention from local news outlets, from Ukraine Today, and also their university communities at large. This in part comes from a more streamlined effort to raise awareness for the Holodomor.



"Throughout Holodomor Awareness Week, we successfully saw all coordinated efforts of students across Canada: not only over social media but also using shared ideas of educating non-Ukrainians about the tragedy on campus. We can only spread the truth if we continue to work together." noted SUSK External Relations Director Stephanie Nedoshytko.

Some of these coordinated efforts include attaching sheafs of wheat with black ribbon with information across campus, installing black flags on campus, as well as using common hashtags to boost the online presence of each other's posts on social media.

SUSK would like to congratulate all of its Ukrainian Student Organizations (USOs) for their diligent efforts to raise awareness, and call on members of the national and global community to #ShareTheStory.

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Student-Organized Holodomor Events Across Canada

Calgary, AB

• USS - Photo exhibit on campus

Edmonton, AB

- University of Alberta
 - <u>Exhibition</u> on campus (and sheafs of wheat across campus), which was featured on <u>Ukraine Today</u>
 - <u>Attended the 8th Anniversary</u> of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day Act
 - Laying a wreath at city hall
- Macewan University
 - Information with sheafs on campus pillars
 - Holodomor display on campus
- Both clubs attended the Holodomor ceremony at City Hall and laid wreaths

Saskatoon, SK

- University of Saskatchewan
 - Film Night
 - Vigil (<u>livestream</u>)
 - \circ $\;$ Display, sheafs of wheat distributed across campus $\;$
 - Media Appearances: <u>CTV</u>, <u>Shaw Connect</u>, <u>The Sheaf</u> (campus newspaper)

Regina, SK

• University of Regina - Film Night

Winnipeg, MB

University of Winnipeg - <u>Share The Story Exhibit</u> on Campus

London, ON

 WesternU - <u>Holodomor Awareness Tour on campus</u>, including an <u>interview with University</u> <u>President</u> Amit Chakma

Guelph, ON

• University of Guelph - <u>Holodomor Display</u> on campus

Toronto, ON

• Ryerson University - <u>Holodomor Exhibit</u> on campus

Ottawa, ON

• University of Ottawa - <u>Display Booth</u> on campus