

TALK KPU to host presentation at Surrey campus about water rights and concerns in Thailand, Ethiopia and on Indigenous reservations in Canada



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On Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> at the KPU Surrey campus, Dr. Ross Michael Pink, Samantha Jack and Kine Afework will each present a segment of the TALK course “Water is Life” from 10:00am to 11:50am. The presentation will also include a Q&A segment for audience members to learn from the expertise of each presenter.

All members of TALK KPU are welcome and invited to attend, and can [register for \\$15 online](#) before the course begins. Those who are over the age of 50 and would like to register for TALK but haven’t yet can do so for the [annual fee of \\$10 online](#) as well. More information on the course can also be found on the registration page.

The course will be located in the Fir building of the Surrey KPU campus in Room 124, and attendees are asked to note that parking at the campus is priced at \$5 for an all-day spot.

Dr. Ross Michael Pink is a dedicated advocate for water rights and human rights and has given presentations across the world. He is the co-founder of the NGO [Global Water Rights](#), a platform which he and his peers have used to further the goals of improving access to clean water and sanitation across the world. Dr. Pink and Global Water Rights work extensively with students, including the two other presenters of this course.

Samantha Jack is a member of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Yale First Nations and recent graduate of KPU with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and brings her extensive background in student support, [policy consulting](#) and reconciliation work to the presentation.

Kine Afework is a KPU student originally from Ethiopia who has worked with Dr. Pink in the past as a [Climate Change Ambassador](#), travelling to local high schools and giving presentations on the realities of



climate change in Ethiopia to students. She is passionate about human rights and international law and is a talented public speaker.

Dr. Pink stresses the fact that access to clean water for drinking and sanitation is the number one human right, but is too often taken for granted here in Canada. He hopes this after this presentation “candles will be lit” and information about the dire situation will be spread to those who may not have been aware of the urgency of the problem.

For more information on the “Water is Life” course or the TALK program in general, please see the [Frequently asked Questions page](#) on the TALK KPU Website, call 604-599-3077 or email [TALK@kpu.ca](mailto:TALK@kpu.ca).