

SPACE: an opportunity to share your work and to meet other students

Have you heard about the initiative at Dawson College called SPACE (Sciences Participating with Arts and Culture in Education)? Started over a decade ago by a Dawson student and teacher, it is designed to foster exploration, discussion and collaboration among students beyond the classroom and across the disciplines.

How does SPACE do that? It hosts several public, interdisciplinary venues—a [website](#); a magazine; [exhibitions](#), conferences, talks and other live events—and it invites students to contribute to those venues in different ways. For instance, you could contribute by submitting to the SPACE annual [writing](#) or photography contest; you could take work you did [in a class](#) or [on your own](#) (written, visual, audio, or multi-media work) and submit it to the SPACE website; you could get involved as an editor with the SPACE magazine or join one of the other projects that SPACE runs each year. And those are just a few examples!

An annual theme

To help inspire students from across Dawson, each year SPACE proposes a broad annual theme and invites participants to connect their work to the theme in some way. The 2020 / 2021 SPACE theme is [space s](#), and you can read a description of the current theme [here](#), on the SPACE website. Here is an excerpt from the description:

... in this time of climate change, COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter, as well as of proliferating virtual spaces, we are being forced to confront a rapid and radical transformation in spaces. In the process, we are discovering the crucial role of spaces in economic, social, cultural, recreational, educational and political life. We are also challenging some of our notions about spaces, as well questioning some of our activities in them. This upheaval in our thinking and behaviour contains the potential for chaos but also for renewed reflection about spaces.

How do I find out more?

SPACE is an opportunity to delve further into whatever you're most passionate about and to share your passion with others, supported by faculty mentors and a student community. For many students, participating in SPACE has also led to their first professional publication or presentation, as well as offered them a chance to meet new people and discover new ideas. If that sounds appealing to you and you're thinking about getting involved, please contact Ursula Sommerer at usommerer@dawsoncollege.qc.ca to be added to our mailing list and check out the SPACE submissions guidelines on our website.