

Hello everyone,

I don't think anything is well, but I do hope you all have the support systems you need! And in that spirit, we at Social Justice Committee thought to make a temporary place for graduate student-workers to vent, commiserate, cry and laugh together--especially international students and student-workers of color.

There's so much happening even as I write: 150 people left us in Itaewon district in South Korea because the gentrified streets of what once was a US base's red-light district, could not hold the increasing diversity of people in Seoul. 60+ in Gujarat left us in India due to infrastructural collapse. And so many are losing their lives in Iran while fighting for the liberation of many sisters like Zina (Mahsa) Amini.

Meanwhile, international students from all of these countries and more come to Canada with dreams--only to be constantly held up via visa restrictions, unfair UHIP policies and whatnot. However, even as everyday is a struggle but it is also an opportunity. And us coming together as student-workers has brought us collective joy in the past as well.

So please, attend the open mic or perform in it---but come to meet fellow graduate student-workers and let's create art and conversations together. If nothing, we will leave with friendships for life.

Register here to perform and/or attend: <https://uniongallery.queensu.ca/programs/open-vent-night.html>

Please note, performance can be both elaborate or minimalistic---we just want you to feel held and supported!

Share this with your colleagues who might have something to say, or just want to say something! Even if you do not want to perform, we will create signs together, write our frustrations out on the wall, and send solidarity to all international, migrant, and oppressed workers and people of color worldwide, and on campus.

Attached in a graphic you can share in your departments, international student groups!

Message me if you have any doubts or concerns!

Best
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