

Dr. Joy Butler – In Memory of and with Respect for

It is almost ten months since we learned of the untimely passing of our dear colleague Dr. Joy Butler on September 19, 2019. Joy was a quiet giant in our field – her contributions in Teaching Games for Understanding (TGFU) were groundbreaking and enduring. As importantly, her mentorship of scores of teachers and researchers continues to keep her legacy alive.

It was a privilege to accompany Joy to the stage at the Whistler PHE Canada Conference in 2018, so she could receive the R.Tait McKenzie Honour Award, in recognition of her contributions to Physical and Health Education in Canada.

It should not be a surprise to any of us, that an article written by Joy (along with colleagues David Burns and Claire Robson) was recently published in 2020, in the *European Physical Education Review*. Entitled “Dodgeball: Inadvertently teaching oppression in physical and health education,” we are reminded of Joy’s commitment to social justice and the right of all children to learn without fear. I have included the following quote, Joy uses at the beginning of the article

The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practising sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play’ (International Olympic Committee, 2018: 11).

In Joy’s honour, I challenge each of us to find a way to live the message in this quote. We send our thoughts and comfort to Joy’s loved ones – family and friends.

Joy, you will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

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