

The Scoop on the Scape

It's time for a Celebration!

Canada Celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child

This Friday, November 20th marks the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations' adoption of the Convention of the Rights of the Child. Celebrations are happening all over the country and world! LifeCycles Project Society is holding an open house on November 20th celebrate the granting of over \$25,000.00 to innovative youth-led community action projects through YouthCore and the SPARK Initiative. They are also celebrating the appointment of 7 new City of Victoria Youth Council Executive members!



Another celebration is at the University of Ottawa's International Conference on Child Rights. IICRD's Natasha Blanchet-Cohen and Philip Cook, as well as, YouthScape Halifax's Rebecca Moore, will be presenting. For more information about this event, including the conference agenda, see <http://www.research.uottawa.ca/childrights/>

IICRD celebrated this monumental occasion during the Child Rights in Practice Conference held in Whistler October 25th - 30th. This gathering brought together people from all over the world to discuss and engage in child rights issues. Check out and join the social networking site launched at this event:

www.childrightsinpractice.org



Canada will join the festivities during National Child Day (www.childday.gc.ca) which involves activities for children and youth to learn more about their rights. To learn more about the Convention of the Rights of the Child, check out <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm>

YouthScape's Andrew Phung makes Calgary's Top 40 under 40!

Andrew Phung, the Program Director for Child and Youth Friendly Calgary, has been recognized as one of Calgary's most influential people under 40 for his dedication to the mentorship of young people to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Phung is spearheading several youth-oriented programs including YouthScape's Transit Showcase project in which youth were able to create new designs for the city's transit passes. Phung's significant work has even given him the exciting opportunity to meet Canada's Governor General Michaëlle Jean. He was asked by the City of Calgary to facilitate a five hour workshop between Calgary youth and the Governor General.

Through all of his work with youth, Phung makes sure to pass on an important message: "don't be afraid; be open to every opportunity".

To see the full story check out <http://www.avenuecalgary.com/top-40-under-40/item/andrew-phung>



The Youth Selection Committee - A Case Study in Meaningful Youth-Focused Projects

YouthScape's HRM Youth Selection Committee is continuing to have an overwhelmingly positive impact on youth-lead initiatives. It's their job to assess grant proposals to make sure they meet the criteria of youth-led community engagement. Their creation of the 'Circle of Awesomeness' as a framework for evaluating these proposals make sure that youth are in the center of the project.



By asking the right questions on "Meaningful Contribution", "Supportive Peers", "Adventuresome Learning", "Adult and Youth Partnership", and "Empowering Culture", the Youth Selection Committee is able to put on the YouthScape lens and see how certain projects can be a great opportunity for long-term change.

To read more about the Youth Selection Committee check out http://www.youthscape.ca/Stories_Governance3.html

Young People Building Europe - An Online Magazine

Young Innovations Europe (YIE) has released their first online magazine created for and by young people interested in exercising positive leadership in their own communities in groundbreaking ways. This publication, which can be viewed completely online here, showcases innovative, youth-lead initiatives that are promoting positive change and youth participation throughout Europe.

Though this magazine focuses on youth involvement in Europe, it is a great example of something that could be adopted and created for North America. It could be a great way to showcase youth leaders that are creating inspiration change here!





Check out these opportunities near you!

- 1) YouthScape Public Forum - November 27, 2009
- 2) Asian Pacific Foundation of Canada's 25 @ 25 Competition
- 3) Racism. Stop it! - National Video Competition

1) YouthScape Public Forum - Change Starts with Youth!

On Friday, November 27th, YouthScape will kick off their 5th National Gathering with a Public Forum. This forum promises to be an exciting opportunity for YouthScape communities, local partners, local community stakeholders, as well as, the interested public to learn about how young people are strengthening Victoria and other communities across Canada.



This forum will also be an opportunity for participants to connect with organizations who have experience working with young people to create social change.

Don't forget...this is a great way to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child by engaging with young people, policy makers, educators, practitioners and funders to advance a "community based. youth paced" movement!

2) Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's 25 @ 25 Competition

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is an independent, not-for-profit thinktank on Canada's relations with Asia. Tell us what you think matters most for Canada's future with Asia! Create a video short that describes an issue, challenge, or opportunity you feel Canadians should be thinking about in our relations with Asia. Is it family values? Freedom of speech? Fusion cuisine? Share your vision and help ignite an exciting new Canada-Asia dialogue! If you're between the ages of 18 and 35, we want to hear from you!

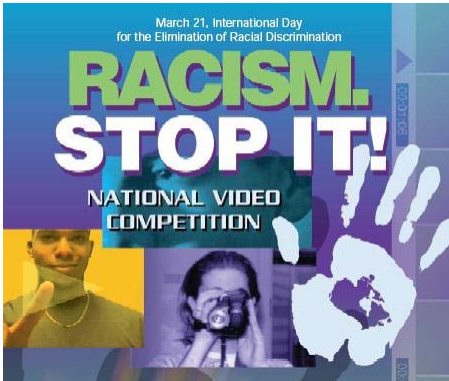


Cash prizes, fame, and glory aside, this is an opportunity to have your say by entering, voting, and sharing your views with your peers, and a community of leading policymakers, academics, industry leaders, cultural innovators. For more information, visit Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's website! Entries must be submitted by December 31st, 2009.

3) Racism. Stop it! - National Video Competition

Though there has been great progress in stopping racism in Canada, the problem is not completely eliminated. If you are between the ages of 12 and 20, share how you would

eliminate racism by creating a video for Canada's March 21st campaign against racism. The videos can be 45 to 60 seconds long and you can work together in teams of up to 5 people.



The creators of the 10 winning videos will receive an all expenses paid trip to Canada's Capital Region where they will participate in an awards ceremony hosted by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism in March 2010.

All winning schools, organizations or groups will receive a Panasonic Digital Palmcorder® Multicam™ Camcorder and 30-second clips of the 10 winning videos will air on national television as anti-racism public service announcements.

The deadline for submissions is January 15th, 2010. For more information check out <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/march21/contest.asp>.

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