

Youth Settlement Program Review February 2012

In February, Newcomer Youth Program ran successfully with the services provided to youth clients through assistance & referrals on settlement issues including the weekly programs on language and tutoring. The highlights of the month were the featuring of our video of Youth Flashmob for Immigrant & Refugee Children's Rights on Canadian Council of Refugee's official national campaign site and the publication of STOM project article by youth members in the Forum magazine of Youth Action Network.

Language Skills Development for Newcomer Youth - Wednesdays

There were four sessions held in February on Wednesdays. The first two sessions were on the subject of bullying as the choices made by youth participants in winter focus group discussion held in January. During the integrated learning session; through games, discussion, reading, presentation and skids, youth learned about various characteristics of bullying - definition, myths, relationship between hate crime and bullying, Canadian stats on bullying and cyber bullying. Some of the art expressions they made in the sessions as ice breakers are published in our Jan and Feb online newsletter, <http://youthspark.weebly.com/february.html> under the Youth Creative Spot. In their critical reflection/debrief at the end of each session, some of their comments were, I learnt about types of bullying, the bullying circle was interesting, it taught me more about observations and so on. The last two sessions covered health as a language topic. Using the peer learning approach, youth created chart presentations on various health topics; health tips, your top three priorities in maintaining health, what do you know about health, what is important for youth in terms of health. The second session on health went a bit more in-depth in learning about health by reading on coping with stress and obesity. Their critical reflection comments were, informative, useful, educational, enlightening, important, exciting, helpful and healthy.

Peer Tutoring Club - Fridays

Three sessions were held in February. The peer tutoring club provided peer support in helping with solving homework and school assignments.

Parkdale Newcomer Youth Committee (PNYC) – a youth leadership group initiated by the Youth Program of PIA and PCIC

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“ Immigrant and Refugee Children's Rights Flash mob by Parkdale Youth

On Friday Nov, 20th 2011, 25 youth came out and participated in a flash mob to support Immigrant and Refugee Children's Rights. The flash mob was organized by youth participants of our newcomer youth program. Many community members received information and showed their support by signing petitions.

Enjoy the flash mob video in our [Youth Media Project Parkdale](#) channel here, <http://vimeo.com/36496276>

To learn more about the national campaign and watch other flash mobs across Canada, visit Canadian Council of Refugees site here, <http://ccrweb.ca/en/youthrights/flash-mob>

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PNYC monthly meeting was held on Feb 10th to review our program activities and project's progress. STOM-R project had several meetings to design monthly contest and hold the contest for youth participants to learn about smoking issues for a chance to win free movie tickets courtesy of the project.