

## **Youth Settlement Program Report September 2011**

The highlight of the month was the successful beginning of the new school-year youth program in the fall starting with orientation and focus group sessions

### **Fall Program Orientation**

Orientation for the fall program session was held on Friday Sep 23rd. The session was attended by 12 youth. The youth went over the newcomer youth program policy and filled out their intake assessments for Wednesday and Friday sessions.

### **Language Skills Development for Newcomer Youth - Wednesdays**

The first session held on Sep 28th was attended by 9 youth. The youth learnt about the goal and objectives of the Wednesday sessions in detail. In four groups, they participated in focus group discussions on the topics they are interested in as subject matters for the fall weekly sessions. The fall session will end in December. The topics they would like to discuss range from communication to drug issues to youth leadership. The program sessions on Wednesday is to help develop the participants' communication and language skills through an interactive team learning environment where newcomer youth work with few language mentor youth.

### **Peer Tutoring Club - Fridays**

Two sessions were held in September. The first session on Sep 23rd was orientation session and the second session was on Sep 30th. New learners and youth tutors joined the fall session. On average 12 youth attended each session.

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

On Friday September 23rd, PNYC members attended the monthly meeting to review program activities over the summer and discuss upcoming fall session programs. PNYC members also learnt of the good news on the STOM-R (Shake Tobacco Off Movies – Reviews!) project and the fact that we didn't have to do a presentation. STOM-R members will fill out registration and collectively design team commitment as per project work plan in October.