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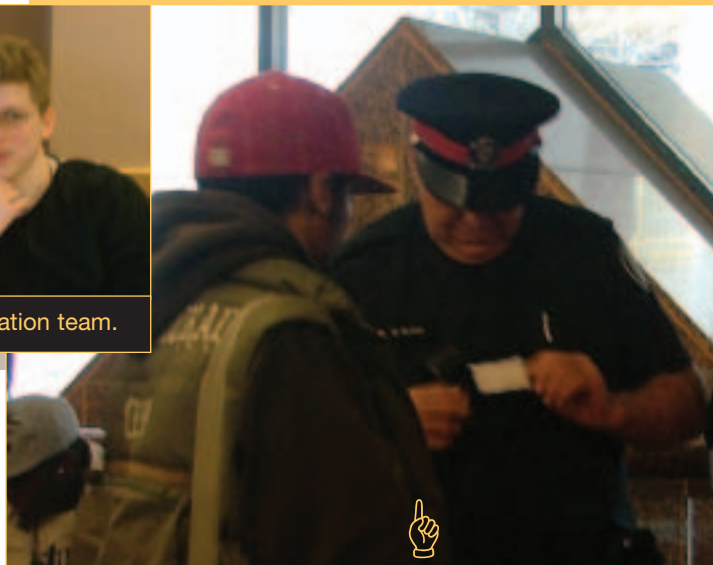


CELEBRATION

THE EVENT was an opportunity for everybody to acknowledge all the hard work done by the youth team, Toronto Police Service and the many community organizations that contribute so much to the success of PEACE. This growing network of caring individuals are working to build safer communities through positive action. Come join the movement.



Our awesome registration team.



PEACE youth teamed up with adult allies from community organizations and Toronto Police Service.

"I felt proud." - Youth participant

Youth, young adults and adult allies arrive. Wow, he's early for the show.

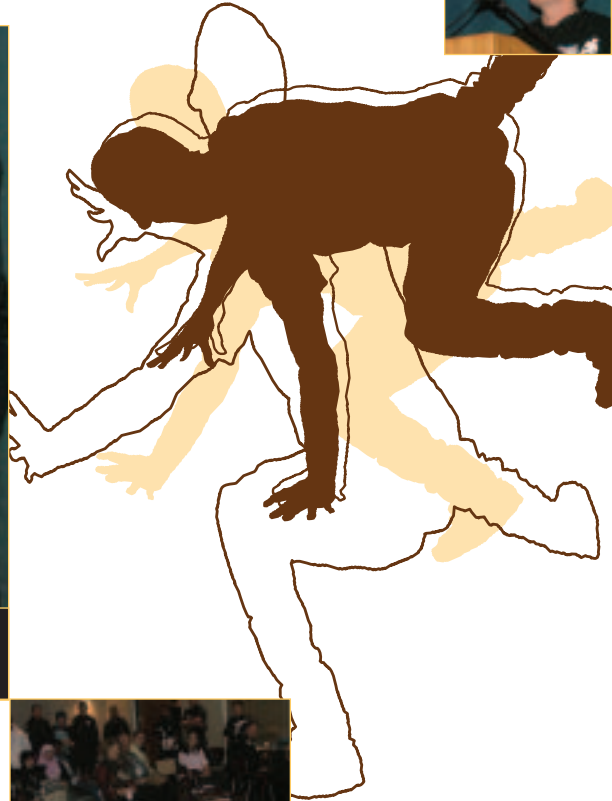


Coming together to celebrate all that we've achieved with PEACE and reconnect with all who have contributed to the success of the project.

ATE PEACE



There is strength in the diversity that exists in the Greater Toronto Area. People make the community everyday with each step they take.



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Acknowledging the great work Peace youth and the police have done together.



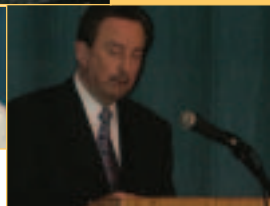
"I felt it was great that there was not only appreciation at the awards but there was also entertainment and food. It felt like a celebration."

- Youth participant



"I felt strongly about youth change / empowerment"

- Youth participant



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PEACE YOUTH MEETING

**All youth 13-25 years of age welcome.*

When: Every Thursday from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Where: The Students Commission office at 23 Isabella Street, Toronto, Ontario.
Tel: (416) 597-8297, Email: savannah@tgmag.ca

BTC – Ready For Change?

Breaking The Cycle is accepting new referrals for its Scarborough and Rexdale programs up to the start dates:

Scarborough start dates: January 26th, and February 9th, 2009

Rexdale start date: January 19th, 2009:

**Males/females 15-26 who are involved with the criminal justice system, or are affiliated / associated with or are criminal youth gang members.*

East Metro – Youth Engagement Training

A full day of training, with information on the youth engagement model to help you create youth-led and adult supported initiatives in your school and community.

When: January 29th, 2009 9:30-4pm

Where: East Metro Youth Services, 1200 Markham Rd., Suite 313

LOVE – Journalism Broadcast (Free)

Leadership program – edit, record and produce radioshows.

Where: Humber College

Start Date: Monday, February 2nd, 2009, 4-6:30pm

**All youth 13-19 of age are welcome.*

Media Art Program (Free)

Leadership program – photography, spoken word, videos, etc...

Where: Ryerson University

Start Date: January 12th, 2009 4-6:30pm

**All youth 13-19 of age are welcome.*

Celebration of Peace Awards 2008

On November 27th, 2008 a celebration took place at Toronto Police Headquarters. This may have seemed an unusual location for this day but with an eclectic mix of attendees and a dynamic itinerary a great day was had by all.

People from all walks of life from all corners of our community attended at Police Headquarters to celebrate the hard work and achievement that has been attained by a “tiny project that grew”. This was the inaugural award ceremony for Project P.E.A.C.E.

Project P.E.A.C.E. is a project that is run by the Students Commission in Toronto. It is a project “for youth, to youth, by youth”. The Project works by assembling a core group of youth that works with the police facilitating workshops to other youth throughout the City. The workshops are designed to help young people “make the right decision at the right time” when dealing with the issue of guns and gang violence in our City.



The ceremony that took place was a big thank you from the young people involved with the Project. The youth wanted to thank all the people that have helped make this Project a reality. These awards were not aimed solely at financial benefactors, police, or community partners. They were, most importantly, delivered to youth who have participated with the Project.

This event was a great success. One of the biggest successes was that police, youth, government officials, and community groups from all across the city of Toronto were in one place at one time, not to protest or mourn but to celebrate the excellence and successes of youth from our City.

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YOUTH FEEDBACK ON PEACE AWARDS:



WHO ELSE WOULD YOU HAVE INVITED ?

Teachers, Principals, family and friends

HOW DO WE INVOLVE EACH OTHER IN PEACE?

- Talk about all youth issues
- More workshops and events
- Sporting events
- More community based activities jams, dances

– Youth participant feedback

What do you think?

How can we involve others in Project Peace?

Let us know at www.peace-project.org

Peace Partners

CTI's Breaking The Cycle Youth Gang Exit and Ambassador Leadership Project

1790 Albion Rd., Suite 101 (27 & Albion), (416) 745-1829 or 4500 Sheppard Ave. E., Unit 476 (Sheppard & McCowan / Brimley), (416) 293-1287
www.cantraining.org/BTC/btc.php

Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview

Conflict resolution services for all types of relationships, especially parent / youth and family.
95 Eddystone Avenue, 2nd floor (Jane & Finch), (416) 740-2522,
www.cmsd.org

East Metro Youth Services

The Violence Intervention Project

provides youth with realistic strategies and skills to prevent violence.

1200 Markham Road, Suite 200 (Ellesmere & Markham), (416) 438-3697, www.emys.on.ca

The Students Commission

Project PEACE is developed by youth to decrease gun and gang violence.
23 Isabella St. (Yonge & Bloor), (416) 597-8297, www.tgmag.ca

Operation Springboard

Programs that prevent crime and integrate at-risk people into the wider community.
2568 Lawrence Ave. E., (Lawrence & Midland), (416) 615-0788
www.operationspringboard.on.ca

Leave Out Violence (LOVE)

LOVE trains young people who have experienced violence to become community leaders of violence prevention.

3130 Bathurst St. Suite 212 (Bathurst & Lawrence W.) (416) 785-8411,
www.leaveoutviolence.com

Central Toronto Youth Services (CTYS)

Programming for youth who are involved in different stages of the youth justice system.
65 Wellesley St. East, Suite 300 (Wellesley & Church) (416) 924-2100, www.ctys.org

Toronto District School Board

(416) 397-3000, www.tdsb.on.ca

Toronto Catholic District School Board

(416) 222-8282, www.tcdsb.org

Toronto Police Service's Community Mobilization Unit

(416) 808-7080
www.torontopolice.on.ca/communitymobilization

SAY YOUR PEACE

Say Your PEACE is here to give youth an opportunity to share ideas and discuss the things that are important to them and their community. Want to help prevent the negative effects guns and gangs are having? Join the movement.

Call: (416) 597-8297