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Youth Submission:

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How does Mississauga Allow Youth to Feel Comfortable in Their Own Community?

There are many programs and organizations in Mississauga that effectively validate this criterion by providing youth and their families a safe and secure community. In order to prove that the city of Mississauga meets this criterion, over twenty organizations and programs were researched that enable youth to feel comfortable in their own community. Next, all of the organizations were contacted and visited in order to receive more information along with flyers, pamphlets and brochures as proof for youth opportunities offered in the facilities.

First of all, the city of Mississauga strives to make youth feel comfortable in their community through the "**Peel Youth Charter**". This collaboration of youth serving organizations strongly believes that young people are valuable members of the community and contribute a significant amount to a safe and supportive environment. The Peel Youth Charter further lists a number of rights, responsibilities and expectations that youth are entitled to in the region of Peel. Several organizations in Peel, including the "Peel Youth Village" strive to provide and promote equality amongst all youth in the city of Mississauga, as well as live up to the rights of the Youth Charter. For example, the Peel Youth Village is a semi-independent housing, recreational and training facility for young adults between the ages of 16 and 30 who are in need of a short-term transitional housing for up to a year. During their stay at the youth village, youth are offered several daily activities and programs that are tailored to meet their needs and directly follow the rights of youth indicated in the Peel Youth Charter. The Peel Youth Village currently provides housing for over 48 youth, which is incredible. (Ref 12-1)

In addition, **Safe City Mississauga** is another successful organization designed to meet the needs of secondary school aged youth aiming to provide students with the skills to anticipate circumstances that may make them victims of crime and equip them with choices to avoid victimization. They provide services, programs and information that contribute to the reduction of crime in Mississauga, making youth and other residents of the city feel safe and secure in their own community. Safe City Mississauga's vision statement clearly states, "Mississauga will be a crime-free city for all". (Ref 12-2)

Furthermore, Safe City Mississauga believes that a community is safest when everyone works together and supports activities that reduce crime. This means that the organization effectively appreciates and respects the contribution of youth towards a safe and crime-free community as youth are consistently provided with opportunities to feel comfortable in their own community. (Ref 12-3) These opportunities include

leadership and cost effective ways to prevent and reduce crime by intervening on the risk factors before the crime happens, developing strategies that enhance overall public safety, as well as offering programs throughout the year. The Crossroads Youth Academy is one of the main programs offered at the organization as it empowers youth to be a positive force in the community. It is mainly targeted towards secondary school aged youth and the program is delivered in two phases - the Academy Phase and the Services Phase. This program was recognized by the International Society of Crime Prevention. (Ref 12-4)

Moreover, when our group visited the facility site, we learned that the program is a great success as it allows youth to contribute to their community, take responsibility for providing each other with a safe environment, promotes safer schools and builds channels of communication between youth and other community members. What we found really interesting about this organization was the opportunity for growth provided to youth as they engaged in the programs and volunteer to assist other youth in the community. While we were on the facility site, we were able to talk to youth who participated in programs offered by Safe City Mississauga and the following represents a testimonial most participants would agree on:

"Safe City Mississauga has made me appreciate what my community and city has to offer. When I come here I feel like home (because) everyone is on the same boat as me; struggling to make ourselves feel safe in our own community. We come here with the hope to have our problems and concerns heard by others who are just like us, not superior to us. I feel more comfortable speaking with our program leaders than I do at home!" – Youth Participant

"This program helps all students, the doers and the observers, to see that everyone is responsible for each other and to keep each other safe! Knowing the facts, the consequences and the opportunities for change will contribute to less crime, more involvement and greater accountability. We need this for our youth of today who think one person can't make a difference. One person can!"- School Teacher

Furthermore, **Mississauga Youth Leadership Committee (MYLC)** serves as another excellent example indicating that the city of Mississauga effectively meets this criterion. This program is offered by Muslim youth that focus on bringing together students, educators and professionals through a variety of social activities (Sohail, 2011). Their main objective is to enable students to be empowered by acquiring key, effective skills that are valuable tools for leadership in their own community. The activities and programs offered by this organization mainly take place in public libraries and community centers throughout the city of Mississauga. This organization was contacted and we learned that a number of Muslim youth participate in the programs they offer all year round. We also learned that Muslim youth feel comfortable participating in these programs as it allows them to communicate with youth from their own community, sharing the same culture and religion as well as becoming active members of a safe community. (Ref 12-5)

MYLC hosts many events such as the Annual Youth Leadership Conference, Ramadan Food Drive, and Leadership Excellence Programs. The annual youth leadership conference is held annually in the March Break and puts youth into different groups

where they are given case studies to solve along with lectures about various issues in society and how they can battle them. They are also given prizes in the interactive sessions and breakfast and lunch. The cost of this event is \$18.00 and in 2010, it was held at the Mississauga Convention Centre and more than 350 youth attended. This conference battles issues such as bullying and racism; youth feel more comfortable talking about it because they have many others who face the same problems. Other events include the Leadership Excellence Programs that are seminar style with a very personal interaction with the guest speaker. In 2010, this program was held on Sunday November 7th and the fees were \$20.00. However, this event was not very successful because only 20 youth attended and participated. MYLC's aim was to target youth with problems that they face in order to help them battle the problems; however, there was difficulties in attracting youth to a seminar-style program because it is very similar to a school setting. MYLC's programs are very beneficial to youth and allow them to feel confident enough to become assets to society in the future.

In addition, "**Citizens for the Advancement of Community Development**" is a well-structured organization that works with youth between ages of 11 and 25 by offering a wide range of innovative programs that serve the unique needs of youth in their own community. This organization strives to deliver close linkage and coordination of services that supports and addresses community identified needs and goals for youth. Furthermore, its main objective is to educate youth by providing leadership training, employment training, job search support programs and work preparations. This is done through a wide range of activities that take place at the Mississauga Valley Community center, including mentoring, leadership, empowerment, entrepreneurship and youth justice workshops. The following are testimonials from youth who participated in events and programs offered by CACD. (Ref 12-6)

I think the CACD leadership program was very influential to me. It made me want to work harder to become a better leader and a better student.

- Callistus Myrie-White

This program helped me realize the positive things I can get out of life. With everything that I have learned, I know that I will be using these lessons in the long run.

-Shayeda DeCouteau

The programs offered by the CACD are very beneficial because they cater to the needs of specific individuals. Programs include basketball tournaments, dance classes and swimming lessons. The unique aspect of these programs is that there is not a large number of youth that attend each program; however, there are so many programs being offered at various timings that many youth are able to participate because it matches their schedule. As a result, youth come frequently and have a stronger attachment to it and feel very comfortable in their community.

After thoroughly researching a number of organizations in the city of Mississauga, we believe that the aspects of this criterion are effectively met by most of these organizations and programs offered in the city. This is evident throughout the support of community and businesses for youth friendly activities as they help make youth feel comfortable in their own community. For example programs and activities are held in churches and local community centers to allow youth to approach personnel or

mentors who are trained expertise to help students with any problems or difficulties. For example the **Big Brothers and Big Sisters** of peel is a well-known organization assisting youth of all ages with difficulties. There are many such organizations whose doors are always open for youth, regardless of what the issue might be, youth are always welcome to drop in and ask for help. Youth who participate in such activities prove as evidence that they feel comfortable in their own community. Also, when youth help out in their own community and take responsibility of volunteering to involve other youth in activities and programs shows that they feel comfortable in their own community. There are a number of organizations, such as, Eden Place Drop in Centre, Erin Mills Youth Drop in Program, Erin Oak Kids Teen Drop in and many others allow youth to become actively engaged within their community through participating and volunteering. Moreover, it is important to realize that businesses in our community play a key role in supporting these programs and organizations; they may not directly be involved in helping youth feel comfortable in their own community, however, most of the organizations we contacted under this criterion were sponsored by businesses in the city. For instance, the stores that accept the Student Price Card (SPC) allow youth to feel cared and accommodated for as they receive a designated discount in stores all around Mississauga and other cities.

In order to further explore how youth feel comfortable in their own community, our group decided to ask youth what "comfortable" meant to them. Through our interactions with the youth participants at several events, we learned that youth define "comfortable" as violence- free and safe environment where they can interact with one another in a friendly manner. We also grew in our understanding that youth do not like to be looked upon as a marginalized group, as they believe they are active members of the society hence, they play a unique and important role in our community. Overall, we believe that Mississauga qualifies as a youth friendly city under this criterion.

Final thoughts and recommendations

There are still several stores (i.e. convenience stores near schools) in regions all around Mississauga that cannot be labeled as "youth friendly". This is because, youth are marginalized as they are asked to leave their backpacks outside of the store and sometimes no more than 10 youth are allowed to enter the store at once. We believe this makes youth feel terribly uncomfortable in their own community because they view themselves as a threat to the community since they are endorsed with rules that only hold true for their particular age groups.

Note: As a result of this application, the City of Mississauga will be investigating the feasibility of running our own Youth Friendly Business Campaign on a pilot basis in a localized community. The targeted approach to a smaller community will assist us in mobilizing existing Youth Friendly businesses to encourage others to adapt their policies and their perceptions of youth. It is our understanding that other smaller towns have run similar campaigns with great success. Our intent is to work with successful towns as well as local youth serving agencies to roll out the campaign in late 2012.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- **Safe Environmental Program through Environmental Design (SEPTED):** This City of Mississauga corporate program offers additional support and evaluation methods to ensure that the physical environment that programs and services are conducted in is as safe as possible. This is often used in combination with a facility watch program and is aimed at making residents feel comfortable and safe in their community. (Ref 12-7)
- **Community Centres and Libraries:** Mandate is to welcome youth into their programs and facilities. Staff are well trained and try to make all facility users feel welcomed. The City has initiated a Place Making program in an effort to ensure our lobbies are more people-friendly (including youth). Several centres have pool tables, ping pong table, fooseball tables and video games in the lobby in an effort to make the community feel as though the space is their own.
 - All Recreation Program Supervisors, Managers and Facility Operators were required to attend a "Working With Youth Effectively" training in 2010 (Ref 12-8)
 - All front-line City staff receive Accessible Customer Service Training (Ref 12-9)
 - Recommendation #20 within the Mississauga Youth Plan states that we will deliver the Working With Youth Effectively training throughout the organization (council, transit, library, corporate security, etc)
 - Posters are located throughout Mississauga facilities to promote positive relationships with youth (Be Authentic Self, Overcome fears & misconceptions, try to understand where they are coming from, treat them with respect and help them out like you would any other customer) (Ref 12-10)
 - City programs are separated by age (ie 10-14 & 14-18) to ensure that younger youth are not intimidated and comfortable in their play.
- **Crisis Management Teams:** City of Mississauga Youth Worker and support team strategize how to support staff and the community after negative things happen, creating issues around safety. Staff will take additional measures to make sure participants are safe.
- **Youth Designated Facilities:** Offers the most appeal to youth, as the facility features are geared strictly to their use, interests and means of expression (i.e. Nexus Youth Centre, the Dam Youth Drop In, Shopping Malls, Playdium, etc)
- **Special Events:** Hosted specifically for youth, such as the Beating Heart Concert Series and Urban Soul showcase are policed in a youth friendly manner. Youth have made comments that they don't mind having police at the event, in fact it makes them feel safer.
- **Mississauga Corporate Security and Retail Mall Security Teams:** Receive additional training to provide continuous understanding of issues facing youth (By Peel Police, Peel Health and Canadian Mental Health Association). For example, at the Youth Connect event. Corporate Security had a presence,

however it was not one of enforcement but more of engagement where they could be seen interacting positively with youth.

- **Play By the Rules:** A City of Mississauga corporate program with the established hockey leagues to foster a safe and positive environment during play. The City supports the program with training.
- Both **school boards** have strict zero-tolerance policies for bullying.
- **Peel Distress Line** offers an outlet for youth to speak to someone if they are feeling lonely or need assistance. In addition, the Kids Help Line is available 24 hours per day.
- There are several **Newcomers Centres** throughout Mississauga that assist immigrant youth to integrate into Canadian culture in an effort to help them feel more comfortable (Ref 12-11)
- **Celebration Square Youth Ambassadors:** Mississauga City Hall has recently undergone some major renovations and has now become a meeting place for many residents, especially youth. Complete with a skatepark, large stage for performances, ice rink/ water feature it is the ideal place for youth to congregate. The City was successful in this place-making initiative and while we love to see the youth comfortable in their environment, there has been an influx of criminal activity (mostly drug related) in the square. In an effort to ensure youth continue to feel comfortable, a Youth Ambassador program was initiated whereby a group of well respected youth will speak to the other youth directly in an attempt to deter behaviour. This program has been incredibly successful in minimizing unwanted behaviour without having to use the presence of uniformed security officers
- **Mayor's Youth Advisory Council- Youth Week:** Is an annual week-long mosaic of Mississauga's spirit of giving. It aims to not only celebrate the extraordinary contributions and achievements of the City's youth, but to also transform today's youth into tomorrow's leaders, further the reaches of volunteerism and promote political activism on local and global issues. (Ref 12-14)
- **The Clarkson Community at Peace** is a neighbourhood initiative that is designed as a partnership between agencies and community members that grew out of a few parents' desire to change their children's experiences. Now, Clarkson community children and youth have a much safer place to learn, play and achieve. (Ref 12-15)
- According to the Vital Signs Report (Released by the Community Foundation of Mississauga), Mississauga is a safe community to live. It has been recognized as Canada's safest City in which to live for 8 years in a row (based on crime statistics from major cities across the country). The overall crime severity index has been steadily decreasing in Peel since 1998. (Ref 12-16)

PEEL YOUTH Charter












We believe that young people are valuable members of the Region of Peel. Young people bring a unique, diverse set of ideas, perspectives and skills, and make a valuable and significant contribution to our community. They deserve the same respect, dignity and human rights as all members of the community.

We believe all Peel youth have the right to:

- Safe and supportive environments at home, in school, in workplaces and throughout the community.
- A standard of living adequate to ensure healthy physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, well-being and a good quality of life.
- Be served by governments which acknowledge their responsibility to improve the safety of young people, and to work cooperatively with the community to ensure adequate and equitable funding for youth violence prevention programs.
- Have access to relevant, youth-centric health supports that help build a foundation of respect for healthy personal choices throughout the lifespan.
- Access to relevant and responsive education and training.
- The best efforts by the community-at-large in creating career employment opportunities for young people.
- The availability of recreational and leisure activities in the form of play, creative expression or skill development opportunities.
- Access to a region-wide network of information and resources to support youth.
- Be supported and encouraged to be active citizens regarding issues that concern them.
- Be involved in policy, program and service development on issues that affect young people.
- Advocate, or to be advocated for on their behalf, on issues that affect young people.

These rights will apply without discrimination or prejudice to all youth in Peel.

By signing this charter we are committed to use our best efforts to ensure the safety, health, education and future employment of Peel's youth.

 Mayor - Brampton	 Mayor - Caledon	 Mayor - Mississauga	 Chair Region of Peel
 Chair Peel District School Board	 Chair, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	 Inspector Caledon OPP	 Chief Peel Regional Police
 Vice-President Brampton Safe City Association	 Director Mississauga Crime Prevention	 CEO United Way	

Economic Advantages

The Canadian Council of Social Development believe that by investing in youth and providing them with positive life experiences, harms and costs of crime and victimization may be avoided. Economic advantages will follow once strategic crime prevention is implemented. According to researchers, "Social interventions can yield positive measurable benefits within three years with reductions in crime of 25%-50% within 10 years". A program like Crossroads Youth Academy can be a vital component to the social development of youth. In reference to the profile of Youth Justice Canada, developed by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Society has both the right to be protected from youth crime, as well as the responsibility to take responsible steps to prevent it.

Youth who feel valued and safe, see positive futures for themselves. (Review of the Roots of Youth Violence Report)



For more information

Safe City Mississauga is mandated to deliver crime prevention and community safety education, programs and projects that contribute to keeping Mississauga a community where people feel safe and secure as they live, work, learn and play.

Neighbourhood Watch

Counter-Act

Crossroads Youth Academy

Safest City Report

Crime Map - Online

Neighbours Night Out

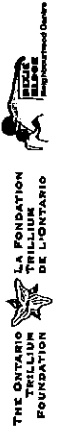
Neighbourhood Knights

Aspire



For more information on these programs or events - or if you would like to support activities of Safe City Mississauga, please call us at 905-615-6272, visit us on the web at www.safecitymississauga.on.ca, or by mail to 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C9.

CROSSROADS YOUTH ACADEMY PARTNERS



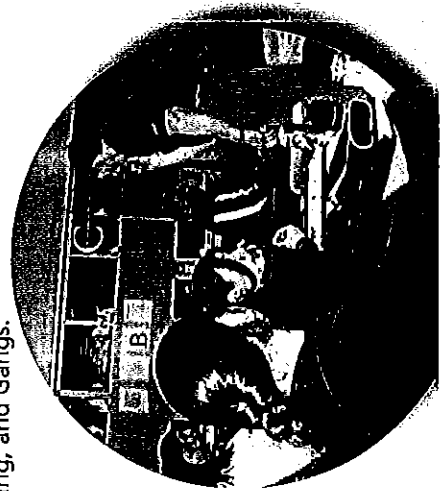
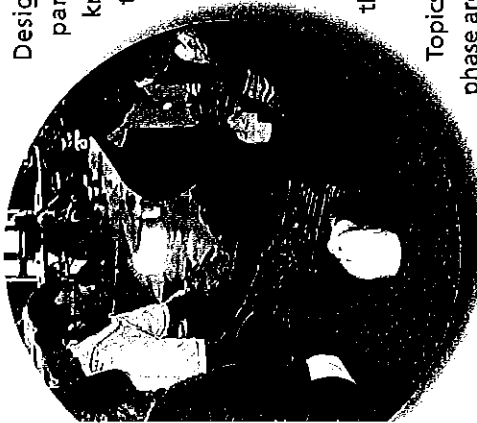
Empowering Youth

Since 2003, the Crossroads Youth Academy program has delivered crime prevention through social development activities targeted at Secondary School aged youth. Internationally recognized as the winner of the 2005 Best Community Crime Prevention Program (International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners) Crossroads Youth Academy motivates and empowers youth to avoid criminal activities, become informed about being a good citizen and gives them the knowledge to make healthy decisions when they find themselves at one of life's Crossroads.

Academy Phase

Designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to stay safe and avoid victimization, 8 weeks of in school training and educational presentations are delivered by expert trainers in their respective fields.

Topics covered during this phase are; The Basics of Crime Prevention, Personal Safety, Internet Safety & Cyberbullying, Drug Education, CPR Training, Youth Employment Awareness, Counterfeit Detection, Fraud, as well as Staying Safe & Avoiding Trouble which includes such topics as Street Racing, and Gangs.

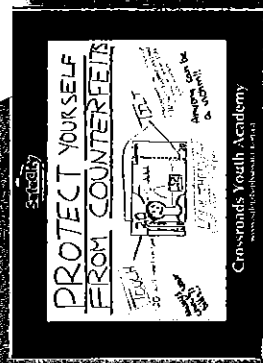
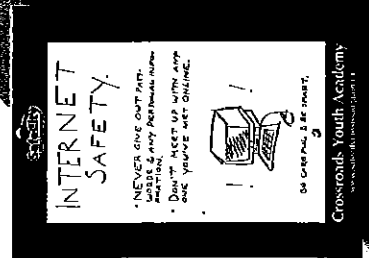


Service Phase

Following these educational presentations, participants select from two Service Project options;

- a) Educational Announcements to share with their school community over their PA system;
- b) Educational Posters focusing on a topic presented during the Academy Phase sessions posted within their school.

Taking on this Ambassador role allows these participants to educate and inform others about crime prevention and safety techniques learned while in the Academy Phase not only within their school, but also in the community. Announcements are also displayed on the Safe City Mississauga website, and Educational Posters are displayed throughout the Mississauga community.



Benefits of the Crossroads Youth Academy



- Welcome youth as active partners in efforts to improve the community
- Reduce crime among a highly victimized population
- Promote safer schools
- Change the negative image of teenagers held by many citizens and thus encourage responsible accountable behaviour
- Build channels of communication between youth and community institutions such as law enforcement, schools and government
- Teach youth the skills needed to survive and succeed in the world
- Provide the opportunity for youth to earn community service hours
- Certificate of Accomplishment for Crossroads Youth Academy graduates
- Alumni Association for Crossroads Youth Academy graduates

programs



Updates

News Flash!

CRIME PREVENTION

Public Safety Canada's National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) is responsible for implementing the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS). Our work provides national leadership on effective and cost-effective ways to prevent and reduce crime by intervening on the risk factors before crime happens. Our approach is to promote the implementation of effective crime prevention practices... [Click here to read more](#).

TOOLS TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE RISK OF OFFENDING AMONG YOUTH

[Click here to read more.](#)

Citizenship



Safe City Mississauga welcomes newcomers and their families to [visit our website](#) and view pictures taken at the Citizenship Ceremony.

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Mandate

The ideas that define the mission of SCM

Our Mandate

The Safe City Mississauga is mandated to provide programs, services, and information that contribute to the reduction of crime in Mississauga and which help residents and visitors feel safe and secure.



Our Operating Principles

- That everyone has the responsibility to protect himself/herself against being a victim of crime; when provided with proper training and information, individuals will take steps to protect themselves against being victimized
- That ongoing two-way communication with our stakeholders/customers will ensure the continuing relevance and effectiveness of our programs and services
- That crime prevention is everybody's business; that good citizenship means reporting suspicious activity to the police; that neighbours working together can achieve more than they otherwise would working alone; and that SCM must work cooperatively with other crime prevention organizations to fulfill our mandate
- That our programs, services and business processes must be reviewed regularly to keep them relevant and ensure continuous improvement

Vision Statement

Mississauga will be a crime-free city for all.

Mission Statement

Safe City Mississauga will lead and partner to deliver crime prevention services and initiatives for a safe city.

Safe City Mississauga Strategic Plan for 2011-2012



**Safe City
Mississauga**
CRIME PREVENTION

**STRATEGIC PLAN
2011-2012**

MISSION

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STRATEGIC GOALS

Effective Service Delivery

This Strategic Goal encompasses all that is required to ensure excellent delivery of meaningful crime prevention services and initiatives.

Recognized as a Leader in the Crime Prevention Sector

This Strategic Goal involves undertaking those actions that result in strengthening the organization's credibility, presence and strategic leadership position amongst its crime prevention peers and increasing the public's awareness of Safe City Mississauga.

Relevant & Adequate Research Capacity

This Strategic Goal requires the implementation of those actions that will enhance the organization's ability to make research and evidence-based decisions regarding programs and activities, as well as anticipate issues and trends requiring proactive leadership.

Relevant Measurement & Evaluation Framework

This Strategic Goal includes those actions that will set the foundation for ongoing continuous improvement, service/program evaluation and success measures, including a commonly understood evaluation & measurement framework amongst the Board and staff.

Strong, Capable Organization

This Strategic Goal encompasses the management and implementation of the processes and structures that will ensure that the organization is well-equipped at all levels to execute its mission.

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Crossroads Youth Academy

Providing youth with the skills to be a positive force in the community



Empowering Youth

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Crossroads Youth Academy is delivered in two phases

1. Academy Phase

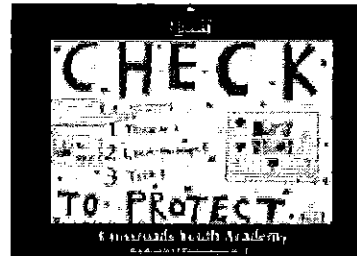
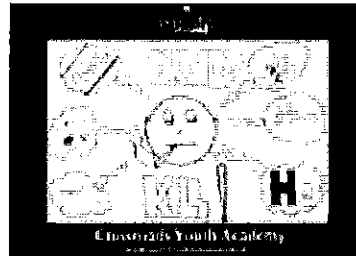
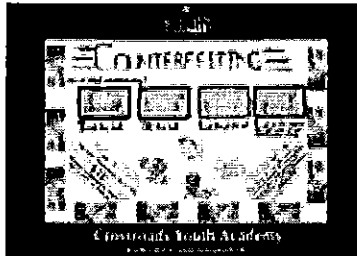
Designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to stay safe and avoid victimization, 6 core sessions and 2 compulsory sessions of in school training and educational presentations are delivered by expert trainers from Safe City Mississauga, Peel Regional Police, Bank of Canada and Peel Paramedics Association.

1. **Choices (Part One)** – The basics of crime prevention and personal safety
2. **Choices (Part Two)** – Staying safe and avoiding trouble including topics such as gangs and street racing
3. **Internet Safety and Cyberbullying**
4. **Drug Education**
5. **Counterfeit Detection and Fraud**
6. **Healthy Relationships** – Dating abuse and domestic abuse
7. **Optional CPR Training**
8. **Optional Personal Safety and Self Defence**

2. Service Phase

Following the educational presentations, participants select one of the following Service Phase options:

1. **Educational Announcements** – To share with their school community over their PA system
2. **Educational Posters** – Focusing on a topic presented during the Academy Phase sessions
3. **Students pick a creative project of their own** – Including game boards, presentations, skits, etc.



Taking on this Ambassador role allows these participants to educate and inform others about crime prevention and safety techniques learned while in the Academy Phase not only within their school, but also in the community. Service Phase projects are displayed on the Safe City Mississauga website and throughout the Mississauga community.

Testimonials

"It is a wonderful program on many fronts. The material covered and the knowledge and experience they gain is extremely valuable for the students, school community and the greater community." – Suzann Verhoeven, Father Michael Goetz Secondary School Teacher

"This program helps all students, the doers and the observers, to see that everyone is responsible for each other and to keep each other safe! Knowing the facts, the consequences and the opportunities for change will contribute to less crime, more involvement and greater accountability. We need this for our youth of today who think one person can't make a difference. One person can!" – Sue Dunn-Eckstein, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School Teacher

"The program continues to enable our students to learn real life skills that make them more aware of how to be active and safe members of their community. The information and resources they are presented with are invaluable. The program reinforces common sense with informed members of society. Students really enjoy the program!" – Cynthia Souter, West Credit Secondary School Teacher

Leadership Excellence Program: How to Lead

Hosted by MYLC and Presented by Case Point

Sunday, November 7th, 2010

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Mississauga Central Library, CL3

301 Burnhathorpe Road West, Mississauga, ON L5B 3Y3

Register at www.mylc.ca

\$20 Fee, payable online. Participants will receive a leadership assessment, Ivey case materials, and a certificate.

Do you know what kind of leader you are? Discover your leadership style and how you can improve your critical thinking, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills to become a successful leader.

case point



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Workshop 1 - A Pact to Act

Did you know that taking an active role in your community isn't just part of your duty as a global citizen, but is also your duty as a Muslim? Realize your obligations and come make a pact to act during this engaging workshop.

Workshop 2 - The Inner Battle

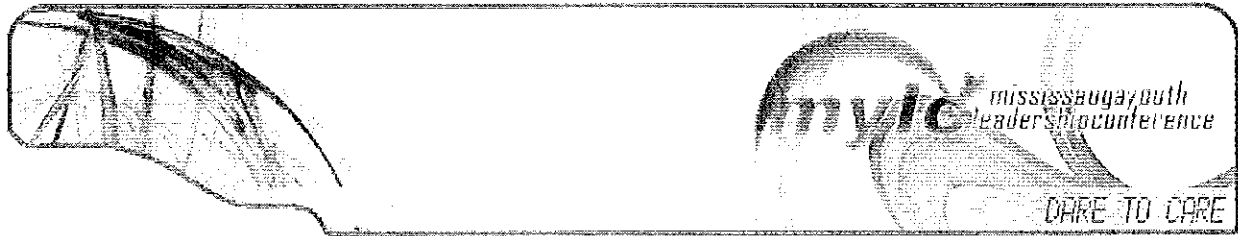
Facing your inner voices can often be the hard thing to overcome. We all have our own heart of darkness and in order to become successful individuals, we have to learn to fight these battles. Learn tricks on how to eliminate one of the most prevalent of inner battles, and take the first steps towards change.

Workshop 3 - Don't Suffer in Silence

Ever felt the pressure to conform? Have you seen someone being discriminated against and didn't know what to do about it? In this interactive session you will be able to devise creative ways to face situations of discrimination, so you won't ever have to suffer in silence again.

Workshop 4 - Weapons of Youth Destruction

How often do we hear instances of troubled youth, but merely turn a blind eye to the situation. Drugs. Guns. Violence. These "big three" are becoming an increasing issue in today's world, sadly even when dealing with young Muslims. Let's eradicate these weapons of youth destruction and return to civilization.



» » www.mylc.ca

Speaker Biographies

Abdul Basit Khan

Abdul Basit Khan is currently the Chair of CAIR-CAN and an active member of the Muslim community. He is an Associate (Toronto Office) for Blakes Cassels and Graydon LLP.

Ali Shayan

A Muslim Students' Association and youth activist, currently residing in Montreal, Quebec with his family. Ali Shayan has had the privilege of conducting many workshops and partaking in many events, including the highly popular youth-led MYNA session at the ISNA Conference.

Dr. Yaser Haddara

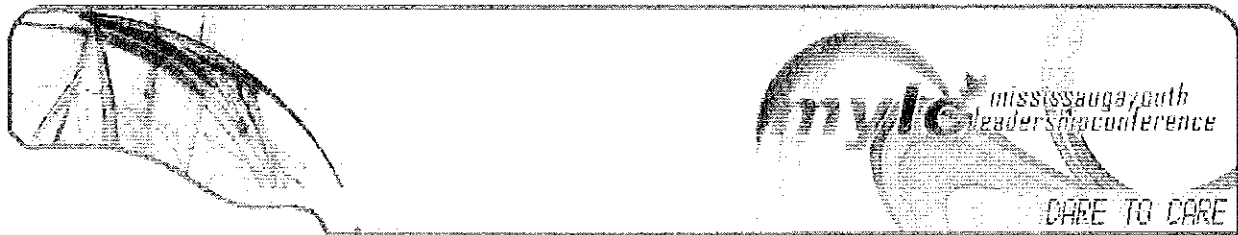
Dr. Yaser Haddara is an engineering professor at McMaster University, and a very committed Muslim, Ma'sAllaah. He has spoken at many instances and events both for Muslims and non-Muslims. He is also currently the EC executive for Youth Department for Muslim Association of Canada.

Nariman Abu Abed

Nariman Abu Abed is a highschool teacher at Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School and their MSA staff sponsor. She recently graduated from York University with her BA and B.Ed. Nariman is a very active Muslim Ma'sAllaah and is the vice president at her local community centre. This is Nariman's first year with MYLC and Insh'Allah it won't be the last!

Hazrat Ghafur

Hazrat Ghafur graduated from York University in 1998. He served as the MSA President at York and was also a very active member of the York Student Federation. Hazrat worked with IMB Canada for several years, before returning to attend the



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Case Study 1:

Violence and Anger- Controlling it rather preventing it.

Omar is a Muslim teen, attending high school and is involved in gangs. He recently chose to step away and started attending the Masjid. Presently, he takes a course of anger management and volunteers to discourage other youths involved in violence from this self destructive path.

He's not left alone. Opposing gang members try to harass him, knowing his past. They fear he may "snitch" on them. One day in school, they ganged up on him so as to beat him. He gets a good licking. He is angry and writhing in physical and emotional pain.

He comes to you as a teacher/ a peer and seeks advice as to how he should handle this situation. He's infused at his enemies violent reactions.

Yet, he's worried about doing the right thing and tries to fear Allah. He fears for his life too.

What should he do? How should he approach the situation? How can he get out of this safely and yet remain true to his intentions?



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Case Study 2:

Dealing With Discrimination

Directions: In Groups of 5-6 choose ONLY ONE (1) of the following case studies. In the time allotted, decide a course of action. You may present this decision as a poem, a skit, a formal spoken answer, or any other creative way. You will have 2-4 minutes for your presentation. Please refer to the assessment rubric *before* you begin.

Case Study # 1: The Vice-Principal approaches the MSA Executive and declares that religion has no place in the public system. Effective immediately any and all religious activity will be banned in the school - this includes the Friday Prayer.

Case Study # 2: The school newspaper dedicates an entire issue to the topic of "free speech" and "freedom of the press." In the next issue, the school newspaper prints 3 of the defaming cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). Apparently, the newspaper editor received support and permission from the Head of the English department.

Case Study # 3: In light of recent global controversies, the MSA at your school decides to hold an Islam Awareness Week. During this week a group of non-Muslim students decide to hold a silent protest by wearing T-Shirts with slogans such as "Islam Teaches Terrorism" and "The Prophet of Islam was a Pedophile." What do you do?

Case Study # 4: A non-Muslim student in your school gets in trouble by the Principal of the school and is suspended for 3 days for wearing a T-Shirt that says, "Free Palestine" on one side and "End the Illegal Occupation" on the other side. He also is wearing a hat with the Palestinian Flag as the logo.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Red After-School Program allow: High School Program	2 Photography 3:30-5:30 Life Skills 5:00-6:00pm	3 Music Learn Rhythm and Make Beats 3:30-5:30pm	4 Basketball Dance Learn a variety of different dance moves and a final choreographed dance 3:30-5:30pm	5 Art 3:30-4:30pm Social Skills Learn valuable life skills 4:30-5:30pm	6 Basketball Movie Night & Popcorn! Come for a night of relaxation with a fun and educational movie 3:00-5:30pm	7 Leadership Leaders In Training (LIT) 9:00am-12:00pm Mentoring 12:00pm-1:00pm
8 Mother's Day	9 Photography 3:30-5:30 Life Skills 5:00-6:00pm	10 Music 3:30-5:30pm	11 Basketball and Dance 3:30-5:30pm	12 Art 3:30-4:30pm Social Skills 4:30-5:30pm	13 Basketball, Movie Night & Popcorn! 3:00-5:30pm	14 Leadership Leaders In Training (LIT) 9:00am-12:00pm Mentoring 12:00pm-1:00pm
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CPTED

The Mississauga CPTED Advisory Committee

The Mississauga CPTED Advisory Committee was formed in 1996, under the auspices of the City's Planning and Building Department. Its mandate is to create a sense of a safe community for the citizens of Mississauga by utilizing CPTED techniques to reduce the fear and incidence of crime as well as improve the quality of life.

The Committee includes Representatives from:

Corporate Services

- » Corporate Security
- » Security Operations
- » Security Systems
- » Facilities Planning & Development

Community Services

- » Recreation & Parks
- » Park Development
- » Planning & Development & Business Services
- » Facilities & Property Management

Transportation & Works

- » Compliance & Licensing Enforcement
- SafeCity Mississauga**

Planning & Building

- » Urban Design

The Committee provides a forum for the identification and resolution of CPTED related issues and problems using an inter-disciplinary approach to problem solving.

FEATURED ARTICLES**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles**

The purpose of this document is to encourage the adoption and application of CPTED principles and strategies by setting out the CPTED criteria by which all applications will be judged.

**CPTED Policies**

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**Introduction and Objectives**

The Objective is to plan for a safer Mississauga


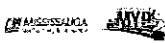
**Design Strategies**

There are three overlapping CPTED design strategies: Natural access control, Natural surveillance and Territorial reinforcement.

CPTED News

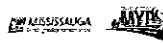
Working With Youth Effectively

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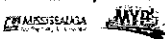
Training Objectives

- Understand the background & purpose of the Mississauga Youth Plan
- Challenge perceptions and the stereotypes associated with youth
- Learn how to interact with youth positively in our facilities (proactively & reactively)







What's Happening ...

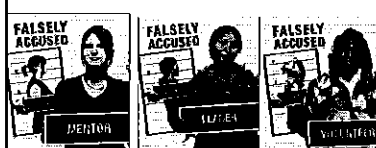

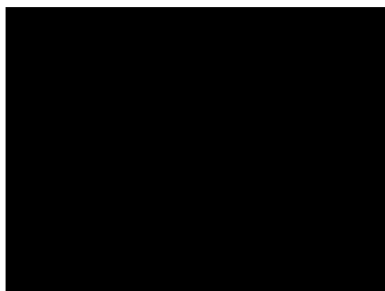
- In Rec & Parks
 - new drop-in programs
 - new youth events
 - Neighbourhood Youth Advisory Committees
- City-wide
 - changes to transit (fees, routes, etc)
 - training for all city staff (ie library, security, transit)
 - looking at ways to make the city more youth friendly (ie parks, entertainment opportunities, etc)
- And Most Importantly...
 - we are changing the culture and the way we work with youth in our City!



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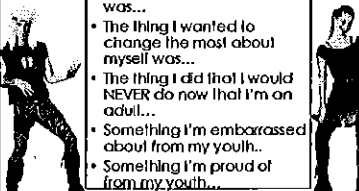




Falsely Accused

Remember When...



- My favourite kind of music was...
- The thing I wanted to change the most about myself was...
- The thing I did that I would NEVER do now that I'm an adult...
- Something I'm embarrassed about from my youth...
- Something I'm proud of from my youth...



Youth Today

A youth's nature:

1. Figuring out their identity
2. Taking risks
3. Peer Associations

Test Your Urban IQ

1. When a youth is "iced out" it means:

- a) They're high on drugs
- b) They're wearing a lot of Jewellery
- c) They're going to a fun skate at Iceland
- d) They're skipping school

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Test Your Urban IQ

2. If a youth says they're "dealing", it means they're:

- a) Selling drugs
- b) Coping with a difficult situation
- c) Daring
- d) Playing black Jack

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Test Your Urban IQ

3. "You're so ball"

- a) You're a loser
- b) You smell (like fish)
- c) You're a tallie tale
- d) You look good

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Test Your Urban IQ

4. "My mom's always on my case because I'm slabb'n"

- a) I'm high
- b) I'm sleeping
- c) I'm lazy
- d) My pants are hangin' low

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Test Your Urban IQ

5. Have you seen Mark, homeboy's 'ale-up'

- a) Really busy
- b) Hungry
- c) Acting angry/ upset
- d) Lifting weights, looking more muscular

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Test Your Urban IQ

6. "I can't believe Suzy, she's totally flossin'"

- a) Flossing her teeth in public
- b) Showing off
- c) Hitting on someone else's boyfriend
- d) Overly excited

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Test Your Urban IQ

7. If a youth says "I'm holdin' sleep" what does that mean?

- a) They are selling drugs
- b) They have a weapon
- c) They are staying out late
- d) They are sleeping in

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Why We Want Youth Around...

- They're enthusiastic and energetic, it creates excitement and activity in our centres!
- The youth who hang around our centres, often end up being our staff!
- They are our customers and have every right to be there
- We're keeping them active and engaged in their community - important for healthy development
- If they're not in our building, they may be doing something worse outside of our building!
- We were all youth at one time and needed a safe place to hang out!

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Create a Youth Friendly Environment

- Be warm & welcoming
- Connect (Smile, say HI, ask for their input...)
- Make sure youth can access the building (ie allow them to hang out)
- Make it a comfortable place to be - tables, chairs, youth-type equip (ie foosball tables)
- Respect youth as individuals and don't expect them to conform to adult culture
- Allow youth to get involved and help out!



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Talking to Youth...

- Show them **RESPECT** and they will be more likely to give it back
- It's not **WHAT** you say, but **HOW** you say it
- If you have to ask them to stop doing something, explain the **WHY**
- Be **AUTHENTIC** – don't pretend to be something you're not
- Treat them like a **CUSTOMER** in our building

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"OK" or "No Way"?

A group of 15 youth are in the lobby, no apparent purpose for being there and are getting loud, with the occasional profanity....

Ok or No Way?
What do you do?

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"OK" or "No Way"?

The after school bell rings and as the youth are coming into the building, a couple of them are bouncing basketballs and riding their skateboards...

Ok or No Way?
What do you do?

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"OK" or "No Way"?

The Wal-Mart At Play program is going on and a couple of kids seem to be going in and out frequently (ie for bathrooms, vending machine, phone calls)...

Ok or No Way?
What do you do?

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"OK" or "No Way"?

As you're walking through the lobby you notice a teenager kicking the vending machine in an attempt to get the bag of chips he paid for un-stuck....

Ok or No Way?
What do you do?

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"OK" or "No Way"?

The lobby is busy with activity after school, then suddenly 50 youth clear out to the back of the building...

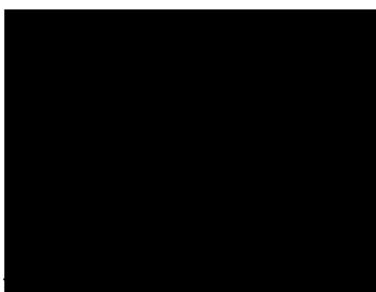
Ok or No Way?
What do you do?

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"OK" or "No Way"?

1. In your groups, share an example of an actual scenario you have experienced with youth, how you responded and what would you do differently.
2. Choose one rep to share with the large group.

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Closing thoughts



"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
-Gandhi

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Corporate Policy and Procedure



Providers of goods and services may require a person with a disability to be accompanied by a Support Person if it is the only means available to allow the person to access their goods or services and, at the same time, protect the health and/or safety of the person with a disability or others on the premises.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY DISRUPTIONS

If there is a temporary disruption in facilities or services in whole or in part, notice of the disruption must be provided to the public in a timely manner.

Notice of the disruption must include information about the reason for the disruption, its anticipated duration and a description of alternative facilities or services, if any, that are available.

Notice will be given by posting the information at a conspicuous place on the premises (on doors, at service counters, on bulletin boards, etc.), by posting it on the City's website, or by such other method as is reasonable in the circumstances.

TRAINING

The following persons shall receive training about the provision of goods or services to persons with disabilities:

- Every person who deals with members of the public or other third parties on behalf of the City, whether the person does so as an employee, agent, volunteer or otherwise.
- Every person who participates in developing policies, practices and procedures governing the provision of goods or services to members of the public or other third parties.

The training must include a review of the purposes of the Act and the requirements of the Regulation and instruction about the following matters:

- How to interact and communicate with persons with various types of disability.
- How to interact with persons with disabilities who use an

Working With Youth



YOURSELF

be your authentic self

OVERCOME

overcome fears, misconceptions & stereotypes

UNDERSTAND

try to understand where they are coming from

TREAT W/ **R**ESPECT

treat youth how you would want to be treated

HELP

help them out like you would any other customer





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The Youth Week Committee

Role

The Youth Week Committee (YWC) is a sub-committee of MYAC that is co-chaired by the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. This committee will organize one of MYAC's largest endeavours: Mississauga's Youth Week 2011. This is an annual week-long mosaic of Mississauga's spirit of

And they'll tell two friends...

Can a small handful of people change their world with a bit of passion and a whole lot of enthusiasm?

Sounds almost impossible. But not in southwest Mississauga.

The seed for the Clarkson Community at Peace initiative in the Clarkson community of schools was planted by one parent's concern over traffic and safety issues at a single school - Willow Glen Public.

That concern turned into a program - Walking Wednesdays - which was coordinated by the school and Peel Public Health. And it included a big advocacy push to the community from the school council.

Pretty soon, the traffic safety issues around Willow Glen began to disappear. The school then added Peel Public Health's P.A.L.S. Playground Activity Leaders in Schools program to the mix to increase physical activity, promote leadership and reduce bullying. And the students were soon safer, healthier and - best of all - more engaged in the classroom.

Excited by the results they saw, the parents, school staff and Peel Public Health started looking at ways to reach beyond their school into the larger community. After all, the kids from Willow Glen interacted often and were friends with children from other area schools.

It made sense.

Peel Public Health introduced the idea of a community-wide peace initiative to the staff and the school council at Willow Glen - and they took it to the next step.

They talked to a few parents here and a few more there - even community agencies, settlement workers and other interested community members, too.

It was an easy sell - who wouldn't want a safe and supportive environment for their kids?

Pretty soon, a Steering Committee was struck for the entire community of schools, including Willow Glen, Hillside Middle, Elmcrest, Clarkson Secondary, St. Louis and St. Helen's. Together with Peel Public Health, they started to look at issues and concerns within their schools and the community. And they've started to work together to develop the right kind of supports and services for their neighbourhoods, too.

It's safe to say their vision and drive is starting to galvanize the community. A Parent Resource Library was launched at Elmcrest in June 2008. Peel Public Health's P.A.L.S. program was introduced in several of the schools. Newcomer supports are being established. And after-school programs for children and youth have been set up at the Clarkson Community Centre and Library.

The children of the Clarkson community now have a much safer place to learn, play and achieve. And they're becoming strong leaders and even better citizens.

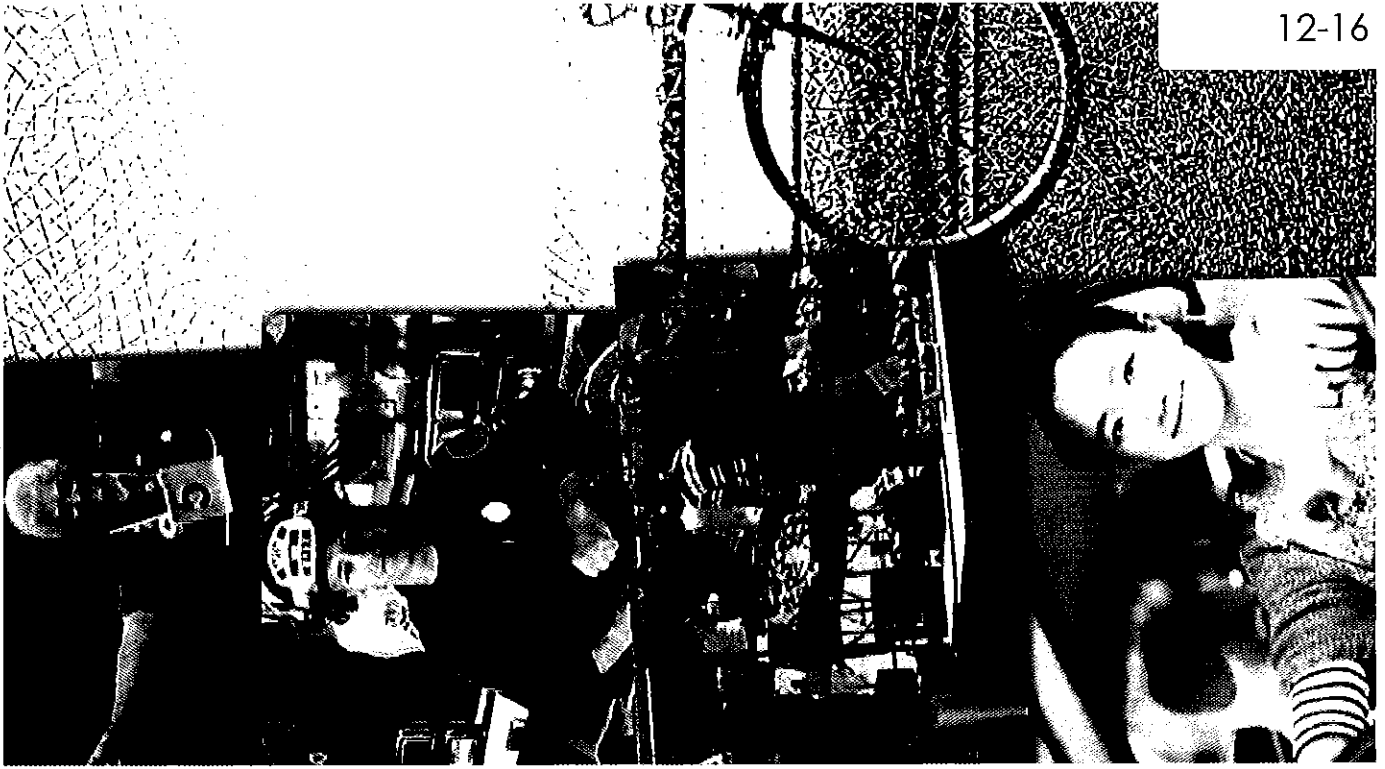
It all started because a few strong parents took the time. And they reached out to a few more. And then to the community.

And so on.



"Peel Public Health supplied resources, time, energy, ideas...and worked really hard as a team...to put together a program that really worked for our school community."

Stephanie Wynham, Parent Council Chair (2007), Willow Glen Public School



SAFETY **MISSISSAUGA IS A SAFE COMMUNITY** **IN WHICH TO LIVE.**

Mississauga has been recognized as Canada's safest city in which to live for the past 8 years in a row as documented in a national study based on crime statistics from major cities across the country.¹

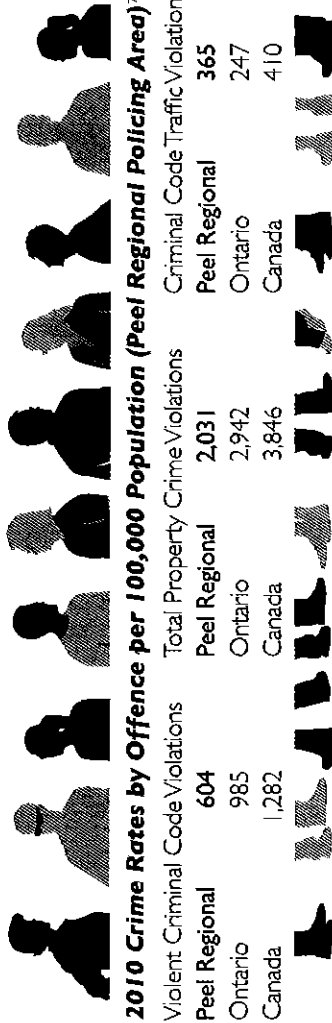
Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services reported that in the year ending 2009 they attended 26,981 incidents which is a 5.0 percent increase over 2005. In the same time period, false alarms dropped 9.8 percent but carbon monoxide detector calls increased by 55.1 percent.²

The Overall Crime Severity Index has been steadily decreasing in Peel, which includes Mississauga, since 1998.³

In 2010, the Overall Crime Severity Index in our area was 51.85, lower than both the provincial figures of 65.04 and the national figure of 82.71.⁴

In 2010, Criminal Code Traffic Violations and Motor Vehicle Theft Rates, in our area, were higher than the provincial rates but lower than the national rates.⁵

Although, property crime violations in the Peel Regional Policing Area are 2,031 per 100,000 population, they remain lower than the provincial rate of 2,942 per 100,000 population and the national rate of 3,846 per 100,000 population.⁶



2010 Crime Rates by Offence per 100,000 Population (Peel Regional Policing Area)⁷

Vital things you can do:

- ✓ Set up or join a Neighbourhood Watch program
- ✓ Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly
- ✓ Make sure that you have a family emergency plan in case of a fire or other major event
- ✓ Take a life-saving course

Mississauga's Vital Signs

FAST FACTS ABOUT VITAL SIGNS



An Overview of Vital Signs®

Vital Signs is an annual community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our cities, identifies significant trends, and assigns grades in at least ten areas critical to quality of life. Vital Signs is based on a project of the Toronto Community Foundation and is coordinated nationally by Community Foundations of Canada. Each city's report card data is a compilation of numerous research sources, much of it local, that help communities make connections between issues and trends in different areas. The findings are presented in a reader friendly format to make them as accessible as possible.

Community foundations are well-suited to this kind of work because of the broad role we play in our communities. Community foundations work with a wide range of community groups - not just one charity or sector. This gives us a comprehensive view of local issues and the ability to make connections between various needs and issues.

Measuring the vitality of our city in critical areas will help our community foundation:

- Increase the effectiveness of our grantmaking
- Better inform our donors about issues and opportunities in the community
- Assist us in making connections between individuals and groups to address those issues

Each community chooses its own indicators, but every year there are a set of common issue areas and core indicators that all foundations include in their reports and upon which Community Foundations of Canada bases its national report.

Vital Signs indicators used in the reports will be grouped into the following ten (10) issue areas:

- Gap Between Rich and Poor;
- Safety;
- Health & Wellness;
- Learning;
- Housing;
- Getting Started in Our Community;
- Arts & Culture;
- Environment;
- Work;
- Belonging and Leadership.

Fast Facts

The 2011 Vital Signs reports will be released on October 4, 2011

The name Vital Signs is a registered trademark in Canada administered by Community Foundations of Canada (CFC).

Information used in Vital Signs reports is collected from credible sources and represented accurately and in an unbiased fashion.

21 community foundations across Canada are participating in Vital Signs in 2011.

The web site address for the national Vital Signs program is www.vitalsignscanada.ca

Vital Signs adds value to other indicator initiatives by collating a broad range of community specific data, presenting information in an accessible format and ensuring local trends are tracked at a national level.

Mississauga's Vital Signs is being funded by the Pendle Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga and AstraZeneca Canada.



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MISSISSAUGA'S VITAL SIGNS AN INTRODUCTION

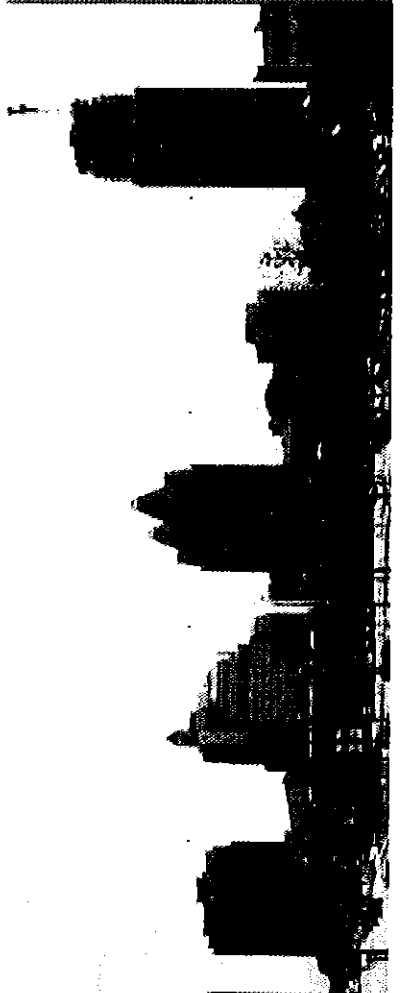
Mississauga is the sixth largest city in Canada and it is the largest of the three cities that make up the Region of Peel. Incorporated in 1974, the eight communities of Clarkson, Cooksville, Dixie, Erindale, Malton, Meadowvale Village, Port Credit and Streetsville were amalgamated to form the City of Mississauga. Each village has a unique history, which collectively defines the rich and diverse development of our city!

In 2006, Mississauga was home to 668,549 people,¹ an increase of 9.1 percent from 2001 (612,925). Mississauga represented 13.1 percent of the total population of the Toronto CMA in 2006. Today, Mississauga continues to grow. Based on the 2006 census the estimated population in 2010 was over 730,000 people.²

A key driver in the growth of Mississauga is immigration. In 2006, the foreign-born population of Mississauga was 343,250 persons, which represented 51.6 percent of the total population, an increase of 4.8 percent in the proportion of foreign-born residents from 46.8 percent in 2001.

Mississauga has a higher proportion of foreign-born persons compared to the provincial (28.3 percent) or national proportions (19.8 percent). Mississauga's diversity reflects a vibrant community life where cultures from all over the world celebrate their differences and share their talents on the city's arts and cultural scene. A leading cultural event is the Carassauga Festival, an important annual festival in Mississauga's calendar. Its popularity has steadily increased making it the largest multicultural festival in Ontario. The Carassauga Festival is now the second largest cultural festival in Canada based on the number of people attending the festival and its diverse ethnic representation.³

Mississauga's population is also relatively young and healthy, but like the rest of the country, the city's population is aging. The percentage of youth in the population from the Peel Census Division, which includes Mississauga, was 19.4 percent in 2010. Although down 2.3 percentage points from 21.7 percent in 2001, our percentage of youth is higher than the provincial (18.0 percent) and national (17.7 percent) rates.⁴ Conversely, the proportion of seniors aged 65 and older, living in Peel, was 9.9 percent in 2010, up 2.2 percentage points from 2006.⁵



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Vandalism is no laughing matter, and the Neighbourhood Knights are ALWAYS watching...

Hey, lets spray paint something on that wall!

Look like we got our graffiti made out of...

Hey Guys! what do you think?

Pretty cool huh?

YIKES!





We'll have to work hard to make the world
a better place for everyone.

On the contrary, my good Knights...

We're just getting started!

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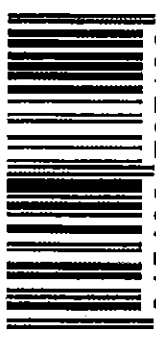
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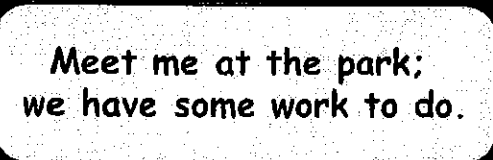
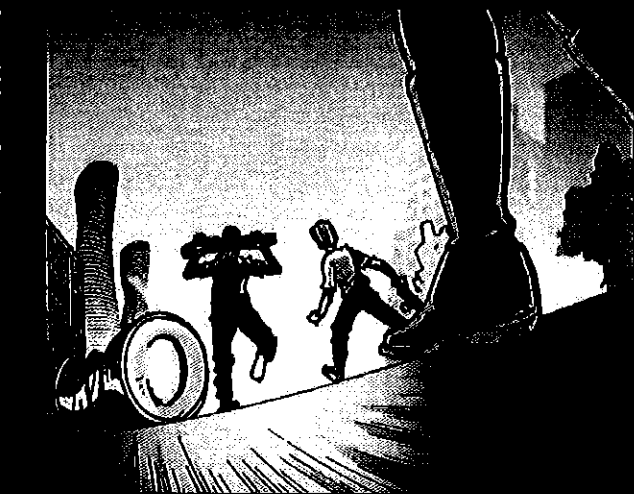
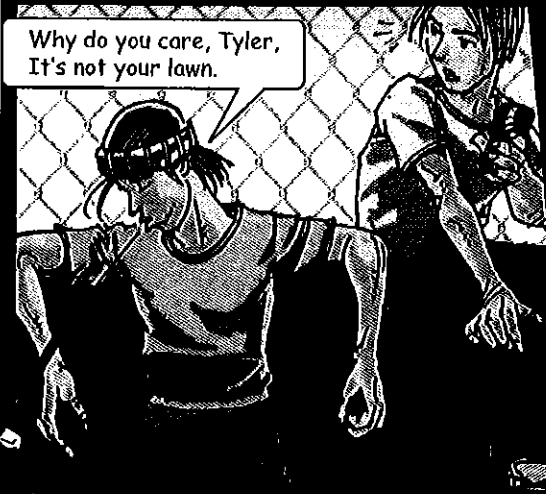
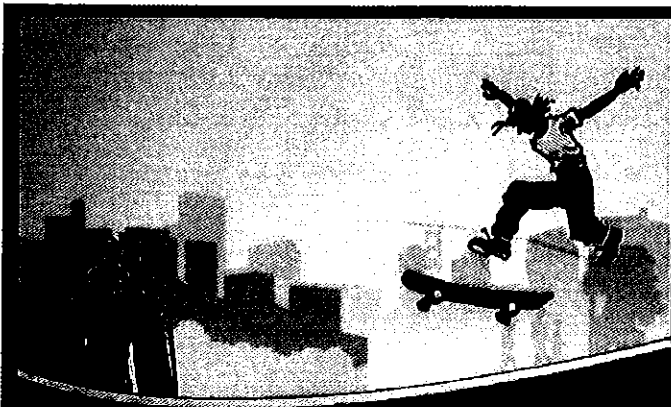
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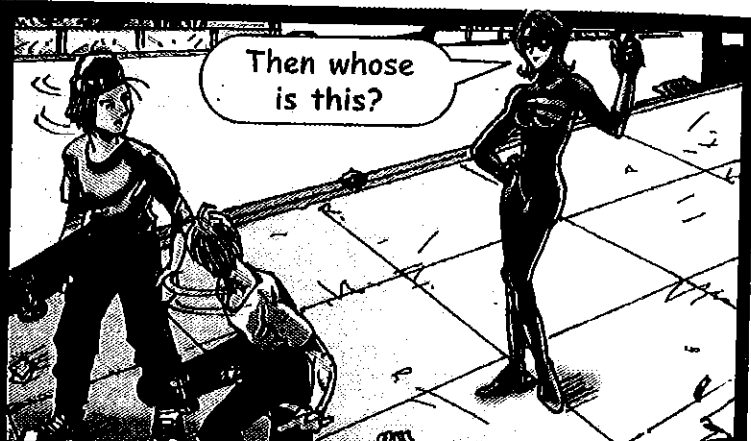


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Why are you stopping us,
we didn't do anything wrong!



Then whose
is this?



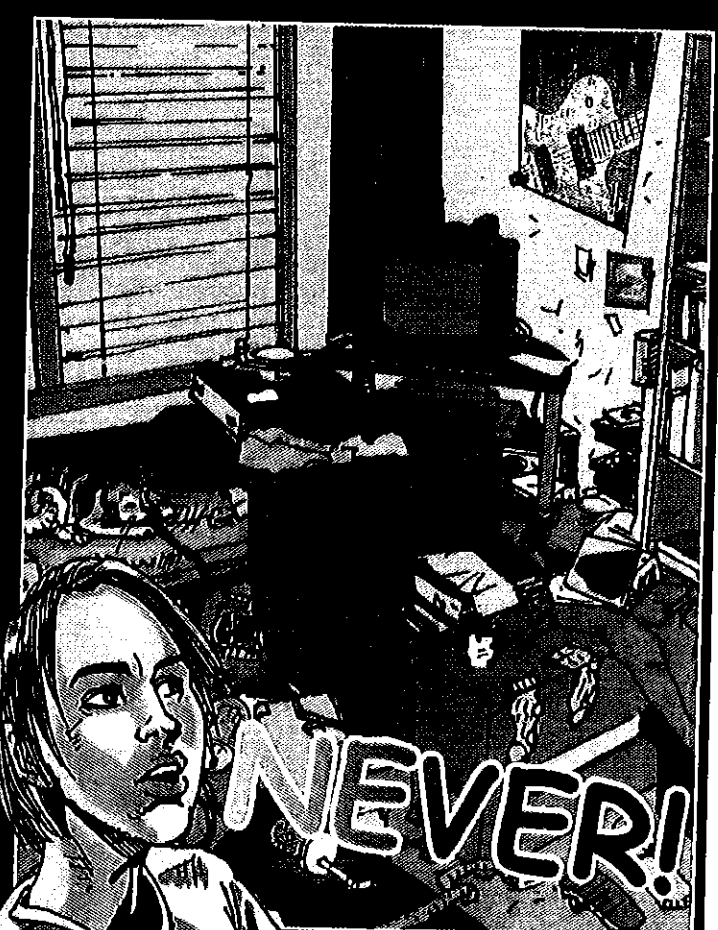
Littering is no laughing matter.
This space belongs to everyone,
and you should treat it that way.
Be proud of your community and
treat it with respect!



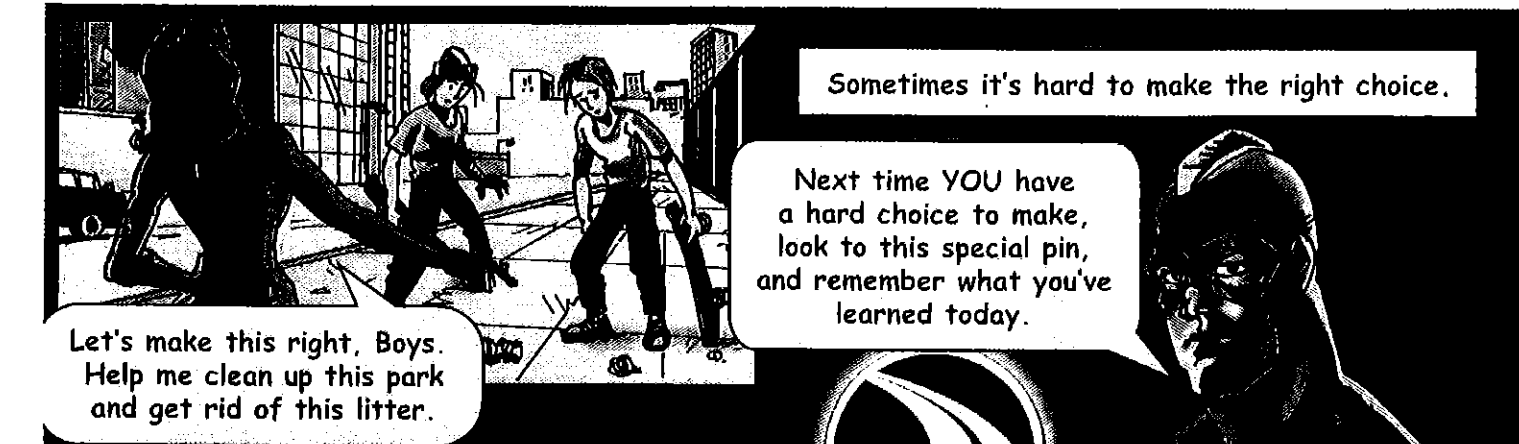
You wouldn't litter
at home,
would you?



NO!




NEVER!




Sometimes it's hard to make the right choice.

Next time YOU have a hard choice to make, look to this special pin, and remember what you've learned today.

Let's make this right, Boys. Help me clean up this park and get rid of this litter.



John and Tyler went on to organize litter clean-ups for their entire school, and have found the power within themselves to be heroes.



Thank you Neighbourhood Knights,

Is it within you??

We won't make that mistake again.