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Winter Colloquium Series 2013



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Toward Healthy Welcoming Communities: Newcomer Youth and Parents Speak Out

Youth Advisory Group was formed and assisted with the development of research questions and data collection. It was decided that experiences of youth in South London in relation to school, home and community, including both positive and negative, would be sought. Experiences of parents of newcomer youth were also obtained. Separate focus groups were held with youth and parents in June, and in November 2012 youth and parents met together to identify priorities for action. A total of 42 parents attended the first meeting including men and women, aged 38-49 with 1-5 children from Columbia, Guatemala, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya and UAE. The youth participants were male and female, 15-17 years in grades 9-12 from Singapore, Syria, Columbia and Iraq. Youth and parents placed equal importance on issues at school, home and in the community. They identified the need for more cultural awareness by teachers and opportunities to interact within and across cultures in school. At home, they wanted more opportunities to converse with parents about how they were doing in school and the community. They also wanted to learn more about how to promote harmonious relationships between youth and parents within newcomer families. In the community, the most important issues were need for more organized sports teams for youth and more opportunities for education and support for parenting newcomer youth.

Thursday, March 21 2013

4:00 pm - SSC 5220

Refreshments 3:30pm – SSC 5230

All Welcome !

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