

Inner City Youth: Fresh Perspectives

A photography exhibit by Pathways to Education students

Over the past few months 30 inner city youth in Regent Park, Rexdale and Lawrence Heights have worked to create photographic images representing their communities in the ways *they* want to be seen. Working with artists and advocates Sheena D. Robertson (Whimsical Productions), and Victor Gomez (Winged Centaurus), these amazing, bright, and dynamic young people have used their photography as a creative opportunity to tell the world what they would like us to know about *who* they are, rather than remain cloaked in the shadow of the typical inner city stereotypes.

The images communicate much - they are beautiful, touching, and emotional. The photographs created by these young people are accompanied by an 'audio-symphony' of their voices, and beautiful portraits of the youth involved. This moving exhibit is a *must see*, and a real opportunity to create connections between communities, and to join in an interesting discourse about the city we live in.

This exhibit has been sponsored by public funder, The Ontario Arts Council, Pikto, a private business, and Pathways to Education, a charitable foundation.

Witness the importance of the arts!

Join us!

Reception: 6:00-8:00 Thursday, October 16, 2008

Exhibit: October 16, and 17th 9am-9pm

Location: The Rotunda
Metro Hall
55 John St.

Pathways to Education Canada is a charitable foundation created to reduce poverty and its effects by lowering the dropout rate and increasing access to post-secondary education among disadvantaged youth in Canada. Pathways was developed by the Regent Park Community Health Centre which launched the initial program in Regent Park in Toronto in 2001 and now operates in six communities, with programs in Toronto (Regent Park, Lawrence Heights, and Jamestown), as well as Kitchener, Ottawa and Montreal. For additional information please visit: www.pathwaystoeducation.ca

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