



Class Action: Rights Here, Rights Now!

Youth Conference Registration Package

Monday, November 16 2009 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Louis Riel School Division Arts & Technology Centre

5 du Bourmount Avenue – Winnipeg, MB

Registrations must be received by fax/email by Friday, October 30, 2009.

Space is limited, so please register early.

The **Class Action: Rights Here, Rights Now!** Conference is an exciting continuation of the work the Manitoba Human Rights Commission (MHRC) and schools engage in year after year!

The MHRC is aware, encouraged and excited about the positive impact that schools are making across the province.

This year the MHRC is going to give you even more tools to help you and your students promote human rights in your schools and your community!

Students in grades 10 - 12 will gather and participate in workshops led by staff of the MHRC and guests. This is our most interactive conference to date!

These workshops deal with human rights issues of interest to youth. Each school can register up to six students and one or two supervisors.

The conference takes place from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with students and supervisors confirming registration between 8:15 – 8:55 a.m.

In addition to our Human Rights Youth Conferences, the MHRC is thrilled to announce its latest online youth initiative: Manitoba Class Action!

www.manitobaclassaction.com will be THE website to check out weekly for interesting videos, projects, and social networking ideas regarding human rights.

Using Stephen Hammond's book, *Steps in the Rights Direction*, relevant human rights issues will be introduced to students on a weekly basis, giving students and teachers something to think about... and act on!

How did Nellie McClung really impact women's rights today?
Are human rights advances still happening in Canada? In Manitoba?

This will be a perfect fit as a catalyst for teacher led class discussion and projects or for those students who are interested in human rights and want to initiate their own learning.

We'll give you the tools and new resources on a weekly basis.
There are countless ways this can be used in your class and by your students.



The Celebration continues, as Class Action: Rights Here, Rights Now! will be recognizing along with the international community the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 2009.

Celebrate this important advance in children's rights with us at the Class Action: Rights Here, Rights Now! Youth Conference.

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All *students* will have an opportunity to attend two of the following sessions.

BEYOND THE BUZZ

The news media shapes our lives in many ways. Turn on the TV or radio, open the paper or surf the web - all of these are mediums of the news media. Following the point of view and interest of certain groups, the medium can influence a message. Headlines may grab you and the message may seem obvious - but don't be fooled, look beyond the buzz and form your own opinion. This workshop will teach young people how to think, not what to think! Participate in discussion, analyze current news headlines and share your opinions.

Rights = Responsibilities

In Manitoba people are lucky to have their human rights protected at school, at work, and when accessing services... but what does that *really* mean? This seminar will give you a crash course on your rights in Manitoba, including what to do if you think your rights might have been violated. But be prepared, whenever you have rights, you also have responsibilities. You'll learn about those too!

Rights in JEOPARDY?

Are your human rights in jeopardy? Are they being protected in Manitoba? Are you protected? This game is no laughing matter! We've got the answers, but the question is... do YOU have the right question? This is Jeopardy!

WANTED: Interesting, Rewarding Career - the "Right" Way

Today, more than ever, people want to find work (paid or volunteer!) that reflect their personal values and beliefs. Are you one of today's youth who want to build a life path that helps others and protects and improves the human rights of people at home? In the global community? If so, this panel is for you! These guests will be able to tell you about how they developed or are developing their career paths - the "Right" way.

RIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! - all students will participate in this afternoon session

By the end of the afternoon, your school is going to have something to show for their day... something that they can take home and share with their student body!

We know youth care about human rights, not just their own, but also the rights of others. Here's your school's chance for your voices to be heard! Students, teachers, and MHRC staff will work together so that every school will create and their own human rights public service announcement. What does your school have to say? How are you going to say it? The possibilities are endless...so is how this PSA can be used after the conference. Show it to your school. Post it on your website. This is something that you can take back to your school and immediately put into Action. What are you waiting for?

These PSAs will be used on the MHRC website, school websites, and potentially other public forums.

*Release forms (signed by parent & student) will be **REQUIRED** for participation in this afternoon activity.*

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

(including postal code)

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Students (6 maximum): Please print clearly.

	Name of Student Each student needs to select <u>2</u> of the following Seminars.	Seminar Choices
	1. Beyond the Buzz 2. Rights = Responsibilities 3. Rights in JEOPARDY? 4. WANTED: Interesting, Rewarding Career on the "Rights" Path	
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***** CONSENT FORMS WILL BE SENT TO ALL SCHOOLS THAT REGISTER *****
A CONSENT SIGNED BY BOTH PARENT & STUDENT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AFTERNOON ACTIVITY.

Adult Responsible / Supervisor for group

Name	Work phone #	Work Email

Please specify any special or dietary needs for students or supervisors:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 30, 2009

Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis until event capacity has been reached.

Please return by fax to 204-945-1292.

Should you have any questions, please contact Beatrice Watson or Lorraine Lambert at 204-945-3007 or toll free 1-888-884-8681 or email

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