

Voices against Violence:

Youth Stories Create Change

Community-University Research Alliance 2,
London, ON
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Who We Are

Nine members:

Emanuela Bringi

Amanda Aziz

Jayson Tower

Michelle Brake

Keara Yim

Julia Tadman

Santiago Vargas

Kate Elliot

Gina Guppal

Two co-coordinators:

Alia Ael-Tayeb

Eugenia Canas

NYAB – recruitment and activities

-Recruitment strategies:

- project contacts and network
 - Girls Helping Girls project
 - relationships with researchers
 - participation in research groups

-Length of work contract:

- Two years, with opportunities to re-commit
- Respecting of school, personal and life interests
- Opting in and out: clear opportunities to re-evaluate

NYAB: Who and Why

-Range of interests/perspectives:

-political science, social policy, gender issues, equality, newcomer and refugee experiences, human rights.

-Role in the National team:

- brings experiences of youth
- advises project team
- voicesagainstviolence.ca

Santiago Vargas

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My name is Santiago Vargas. I live in London, Ontario, but I was originally born in Colombia. I immigrated to Canada when I was 16 years old and as a “newcomer” I enjoy working and volunteering in my community, especially with youth of different backgrounds and cultures.

When I heard about *Voices against Violence* I was very excited to finally have the opportunity to discuss

Terms of Reference

- 1) Always have respect for one another no matter the circumstances and regardless of our differences!
- 2) Personal information must stay confidential!
- 3) We want to always have a safe space- no discrimination, just pure acceptance!
- 4) Strive to accept one another for who we are, and look forward to learning great things from each other!

Lessons in National Youth Boards

-Assessing healthy engagement:

- cohesive group
- attendance and communication
- consensus-reaching
- adherence to structured pieces

-Creating optimal conditions:

- one format does not equal the other
- check-ins, group and individual
- opting out and options

structure
voice **violence**
creativity
experts

NYAB – Operations


- Meetings held online/phonecalls/through Facebook**
- Meetings are paid**

- Meeting face to face:**
 - Montreal 2012**
 - Toronto 2013**

NYAB – All over Canada

resist
social
awareness
speak

f National Youth Advisory Board

 **Eugenia Mindyourmind**
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National Youth Advisory Board **About** **Events** **Photos** **Files** **Notifications** **+ Create Group**

Write Post **Add Photo / Video** **Ask Question** **Add File**


Write something...


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 **Eugenia Mindyourmind**
Hello all dear NYABs! Alia and I are presenting at a conference on Thursday --- talking about our work with the Board. YAY!


Is it ok if we share a screen cap of the Facebook page? I'd very much like your OK (or LIKES) before proceeding. Pretty please?

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 Julia Tadman likes this. **Seen by 2**

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 **Jayson Tower**
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 Jonboy Boucher

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Suggested Groups

-  **LGBT folks with spina bifa... and/o...**
Jayson Tower joined
Join Group
-  **www.TheJackProject.org / Memory...**
Maria Lu... **Chat (4)**

All over the project!

- Role of NYAB in overall team:
 - Steering Committee
 - Policy subgroup
 - Evaluation
 - Blog

Blog and Balancing Demands

[Life on Disability and Social Assistance](#)

By Jayson Tower

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By Michelle Brake



Co-ordination Lessons

Alia's experiences co-ordinating:



Co-coordination Experiences

Experiences co-ordinating:

- Deepens connection to project aims/questions/participants
- Witness to amazing growth

- extends methodology towards meaningful action and change
- shows this type of youth input is transferable, scaleable
- creates know-how for youth engagement in decision-making

- Evaluation
- Blog

Last words ...

“Being part of the *Voices against Violence* project makes me very proud to know that all of the challenges that we mention as youth are not a barrier. Through this project we are a community.

We come from a variety of ethnicities and the one thing we all share in common is love for progress and change.”

--- Emanuela Bringi

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