





Who We Are

Nine members:

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Two co-coordinators:

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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

-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





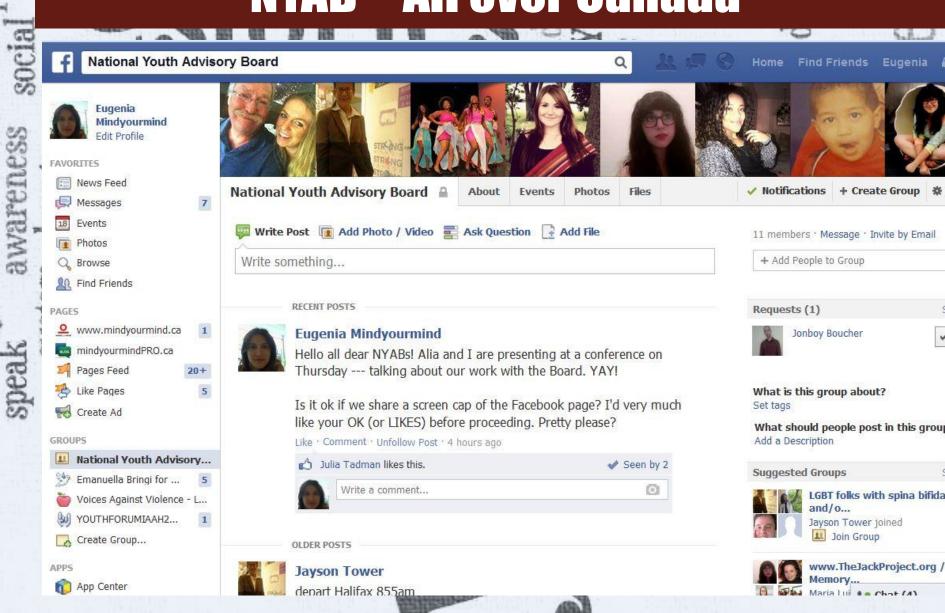


- -Meetings held online/phonecalls/through Facebook
- -Meetings are paid
- -Meeting face to face:
 - -Montreal 2012

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-Toronto 2013

NYAB – All over Canada



-Role of NYAB in overall team:

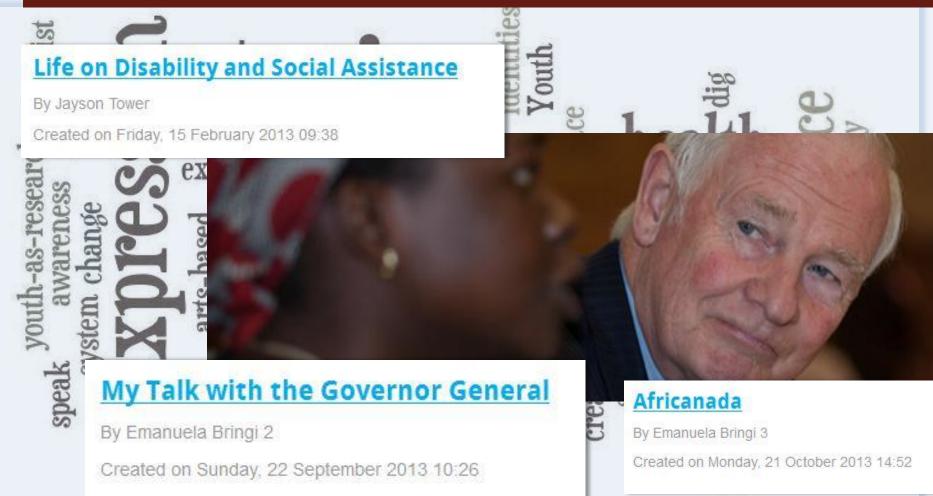
- -Steering Committee
- -Policy subgroup
- -Evaluation
- -Blog

system change





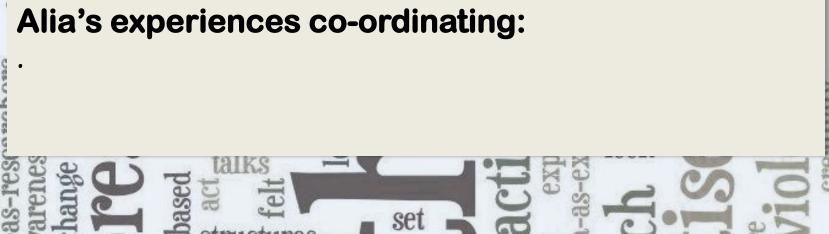
Blog and Balancing Demands



Arts-based research: what theatre does and can do

By Michelle Brake

Co-coordination Lessons



Voices

Structure structure voice Vio

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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