

AFRICA : 2015

Reaching the United Nations Millennium Development Goals



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Friday, December 1, 2006, the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) will proudly host the sixth annual **Generating Momentum For Our World** provincial conference for high school students. The theme for the conference is **Africa: 2015, Reaching the UN's Millennium Development Goals**.

The purpose of the conference is to engage young people in issues regarding poverty, education, health care, the environment, gender equality and development in Africa, while providing them with useful multimedia skills that they can use to engage their fellow students in social justice issues. Students who are socially aware and striving to be active and involved citizens often do not have the necessary skills to organise and convey their message effectively. Therefore, MCIC provides a venue and a platform to inspire youth to work for positive change while developing those skills. **Generating Momentum for Our World** is an exciting opportunity for young people to learn and to network with other students and have fun doing it. Student leaders who are involved in organised international development groups at their school (e.g. Amnesty International, UNICEF, Save the Children, Generating Peace, etc.) as well as other interested students are invited to participate.

This year's conference will be a one day event, consisting of an opening plenary, followed by the Skills Workshops (5 – 6 hours) and ending with an evening showcase of the students' creative works. The Skills Workshops include a variety of media workshops such as Contemporary Dance, Popular Theatre, Media Relations, Creating a Video PSA and Public Speaking, just to name a few. The workshops will take place at several locations throughout Winnipeg. MCIC will provide transportation to and from the main venue at the University of Winnipeg to the workshops and lunch and supper will also be provided. The conference runs from 8:30am to 9:00pm and participants must commit to being in attendance for the entire day. Each conference participant will be given three complimentary tickets to the evening showcase. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to see your child's creative works.

The conference as a whole is open to high school students between the ages of 15 - 19 (S1-S4). Registration for this event is \$20.00 per student and all participants must register in advance by November 4th. Some travel subsidies are available for students who live outside Winnipeg. A confirmation acknowledging your child's registration and participation in the conference will be forwarded to his/her teacher. For more information about **Generating Momentum for Our World**, please contact MCIC at 987-6420, or by e-mail at conference@mcic.ca.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the Showcase!

Yours sincerely,

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