

New Brunswick's Anti-Bullying Conference "for Youth by Youth" Moncton - May 12, 2012

On May 12th, 2012, the New Brunswick Youth Network was proud to present its first annual youth conference in New Brunswick. The discussion was open for young people aged 14-26 from across the province to provide input on how they believed that the anti-bullying movement in New Brunswick should progress. The aim of the conference was to tackle the social issue of bullying and present an action plan and report to the Minister of Education.

Opening remarks came from Keegan Eatmon (NB Council Youth Commissioner), His Worship Mayor George LeBlanc (Mayor of Moncton), Glenn Day (ANYC East), and Honourable Jody Carr (Minister of Education, via video message).

Guest speakers included the George Street Middle School Beyond the Hurt group (lead by Bruce Van Stone), Michelle MacPherson (Social Worker from School District Two), and Mostafa Shaker (Campaign Director for the UNB/STU campaign "It Gets Better").

After lunch, participants, the NBYN and guest speakers discussed issues pertaining to youth and bullying. Mostafa Shaker initiated a project idea to start his own non-for-profit which immediately got the support of the group. The objectives are to organize and implement an anti-bullying strategy in all School Districts; not only to support bullied youth, but mostly focusing on the prevention of bullying in early school years. The group decided on milestones and goals and Michelle MacPherson agreed to have her school in Moncton be a pilot for the project, starting in the fall 2012.

A month after the conference, Charlotte Roederer met Honourable Jody Carr at a casual event and gave a short report on the conference and the results of it. The final report with recommendations is currently being drafted by the NBYN and will be delivered to Honourable Jody Carr soon.



*Honourable Jody Carr, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Snapshot taken from the video message*

Media coverage:

- Two Times and Transcript articles, as well as pictures during the conference.
- One Sackville Tribune article.
- One CBC Radio One interview.
- One Tantramar Community Radio interview.



*Honourable Jody Carr (Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development)
And Charlotte Roederer (DCYC International Relations and Special Events)*