

Building stronger more inclusive & connected communities where all children belong

Children-led Community Action Projects

Building leadership & life skills

Creating opportunities for community connections

Promoting a human rights-based approach



Community Action Projects



Dawson Boys & Girls Club:
Building Leadership for Inclusion and Diversity



YMCA of Greater Vancouver:
Welcome Packages for Newcomers



Boys & Girls Club Winnipeg:
Poster Exhibit to Promote Respect for Diversity

Diverse children are participating and leading positive change in their community



Summit Kids:
Our Right to Clean Water Mural



B.A.S.E. Daycare Program:
Awareness Campaign about Anti-bullying and Inclusion

Children, organizations, and decision-makers are collaborating to share solutions and strategies



Taggart YMCA:
Intergenerational Connections through Play



Youth Fusion:
Building Bridge - Cree / Inuit Exchange & Safe Space Girls Group



City of Toronto:
Engaging New Leaders for Community Change

Communities of practice are working together to support children's rights and well-being across Canada



City of Surrey:
Rights and Responsibilities Kindness Project

Play It

fair!



Dawson Boys and Girls Club “Building children leadership for inclusion and diversity”:

Dawson Boys and Girls club was inspired by the EMSB youth mentor model and focused their project around building children and youth leadership skills. They trained Counsellors in training on Play it Fair! to lead PIF activities with children in the summer, and organized a PIF day with the CIT youth mentors taking the lead.

City of Toronto Engaging new leaders for community change:

The project engaged campers at a local community centre in a project to improve their community. The concept is a beautification project at Cummer Park Community Centre that is art and/or nature-based. The campers were supported by a group of youth volunteer PIF ambassadors.

YMCA of Greater Vancouver “It’s all about inclusion” Care packages for newcomers:

The youth in the afterschool program at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary decided that they would prepare care packages for those students who were new to the school, community, or country, to help them feel welcomed and promote inclusion and sense of belonging.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc. “Respect for Diversity across our Neighbourhoods” Posters exhibit for diversity:

During the Summer Learning Program, 13 camps created posters and photo exhibits that focused on diversity in their neighbourhoods. The projects were then regrouped and shared with the public on Jumpstart Games day, on July 27. Play it Fair! games were also incorporated into the stations at Jumpstart Games day. The Mayor and other government officials were invited to participate and see the projects.

EMSB B.A.S.E. Daycare Program “Technology for Community Change”:

The EMSB Before and After School Enriched (B.A.S.E) Daycare Program engaged school students in developing community action projects to make their schools more inclusive and welcoming places to be. With the support of high school students from the Vincent Massey Collegiate, trained in the Play it Fair! approach, children came up with project ideas to address issues in their school community, such as raising awareness about bullying in schools and promoting welcoming and inclusive school communities through iMovie trailers, photo exhibits, mural decorations and storybooks.

Youth Fusion “Building Bridges - Cree and Inuit Exchange”:

Whapmagoostui, Kuujuaaraapik project aimed at building bridges between Inuit and Cree communities. Inuit students (including the student council) were invited to the Cree Culture Camp for a cultural exchange around a fire, sharing food and playing games. Both Student Councils (Badabin Eeyou Cree school & Assimaoutak Inuk school) were able to break down barriers and put aside their prejudices, to cook and have supper together, and play icebreaker games, while exchanging ideas around ways of working to make their schools and communities a better place.

Youth Fusion “Safe Space Girls Group”:

Waskagnish, QC: Youth Fusion local youth animators wanted to create a safe space for young girls at the youth centre. They animated a “Girls night in” for girls from grades 4-6 after Christmas, during which the 7 Play it Fair! values were promoted using the PIF toolkit games and other activities. Children participated in the preparation of the evening and activities were focused on building self-esteem and promoting inclusion, while encouraging positive friendships among the participating girls. They also developed positive messages stop bullying in their school and in their communities.

City of Surrey “Rights and Responsibility Kindness Project”:

The City of Surrey played off of the motto “The Future Lives Here”. The children took on different leadership projects at their individual Recreation Centres that highlighted who the children are. The kids are the future of the community and they want to make it known! (In a fun, friendly and inclusive manner of course). They led projects focused on the fact that they not only have the RIGHT to know their rights, they have the RESPONSIBILITY to ensure others are aware as well. Sites will also be having a fun competition to see who can promote Children’s Rights in the most creative way.

Taggart YMCA “Intergenerational Connections through Play”:

The children at our Y Kids Club thought of helping a forgotten group and planned an event to visit a retirement residence to play games, create crafts with seniors, perform a concert and offer snacks they have made themselves. Using Play It Fair! games, children were able to make connections between the experiences of seniors (i.e. accessibility issues, loneliness, isolation), and what they can do to help. They also discovered how their individual skills complemented the skills that others have and can work together to accomplish goals.

Summit Kids “Clean water Mural”:

The children of Summit Kids worked in partnership with a local artist Dean Stanton to create individualized fish to ‘swim’ along the wall of the playground of University Elementary School. This reminded users of the park about the right to clean water and the responsibility to keep it clean, and built awareness around lack of availability of clean water in other areas of the world. This artwork also made the park more welcoming for children and the many citizens who traverse the green space along the walking trail.