



News Release: The Manitoba Human Rights Commission

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Students Take Part in Harassment and Discrimination Workshops

For the second year the Manitoba Human Rights Commission is hosting a Youth Awareness Conference in Winnipeg. Students from around the province will be attending the conference on December 6, 2002 at the Franco-Manitobain Culturel Centre, 340 Provencher Boulevard.

Over 150 students have registered and will be participating in two of the following four workshops. All the workshops will be held between 9:30 and 12:00.

- **WORKING BLUES:** Understanding your human rights in the workplace.
- **STICKS & STONES:** Find out when words and actions cross a line.
- **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE:** Why should someone's sexual orientation matter? This workshop deals with respecting differences in one another.
- **"NOT SO TRIVIAL" PURSUIT:** Are you up to the challenge? Test your knowledge of human rights in this game-show format of a workshop.

The Winnipeg group "Burnt" will be entertaining the students over the lunch hour. Burnt generates a world beat sound with a distinctive First Nations influence. The band blends blues, jazz, folk, contemporary, tribal and Indigenous music. Their performance also features traditional dancers. Burnt's performances are positive and powerful and audience participation is expected.

In the afternoon, the students will watch the finalists in the Youth Conference video contest. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the conference.

Once again, the Manitoba Human Rights Commission will make part of his conference available in a dynamic and interactive way for young people everywhere: the Web. A video with highlights of the conference will be available on the Manitoba Human Rights Commission's website. Students will be able to watch the video and then talk with a human rights officer in the Commission's chat room. Allmedia Inc. of Winnipeg will produce this feature.

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