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Human Rights Youth Conference Goes to Brandon

Students encouraged to make a difference

The Manitoba Human Rights Commission is pleased to announce that it is taking its very successful Youth Awareness Conference to Brandon, Manitoba.

Brandon high school students have registered for the conference. “Students from such communities as Carberry, Elkhorn, Killarney and Deloraine will also be attending,” says Jerry Woods, Vice Chairperson of the Commission and host of the youth conference.

During the morning session, the students will hear about their rights as set out in the Manitoba Human Rights Code. They will attend two of the three workshops offered. The workshops are: “Respect Reloaded” about discrimination, bullying and harassment; “Taking Care of Business” about rights and responsibilities in the workplace; and “Not So Trivial Pursuit” – a human rights quiz. In the afternoon however, the focus will shift from “learning” to “doing.”

“The key to a successful conference is the action that follows it”, says Woods. “We hope to give these students some tools so they can take the message of respect, equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination back to their schools and communities.” Woods also wants to hear from the students about the issues surrounding bullying and harassment.

The 2005 Westman Youth Conference will be held on Thursday May 5, 2005 at the Agricultural Extension Centre, 1129 Queens Avenue in Brandon. The conference begins at 9:30 a.m.

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