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Rights of Youth Publications Presented at the Respect Reloaded Human Rights Youth Conference

The Manitoba Human Rights Commission will present the first in a series of *Rights of Youth Publications* at the Respect Reloaded Human Rights Youth Conference in Thompson, Manitoba on Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

The series, written for Manitoba youth, is a joint project by The Manitoba Human Rights Commission, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Office of the Children's Advocate.

"These publications are unique and offer a combination of practical information and broad concepts such as human rights," says Jerry Woods, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and host of the Respect Reloaded Youth Conference. For example, he says the publication called *Rights of Youth – On the Job* looks at everything from social insurance numbers, wages and sick leave to harassment and discrimination in the workplace.

The lack of information available to young people was the driving force behind the project. The first three publications, *On the Job*, *You and School*, and *Human Rights* will be given to the students and supervisors attending the conference. They are also available on the following websites: www.gov.mb.ca/hrc, www.ombudsman.mb.ca, and www.childrensadvocate.mb.ca. They are currently in translation and will be available in French within a month.

This year's human rights youth conference ***Respect Reloaded*** is held on March 21, 2006 in recognition of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The conference is from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Juniper Centre in Thompson and students from Leaf Rapids, Lynn Lake, Grand Rapids, Wabowden, Norway House, Oxford House, Cormorant, Spilt Lake, Nelson House and Thompson are expected to attend.

Two workshops will be offered. *All Worked Up* is about rights and responsibilities in the workplace and *Something to Cheer About* features two motivational speakers who have overcome barriers in their lives.

The afternoon session *The E-Race Discrimination Challenge* will ask students to come up with an anti-racism message to take back to their school or community.

The Manitoba Human Rights Commission will also be holding a public seminar on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at The Community Centre in the Mary Fenske Board Room, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. It is free of charge.

To book media coverage, arrange interviews or for more information, contact

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