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NEWCOMER YOUTH VOICE + PERSPECTIVE





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There is nothing more amazing than kids from difference countries getting along.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Jennifer Sarkar

We are once again very greatful to be back and to produce another issue. BEATS started in 2012 as an undergrad design project and over the past years with the support from our communities and ally members we are able to contiue our work with amazing youth team

BEATS Magazine provides an open plateform to all immigrant and refugee youth in Lowermainland so youth can be expressive and share their perspective and challanges they face with others. This is a publication created by and for newcomer immigrant and refugee youth.

Each Issue BEATS welcome six editorial team members who are from immigrant and refugee backgrounds and the team drives the process from start to finish. This editorial team met for eleven sessions and worked together to produce content for this Issue. This team was fun to work with and had really high enegry. We met every Monday at PeerNet BC's office and brainstormed articles and art works. I hope you enjoy reading this Issue.

Each youth voices has strong and energetic BEATS and through sharing and collaborating their voices, they can grow and empower each other. This magazine is dedicated to all the

newcomer immigrant and refugee youth in the city and to those who pour their heart and soul into helping newcomers.

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BEATS: Newcomer Youth Voice + Perspective magazine team hopes and wishes everyone enjoys reading this issue and recognizies challanges that newcomers face.

We are always looking to collaborate with other projects in the community and So, please contact us at beats.newcomeryouth@gmail.com

BEATS ISSUE 4

EDITORIAL TEAM



CINDY

Hi readers! I came from China, and I am currently 17. One of my biggest interest is fashion, because it helped me to build confidence. I also love cooking. Just give me the ingredients and the recipe and I will start cooking.



DAVID

Hey everyone. My name is David Sadeghizadeh (Saw-the-gee-zaw-deh). I am 17 years old and from Iran. I love to play sports and hang out with friends. This is my first time with BEATS but I hope to work on other projects like BEATS too. Hope you enjoy the magazine.



BANK

Hi my name is Bank and I am a photographer. I am also known for having Good Time, and I love to laugh and make others laugh as well. I am from Thailand and I like to eat and cook. Also I like to party and hang out with my friend.



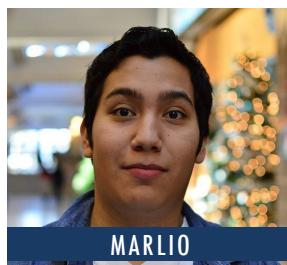
VIDA

I am a Bolivian chocolate and crocodile lover. I am 17 years old and I lived in Canada for 5 years. I love learning about different cultures and meeting great people like everyone in BEATS. I hope you enjoy the magazine :)



KEN

My name is Ken and my nationality is Thai. I am originally from Chiang Mai, Thailand. My hobbies are Reading, watching movies, hang out with friends. And my favorite food Thai food.



MARLIO

I am from Veracruz Mexico. My passion for films has inspired me to become a filmmaker and to create future films to share with my community. In my free time I enjoy watching films, create homemade videos and collaborate in community projects which explore immigrant and refugee issues.



DINNA

I am Dina Ganan, I came from Colombia as a Refugee 9 years ago. I am a dreamer with a punch of reality. One of my goals is to become a lawyer and help my community in the best way possible.



SIMRAN

Project Assistant

Hi everyone! I'm back for round two of BEATS Magazine! For those of you who don't remember me, I'm the old soul of my generation with a passion for justice. My aspirations include a taste for philanthropic ambitions, philosophical enlightenment and a desire to re-define altruism.



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SUPER POWERS

As we were children, we used to pretend to be like superheroes and do good for others. As we grew up, we left our powers and all the childhood energies behind. What if we could still keep those powers and had the ability to create our own power, bringing positive changes to our community; Issue 4 editorial team is like supershers with the reborn powers and abilities of change. Each of our team members has different skills. The following are super are super powers that our editorial team wishes to have.

Language

CINDY

If I had the superpower to help someone acquire a language overnight, I wonder the changes that would take place due to the effect of this super power. From witnessing many real life situations around me, I learned that language is often the most challenging barrier for immigrants and refugees to overcome while adapting to a new culture. Many immigrants and refugees moved to Canada because they were looking for a better life, but the lack of the ability to communicate obstructed them from pursuing what they originally had hoped for. So if I could help them to overcome this obstacle, I believe that it bring conspicuous changes to my community.

Truth Teller

DAVID

My superpower would be “truth teller”. I can force people to tell the truth when I want them to. Iran is full of lying politicians and religious leaders that say what the people want to hear but never do stand for it.

Smile

SIMRAN

My superpower would be the ability to make people smile just by smiling at them. Not only would they physically smile, but they would also *feel* happier. After I've saved their smile, I would grant them a small gift of passing on their smile to others.

Understanding

BANK

I would like to have the superpower to be able to switch bodies with other people. It will help people understand how does it feel to walk a mile in someone else's shoe, this can help to create a peaceful world by stopping wars.

Dream walker

MARLIO

If I could choose a superpower I would should coolness like Batman, because it's BATMAN!

Seriously: I would choose the power to go into peoples dreams. Like Sandman or Freddy Krueger. I would use this ability to go into the dreams of Policy Makers, and people in position of power. I will show them their future, the impact and the reaction caused by their actions and decisions they make for our society. If their decision has a positive impact to our society then they will have good dreams, if it affects the society negatively then...

I will see them in their dreams!

Tongue Versatility

VIDA

This superpower allows me to understand and speak every language ever created. I would dedicate my power to help others overcome language barrier. I want to help people learn new languages super fast.



A group of five young adults are standing on a city waterfront at sunset. They are dressed in various superhero costumes, including a flight attendant, a businessman, a nurse, a superhero, and a firefighter. The background shows a marina with many sailboats and a city skyline. The title 'SUPER HEROES for Change' is overlaid in large, bold, white letters.

SUPER HEROS *for* *Change*

YOU AND I

By: Jennifer Sarkar

The editorial team spent an afternoon asking each other few questions about culture, tradition, food and people. "You and I" tells the readers a bit about the parts of the world these youth came from and what memories they kept with them. Team members paired up with someone who is from a different part of the world and then asked each other few of the following questions.

Each answer is colour coded with the questions below.

- In your opinion, what is the color that best represents your country?
- Describe your country in few words.
- What is your Traditional food?
- What is the most common style you can see in the public in your country?
- What is something that people do in common to have fun?
- What is one traditional belief that people in your country have/do in common?
- What was your initial thought when you came to Canada?
- What were your expectations before you come to Canada?

Ken's Answers:

- **White**, because it represents religion, unite, and kingdom.
- T-SHIRTS, ■ SHORTS, CAPS, AND GLASSES, BECAUSE IT'S HOT IN THAILAND.
- Swimming ■ because it's really hot in Thailand.
- My expectation was that I will see a lot of Caucasian, but as much of other races.
- They believe that black cat is an evil thing, so if they jump in front of you it symbolizes that something bad will happen upon you.

Cindy's Answers:

- **Red**, because the Chinese flag is red, and the Chinese people are like fires, they are really passionate about everything.
- **Karaoke, and people hang out in the library a lot as well.**
- T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, NEW BALANCE ■ RUNNER, HATS AS WELL.
- I expected a lot of Asians, because Vancouver is such a multicultural place. Also I expected it to be really fun and nice.

Haji Firooz. 20st of March, it is the Iranian New Year and one of the traditional things we do is every year someone (usually just one person that does it) paint your face black and in a red uniform and go around singing and being cheerful because he's happy that spring is coming.

"GOAL YA POOCH", MEANING "WIN OR NOTHING" IS MADE-UP OF AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE. 1 PERSON HIDES A SMALL OBJECT IN THEIR HANDS AND THE OTHER PERSON(S) WILL HAVE TO GUESS WHICH HAND THE OBJECT IS IN. GUESS RIGHT AND YOU GET THE OBJECT.

Ghorme Sabzi. It is an Iranian dish made up from beef, multiple kinds of herbs, red beans and dry lemons with a side of rice.

Historical. Iran has a lot of history dating back to 8000 BC. It was known as Persia until 1935 AD when the Iran revolution happened.

I did not expect there to be so much diversity and so low "white people". I didn't expect the schools to go on a strike.



DAVID

We went to Surrey and thought that we were in the wrong country because everyone was Indian. We expected to see all white people.

Family members aged over 20 year olds used to be close. Now they are like Golem from Lord of the Rings.

We have to say goodbye to everyone before leaving.

MAKE A CIRCLE ON THE GROUND, EVERYONE HAS MARBLES AND TRY TO STAY IN THE MIDDLE. VERY COMPETITIVE.

Corn. We use corn in everything, tortillas for example.



MARLLO

I did not expect so much cultural diversity

Everything is so expensive!

We kiss each other on the cheek when saying hello. We also take greetings very seriously.

INDIGENOUS LADIES WEAR COLOURFUL SKIRTS RANGIN IN LENGTHS & THICKNESS DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER. URBAN FOLK DRESS LIKE PEOPLE HERE.

Colourful



VIDA

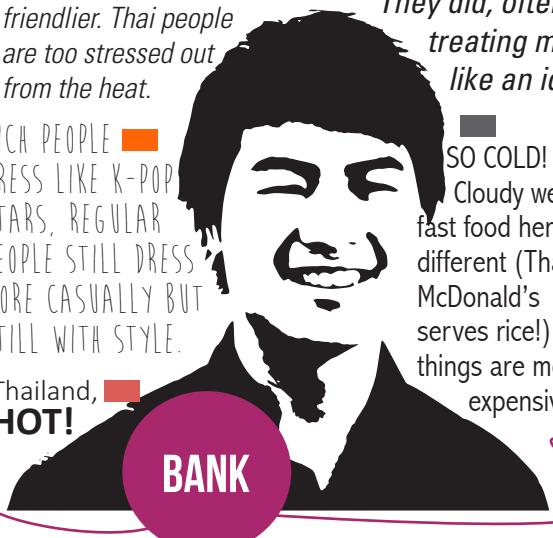
I expected people to pick on me because I didn't speak English. They did, often treating me like an idiot.

People here are friendlier. Thai people are too stressed out from the heat.

RICH PEOPLE DRESS LIKE K-POP STARS, REGULAR PEOPLE STILL DRESS MORE CASUALLY BUT STILL WITH STYLE.

Thailand, HOT!

SO COLD! Cloudy weather, fast food here is different (Thai McDonald's serves rice!), and things are more expensive.



BANK

IGNORANT QUESTIONS

DO YOU
SPEAK
INDIAN?

DO YOU
SPEAK
ARABIC?

You are
Asian, Why
aren't you
good at
math?

WHY IS YOUR
BAG SO BIG?
ARE YOU
CARRYING A
BOMB INSIDE
IT?

Do all black
people like
chicken?

You did really
well on your
test! But I
thought
you were an
immigrant.

DOES EVERYONE
GET TO RIDE
ELEPHANTS
AT INDIAN
WEDDINGS?

SERIOUSLY!



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MIGRANT MYTH

BAGGAGE CLAIM



ARRIVAL TIME

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REFUGEES WHO COME
TO CANADA USING FALSE
DOCUMENTS ARE FAKE
REFUGEES.

REFUGEES GET SPECIAL
MEDICAL CARE AND
THEY STILL COMPLAIN.

REFUGEES &
IMMIGRANTS TAKE
JOBS AWAY FROM
“REAL” CANADIANS.

CHINESE
PEOPLE ARE
TAKING OVER
DOWNTOWN
BECAUSE THERE
IS CHINA TOWN
AND THERE
SOOO MANY OF
THEM.

RECENT
IMMIGRANTS
ARE NOT
INTEGRATING
AND
THREATENING
CANADIAN
VALUES.

LATINOS ONLY
KNOW HOW
TO PARTY.
*Almost
everyone
who makes a
refugee claim
in Canada is
accepted.*

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BILL C-24

By: Dinna Ganan

5 THINGS YOU NEED YOU KNOW ABOUT BILL C-24

Earlier in February 2014, the conservative government passed forward Bill C-24 "Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act" a bill that is a catalyst for discrimination and further marginalization of immigrants and refugees of color. This bill, now a sealed and approved law as of June 19 2014, will make it harder for immigrants and refugees to gain Canadian citizenship. On the other hand, it will make it easier for non-white Canadians to lose it, specifically if a person has dual citizenship or can obtain citizenship from another country because of their parents. This law also incorporates changes to other acts like the "Federal Courts Act" and the "Immigration and Refugee Protection Act" and is bound to affect people's ability to obtain citizenship in 5 specific ways.

1. Residency requirements increase

In order to obtain citizenship people have to wait more time in Canada as a Permanent Residents. Prior to the application the person has to remain in Canada for 4+ years in order to apply, any time spent in Canada before obtaining Permanent Residency is not counted.

2. Language knowledge requirements

Some of the many barriers that immigrants and refugees face are language difficulties. Under this law 14-67 year olds applying to become citizens have to demonstrate their language knowledge, and are required to pass the language test, and the knowledge test in either English or French. This means that Children and the elderly will have a hard time understanding the exams and passing them and have to pay for the already costly language test.

3. It costs more

The price in order to obtain citizenship will go from \$100 to \$400 the already expensive language test will rise without much reason behind it. This makes the applications inaccessible to large families and applicants with low incomes. Thus, reflects the exclusivity of obtaining Canadian Citizenship.

4. You can lose your citizenship if obtained

For adapt Canadians, a federal official or the minister of immigration and Citizenship can strip the citizenship from a person away if the official suspects that the person would not stay in Canada afterwards, this might happen if a professional plans of obtaining a job in another country. However, this is not the case for born Canadians. Moreover, if a person has citizenship from another country and Canadian Citizenship they are vulnerable to lose their citizenship if they are convicted of crimes and treason.

5. Right to appeal is eliminated

Under this new piece of legislation, if a person gets its citizenship denied, the right to appeal in the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal is denied and striped away. Most decisions regarding who becomes a citizen will be made by public servants instead of judges.

Action Team a youth advocacy group compiled a more detailed and accessible brochure called *"A country with second class citizens? Could it happen in Canada?"*

For more information about Bill C-24 please contact Action Team at actionteambc@gmail.com

Photography by: **BANK**



TANK

The Tank, it just mean power and war to me but I don't know that much about this particular piece.



CARING

It's love and caring because the world should be about helping others and not being selfish.

LIBRARY OF

Life

DAVID Sadeghizadeh

CINDY Jiang
SORAWIT Intaphan (Ken)

MARLIO Rail

SIMRAN Sarwara

VIDALUZ Ortúñio Nacho

“I HAD A LOT OF EXPECTATIONS WHEN I CAME TO CANADA. FOR EXAMPLE, GOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES. ALSO, I DID NOT EXPECT THERE TO BE SO MANY PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES” David

JOURNEY David Sadeghizadeh

My parents are from Iran. In 1990, my dad went to Dubai, UAE illegally because he ran away from the army in Iran. He was 26 years old and started a new life in Dubai. My parents married in 1988 when my dad was 24 and my mom was 22. My mom visited my dad 2 times and then immigrated to Dubai. I was born in Brighton, England because my mom traveled to England in 1997 and I was born there. My birth name is Mohammad Ali. I was named after my grandfather. My family was Muslim but we converted to Christianity 9 years ago in Dubai and that's when we decided to change my name to David. You would think I have a British passport but unfortunately I don't. When I was born in England, I was there for 40 days and I could have stayed there with my mom because I was British born but my parents didn't know about this policy at that time. They learned about this policy after they went to Dubai. For some odd reason, you can't get a British passport in Asia, so now that I am in Canada, I am looking to get my British passport.

In February 2012 when our visa ran out, we were forced to move to either Iran or Turkey. Since we converted to Christianity and my parents are Bible teachers, going to Iran would be a very dangerous choice. So we decided to move to Turkey as refugees. Now, the reason my dad went to Dubai in the first place was to try to get from the UN (United Nations) to Europe but officials refused

his request. When we went to Turkey, we applied to the UN and got accepted. You could say that our “case” was 24 years long (from the time my dad applied in 1990 to 2014 when we came to Canada. When we arrived in Canada, I was very excited and scared. I was happy because we were in Canada. After two years in Turkey with no school and social interaction, we finally made it. I had a lot of expectations when I came to Canada for example good education opportunities. Also I did not expect there to be so many people from different countries. I have been living in Canada for 9 months. I am going into grade 11 (even though I should be in grade 12) and I am looking forward to my future. You might be asking how I learned English in such a short time. It's because in Dubai, they teach English as the first language.

NEW LAND Cindy Jiang

My new life journey began from the day my parents made the decision of immigrating to Canada. I was filled with sadness and ambition, because I knew that a new door towards my future had opened. I entered Grade 6 in a new environment; and everything was extremely foreign to me. However, I managed to make a few Chinese and Korean friends during my first year in Canada and everything did not seem as dreadful as I imagined. When Grade 7 came along, all my friends left me and entered high school. I wondered if I can survive this tough year by myself when everyone had their own group of friends, but I was determined to take the initiative to make new friends. Along with my struggles in school, I discovered my irresistible passion for fashion and writing. So it turned out that Grade 7 was my most memorable year in elementary. I was excited and ready for high school. During the first month of Grade 8, I met two of my closest friends even till today. I learned a lot of things through Grade 8, and 9. Every year I was someone new and grown, I improved on my

deficiencies and always presented the best of me. At the start of Grade 10, I met my third closest friend. Later on, she even stayed in my house. We were like twins, and she was also the reason why I transferred school. I spent Grade 11 in another foreign school away from my friends. It felt so much like Grade 7 again, but I desperately needed a change in my life. Throughout the year, I had many accomplishments in school and in the community. My goal was simply to become an enthusiastic, competent, and ambitious individual that is well respected by many.

A BETTER LIFE? Vida Ortúñoz Nacho

“How could I possibly summarize my journey as an immigrant in 300 words or less?” This was my initial reaction when I heard about the Library of Life section of the mag. We all go through different stages at different times and each journey is unique. But, to share my story and hopefully make it more relatable I have categorized my journey into 4 stages.

STAGE 1: HONEYMOON

I loved the idea of living in a North American country. I was also excited about being able to have a fresh start. I had hope for the future and I enjoyed how different the people, the food, the architecture were compared to my native country.

STAGE 2: HOMESICK

The Honeymoon stage was sweet but very short. Soon I was feeling nostalgic and would even cry at the thought of having left my whole world behind. I started hating everything I once liked and I felt like I was never going to feel like Canada could be my home.

STAGE 3: ADAPTATION

The Homesick stage can be as long or as short as the individual allows it to be. Once I realized I was staying in Canada I decided I might as well try to adapt to my new environment. Adapting is fun because once I started getting involved with

different programs I met more people who could relate to my situation but had their own unique stories. I also tried new foods and visited more places. When I was adapting I often relapsed into feeling homesick. That is totally normal; the important thing is to not let the memories of the past hold you back. Adapting is also something that each person has to do at their own pace

STAGE 4: FALLING IN LOVE

Falling in love with my new home. This stage is even better than the Honeymoon because all of my past experiences have made me appreciate the place I live in. It is never easy but it is always worth it. The best part is that I now have two great places I can call home, Bolivia and Canada.

SORAWIT INTAPHAN (Ken)

Hello everyone, my name is Sorawit Intaphan (Ken). I migrated to Canada in 2010, from Chiang Mai, Thailand. The first time we arrived at YVR Airport, we were picked up by one of my mother's friend. She took us to her house; we stayed there for a month looking for an apartment to settle down. Not for long, with my mother's friend help, we found an apartment which was nearby the school. The first day of school was tough for me; I only could speak yes, no, ok, thank you, and was afraid to bring up a conversation with other students. I stayed in ELL (English Language Learner) classes for 2 years, building up my knowledge, and finally moved to English 10. Every time I meet new students, who recently immigrated to Canada, having trouble with learning the new language, I would always volunteer myself to help them though the struggle time. In terms of adaptation in a new country, for me, it was not very difficult to adapt to this new environment. The weather in Vancouver is cold, sometimes rainy but only like a shower. Thailand in comparison was always hot - I mean very hot! Rain in Thailand felt like a heavy storm. Life in Thailand and Canada have its own advantages and disadvantages. Living in Thailand, where everything is cheaper than

Canada provides me an advantage that I can afford items without much consideration. In Vancouver, I have to think twice before spending my money. However, the money I spend will be transferred to the government to benefit us anyways. Before I finish my last sentence, I would like to say "Thank you very much" for everyone who support BEATS and thank you again for reading my library of life.

FROM WOMB TO TOMB Marlio Rail

When I start doing things in my school and in my community, such as when I started to do volunteer work or when I joined my first youth group for Latinos. I realized all the opportunities I have in front of me and opportunities I would never have in Mexico. I started meeting people from different age groups, from different countries, from different cultures with different stories they carried with them. I met new people every day but I also had to say good bye to some of them. Every person I meet I learned something, either positive or negative. Everything I do, every choice I make, somehow lead me to new doors, to new opportunities. You will never know where your actions will lead you, or when you will ever see the person you met two minutes ago. And you know what? life is funny and unexpected, like when I interviewed a youth worker for a job position, weeks later she interviewed me for a job position as well. This is what happens when you are part of a community, you connect to others. More so in Canada, you are not only connected with people within your community, but with the rest of the world. Your actions make a huge difference in your future, like when you face the consequences or reward of past actions. Your past will find you somewhere in the future. My life has been full of coincidences, but then I realize that it's just the reactions from my past actions and has been influenced by the people around me. I remember in my second day in Canada I met a Colombian guy who invited to join this youth group for Latinos, and that simple action of inviting me, as simple it might seem, it had a huge influence on me, my life would be

completely different if I would never say yes to that group. Sometimes we are not aware of the power of our actions that have a huge influence in our future and on people around us.

"From womb to tomb, we are bound to others. Past and present. And by each crime and every kindness, we birth our future."

David Mitchell – Author of *Cloud Atlas*

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS..

Simran Sarwara

"AS I EXPANDED MY HORIZONS, I MET NEW PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT PATHS BUT NOT SO DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS, AND I FINALLY LEARNED TO APPRECIATE THE INDIVIDUALITY WE ALL POSSESS, BUT ALSO THAT IT IS THAT UNIQUENESS THAT UNITES US ALL AS DREAMERS"

Life in Canada is the only lifestyle I can remember. When I moved here at the age of four, my neighbour and first best friend taught me English before I even went to school. I was able to quickly learn and refine my English abilities, and so "fitting-in" was never a problem. Maybe it was also because I grew up in a multicultural society that I was grateful enough to never experience isolation, racism, or other forms of discrimination. What did stay with me from my home country though, was the need to be successful. Growing up I may have interpreted that as a "one-way street", but as I began to get involved in my community I began to realize that there were so many different paths I could take to achieve that goal while pursuing a lifestyle that I loved. As I expanded my horizons, I met new people with different paths but not so different destinations, and I finally learned to appreciate the individuality we all possess, but also that it is that uniqueness that unites us all as dreamers.

STREET FASHION

Interviewed by: Cindy and Vida



JAEMIN HWANG & LUCY AN

Homeland: KOREA

Been in Canada for: 8 YEARS

Ages: 19

Lucy: I would say my nationality influence my fashion choices. To me fashion in Canada and Korea is same.

Jamen: Fashion in Canada is wilder.

We try to look for Korean inspirations here. So our fashion style haven't changed much.

POLET ESPINOSA

Homeland: MEXICO

Been in Canada for: 3 MONTHS

Ages: 21

My nationality does not influence my fashion choices that much anymore. Fashion is very different in Mexico. People here dress however they want, there is a lot of diversity. My style has changed a lot. I stopped wearing heels, dresses and skirts. I now usually wear workout clothes and I have a more casual style. I no longer care too much about what others think of me.





CLAUDINE LOW

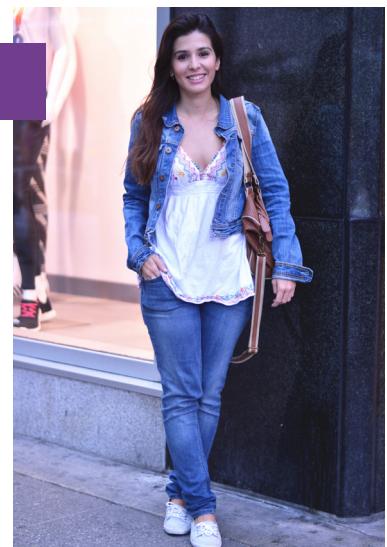
Homeland: MALAYSIA
Been in Canada for: 3 YEARS
Ages: 19

I get my fashion inspiration from Asian styles, not just Malaysia. How I dress also depends on how I feel. I get my inspiration from Instagram and the Internet. In Canada there are more people who dress laid back. For example here they would wear a chequered skirt with a plain top whereas in Asia they would wear something classier. Converse and Keds are worn with anything here! I love that. In Malaysia there is only one season. When I came here I started buying winter clothing. You can have fun layering winter clothing.

MARTA SANCHEZ

Homeland: SPAIN
Been in Canada for: 8 / 9 MONTHS
Ages: 20

My nationality influences my fashion. People in Spain have similar style. The way people dress in Canada is more alternative. Here everyone dresses however they want to. My style hasn't changed because I haven't bought any clothes here. The only thing is that I stopped wearing makeup often. I also stopped wearing heels.



OLIVIA PYO

Homeland: KOREA
Been in Canada for: 10 YEARS
Ages: 19

My nationality does not really influence my fashion. I've been in Canada for the majority of my life so what I wear has a big western influence. In Korea when something is trending you know right away because everyone is wearing it. Here people are more free with their clothes. People wear whatever they want so it's hard to tell what's trending. Every time I visit Korea my fashion style is more Korean, when I come back it becomes more Canadian.

CULTURAL GAMES



FINDING WORDS

By: Ken and Cindy

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Hi there! All you need to do is find the words listed above from the word puzzle! words are placed horizontally, vertically and diagonally, both forwards and back-to-front. There are also lots of overlaps between words so you will need a keen eye to spot all the words and solve the puzzles. Good luck!

Don't forget after finding all the words, send us the answer via email to win prizes.

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Opportunity and involvement



NuYu Popular Theatre

for Immigrant and Refugee youth.
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My Circle

Newcomer youth Leadership
Training Program
For more information about the project email mycircle@issbc.org or call 604-684-7498 Ext. 1611



Action Team

A youth advocacy group formed by past My Circle graduates
For more information about the project email mycircle@issbc.org or call 604-684-7498 Ext. 1611



Fresh Voices

Youth Advisory Team
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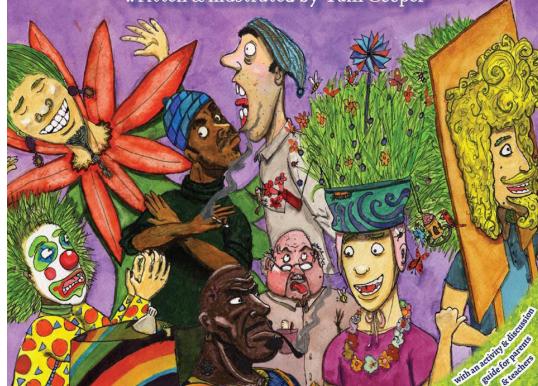
Leave Out Violence
For more information email
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Book OF THE SEASON

The Story of Bill and His House on the Hill

written & illustrated by Yam Cooper



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What do creaking rafters, using lawnmowers for haircuts, unusual friendships, Morse code, deaf hedgehogs, and global revolution have in common?

They all make up "The Story of Bill and his House on the Hill", which blossoms with the adventures of a man searching for friendship who is ousted by society because his hair is actually grass. Bill's journey of perseverance and inventiveness to overcome adversity and discrimination has many layers and brings an urgent message for today's modern world. This witty and surprising tale for all ages is deep and thought-provoking, yet frolics along lightly, weaving humour, insight, and heart into a world of rhyme and imagination.

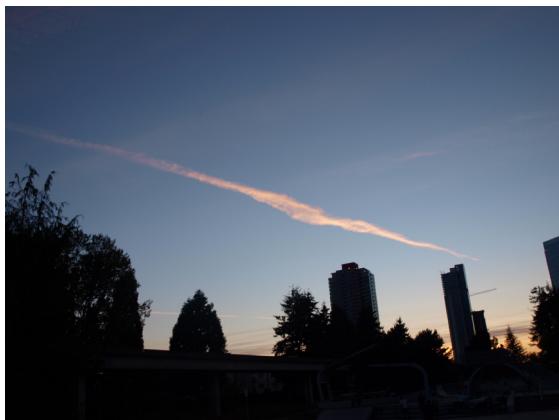
To learn more about the artist and to get a copy check out www.yamcooper.com

Photography by: **BANK**



ACCEPTANCE

My neighborhood people don't like skater so they put barriers to stop skaters from riding skateboard around.



FATE

It's very beautiful and everytime the evening sky looks like this the next day weather is clear and nice!



STAIR TO SUCCESS

The stair shows how hard you had to work and all your hard work pays off when you are at the top.



"One should learn to not only stand in another's shoes, but also walk in them. That's why I like to travel barefoot." - Simran Sarwara

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