

Health as a Bridge to Peace

Brief History of Events (2007-2011)

Health as a Bridge to Peace (HBP) is a student club at York University, Toronto, founded in 2007. The club was established by a group of students, staff, and faculty members in the university who wanted to encourage dialogue on campus and create an environment where members in our community could explore perspectives related to health, peace, community, culture, identity, resilience.

HBP on Social Media & Web

HBP's website: <http://healthasabridgetopeace.blogspot.com/>

HBP's blog has attracted more than **3000** clicks since its launch in May 2009 and readers from many countries such as: Australia, Canada, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Week of Dialogue's website: <http://weekofdialogue.wordpress.com/>

Attracted 966 clicks since September 2010

Facebook Group: 110 members (from different countries)

Twitter: no account

Email account: hbclub@gmail.com

Events Summary

April 2011 **Elections/ New Executive Team Formed**

March 2011 **HBP @ Raptors Game Night**
Toronto

March 2011 **Week of Dialogue: Building Bridges: Co-Creating Networks of Cooperation**

Networks of Cooperation: Case Studies from the Middle East. Keynote: Dr. Arnold Noyel and Dr. James Leckman (Hoster by HBP@YorkU & Peace by Peace@YaleU)

Canada: York University, McMaster University, Western University

US: Yale University

Pakistan: Shabeed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science & Technology



- February 2011** **Pay It Forward, public event**
Sponsorships by ARAMARK Catering and The Centre for Human Rights, York University
- January-February, 2011** **Stressless Fridays with Intro to Power Flow Yoga**
HBP & Calumet College Council
- January 2011** **Feminine Hygiene: Does Culture Matter?**
 In collaboration with The Red Tent Sisters
York University
- November 2010** **“Arranged”: Movie Night & Dialogue on Arranged Marriage (Jewish & Muslim Perspectives)**
 In collaboration with Residence Life Coordinator and support from the *Centre for Human Rights*.
 ■ Facilitating a dialogue on implications of arranged marriage on health, culture and religion
York University
- October 2010** **Family Planning: Does Culture Matter?**
 In collaboration with The 519 Church Street Community Centre.
Inclusion Day, Centre for Human Rights, York University
- September 2010** **HBP’s Meet & Greet, Welcoming new members**
York University
- September 2010** **HBP @ YorkFest**
York University
- July 2010** **Health as a Bridge to Peace: The Role of Room - K219**
 Presentation in Collaboration with Dr. Arnold Noyek, Canada International Scientific Exchange Program
 iEARN International Assembly, Barrie
Education in Children’s Health
- April 2010** **Photo-Voice: What is Health?** Photography Exhibition.
 Facilitated dialogue among attendees of the festival using the photography exhibition as a mediating tool of expression; audiences included a wide range of individuals of different religious, age, ethnicity, national, professional, socio-economic backgrounds.
Peace by Peace Community Festival, Yale University, New Haven, USA.
- October 2009-March 2010** **Photo-Voice: What is Health?**
 ■ A 12-weeks arts-based program for York University students supported by more than 11 departments, faculties, student clubs and community partners. Participants established a safe space for dialogue using photography and drama to share stories and express issues related to identity, culture, community, health, resiliency and peace. Participants represented students from all degree levels and more than 9 different countries.
 ■ The workshop culminated with a final performance and exhibition attended by more than



150 people from the York community, including, senior administration, students, staff, faculty members, community organizations and businesses.

York University

February 2010

Day of Dialogue on Diversity, Genetic Testing: Does Culture Matter?

- Featuring speakers from Jewish-Israeli, Muslim-Palestinian and Hindu- Indian backgrounds followed by a facilitated discussion.

Health as a Bridge to Peace & Faculty of Health, York University

January 2010

Health as a Bridge to Peace

- Presentation on the health as a bridge for peace framework & its application on York U campus. Following the presentation a discussion board was established on the course's Moodle website, integrating community engagement with academic content.

Clinical Microbiology Course, York University

October 2009

Health as a Bridge to Peace

- Presentation on the health as a bridge for peace framework & its application on York U campus. Following the presentation a discussion board was established on the course's website, integrating community engagement with academic content.

Concepts in Human Health and Disease Course, York University

October 2009

Building Peace: What Role Can Health Play?

Inclusion Day, Centre for Human Rights, York University

June 2009

Making Peace Personal (Building Bridges Speakers' Series)

<http://hosting.epresence.tv/MUNK/1/watch/125.aspx?startTime=0>

The Mosaic Institute, The Canadian Centre for Diversity, Munk School of Global Affairs @ University of Toronto

March 2009

Day of Dialogue on Diversity, Mental Health, Mental Illness: Does Culture Matter?

- Panel discussions of mental health in different cultures followed by a facilitated workshop on listening skills.

Health as a Bridge to Peace, Faculty of Health, York University & The Canadian Centre for Diversity

June 2007

Health & Peace @ York University: Facilitated Discussion

Consultation about establishment of a student club for building cooperation locally and globally.

In collaboration with Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO) and a guest speaker: Sami Hamden, Bar Illan University, Israel.

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Executives

2007-08

Founding members: Turgay Kirbiyik, Nausheen Mirza, Michale MacKechnie, Inbal Marcovitch, Arnold Noyek, Harvey Skinner

President: Nausheen Mirza

VP: Turgay Kirbiyik

Academic Advisor: Harvey Skinner

Peer Advisor: Inbal Marcovitch

2008-09

Executive Team: Sabrina Grodzinski, Inbal Marcovitch, Avi Minks, Lavina Sadhwani

Academic Advisor: Harvey Skinner

2009-10

Executive Team: Nontokozo Langwenya, Inbal Marcovitch, Lavina Sadhwani

Partners & Volunteers: Kathleen Gould- Lundy, Polina Kukar, Joel Walker

Academic Advisor: Harvey Skinner

2010-11

Executive Team:

Co-presidents: Inbal Marcovitch and Lavina Sadhwani

VP Events: Margo Novak

VP Communications: Amina Abbas

VP Public Relations: Samantha Lifson

Video Production: Rodrigo Herrera

Web Communications: Polina Kukar

Community Engagement Coordinator: Karar Jafar

Faculty of Health Student Caucus Representative: Warda Barre

Academic Advisor: Harvey Skinner

Partners & Volunteers: Fadumo Diriye, Eunjae Ki (EJ), Kinnalt Yu



2010-2011 Budget

Expenses	Amount
Tabling	
General Promotion Materials (HBP)	\$300.00
Tabling Candies (Sept 21, 10)	\$13.69
Meet & Greet	
Catering	51.22
Tabling Candies (Aug 30, 10)	11.8
Stress Buster	
Gift Card (Yoga Instructor)	\$50.00
Parking Pass (<i>cheque was not cashed</i>)	\$7.50
Refreshments	\$14.76
Movie Night ("Arranged")	
Catering	\$429.40
Gift Card (Facilitator)	\$25.00
Greeting Card	\$5.60
Feminine Hygiene: Does Culture Matter?	
Red Tent Sisters, Speaker's Fee	\$85.00
Catering	\$14.88
Bank Fee	\$42.50
Total Expenses	\$1,051.35
Income	Amount
Balance Forward (from 2009-10)	\$525.12
YFS Funding (Oct 22, 2010)	\$184.00
YFS Funding (Jan 7, 2011)	\$126.00
SCLD SEED Funding (Feb 24, 2011)	\$300.00
YFS Funding (Mar 30, 2011)	\$150.00
Total Income	\$1,285.12
Total (Income- Expenses)	\$233.77
Amount in HBP's Bank Account as of May 4, 2011	\$241.19

In Kind Contributions/ Sponsorships	Amount
Week of Dialogue	
Catering (Office of the Dean, FH)	\$170.00
Videoconference facilities & IT (Office of the Dean, FH)	\$267.00
Promotion Materials (Centre for Human Rights)	\$100.00
Granola Bars (ARAMARK)	\$50.00
Pay It Forward	
Granola Bars (ARAMARK)	\$300.00
Promotion Materials (Centre for Human Rights)	\$50.00
SWAG Items	
YFS	\$800.00
Total In Kind/ Sponsorships	\$1,737.00

