

MOVING BEYOND PREJUDICE

The Moving Beyond Prejudice Day programs (MBP) create an intimate and fun experience that invites participants to see a critically important part of our society—prejudice and diversity—with new eyes. It begins with screening the award-winning documentary, *Prom Night in Mississippi*, featuring Morgan Freeman. The movie is entertaining, powerful and profound. It fills audiences with hope as it portrays a group of young people who, in the face of resistance and oppressive old prejudices, take charge with compassion and courage—successfully standing up for their core values of diversity and inclusion.



“true magic...it gets us
thinking in many directions”

WALL STREET JOURNAL

“moving...inspirational”

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

“a forceful documentary”

The New York Times

Consistently, in screenings with over 45,000 students (grade 6 through university), youth-at-risk, and adults the movie creates a visceral experience of prejudice, and the triumph of focused reason and compassion. In the enlivened atmosphere following each screening, we have a short Q&A, then move into the discussion-based portion of the seminar with full audience participation. Promoting equity begins with addressing the attitudes, beliefs and prejudices we harbour within ourselves, which leads to greater tolerance of our differences and fairer treatment of others. Moving Beyond Prejudice delivers both the inspiration and the necessary tools for this to occur, in real time.

In the MBP spirit of openness we teach new tools for non-violent communication, conflict resolution, reduction of prejudice and discrimination, reduction of fear and the resulting increase in healthy relationships, creativity and productivity, and increased civic and citizenship pride.

The incentive to apply what has been learned comes not from moral obligation, but rather from how much better people feel and perform when they move beyond prejudice. In other words, the efficient and effective quality of this training is that it is self-reinforcing and self-actualizing.

The Results—Increased individual responsibility in students, youth-at-risk and adults in identifying and overcoming prejudice towards others; increased interaction and cooperation between diverse ethnic, faith, immigrant and cultural groups; increased sensitivity and vigilance among educators; increased sensitivity and responsiveness in federal public institutions.

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The Feedback – YOUTH-AT-RISK & COMMUNITY GROUPS



What a great event!! People were just blown away. The special screening of the film has started the conversation. We could not get people to leave. I heard that some people went to have a drink and talk some more.

VERONICA TYRELL. CHAIR, CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HALTON (CCAH)

We were all amazed at the reaction of the crowd: children, teenagers, adults and seniors were all impacted. It's a film all should see, to remind us of the power of honesty and dialogue that overcomes prejudice. MBP opened up great conversations that started with the closing credits and continue today.

The Jewish and Black communities have a common history, and on this night we got a chance to learn more about each other in a profound and moving way, enabling us to move forward to work together more in the future. This in turn would make our community more cohesive and celebrate our multicultural backgrounds, while making us stronger and more united.

RABBI STEPHEN WISE. SHAAREI BETH-EL SYNAGOGUE, OAKVILLE, ON.

The movie made me think about the very important contributions that many groups outside of the African- American community made during the long battle for freedom.

Working with the Shaarei Beth-El congregation of Halton to co-sponsor this extremely successful event is a testament to the power of collaboration and education as Halton continues to emerge as a model in terms of harmony, community, and culture for the rest of Ontario, Canada and the world.

JACKIE GORDON. ATTENDEE

I was moved by the insights and courage of youth to see the future through a lens that respects diversity and embraces the essential humanity in each of us. These young high school students made the decision that establishes a new practice that will change their community and their human interaction forever.

RICHARD PINNOCK. CCAH VOLUNTEER.

Thank you for the amazing screening and talkback discussion yesterday evening. The students till this day tell me how much this screening opened their eyes and they are now trying to stop discrimination in their high schools by being more proactive in extra curricular activities. I personally have devoted more time into providing more opportunities for these at-risk youths.

RICHARD FUNG. MANAGER, REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL (YOUTH-AT-RISK FROM REGENT PARK AND PATHWAYS)

I want to compliment you on this wonderful partnership. This is the first time I have witnessed both culture and religion work together on such a meaningful presentation.

It was an amazing evening of education, reflection and recognition that despite the progress we have made there is still so much work to be done. By raising these issues, it allows us all to examine our own belief systems, identify our own prejudices and begin to make the changes necessary to build an inclusive community in which all people are treated with respect regardless of their place of origin, race, creed, gender or religion.

Congratulations on a wonderful event!

ANONYMOUS ATTENDEE

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Advisory Council

Morgan Freeman

Actor; philanthropist.
Los Angeles.

Harry Belafonte

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador;
Activist. NYC.

Isabel Bassett

Past Chair & CEO, TVO; past
Minister—Citizenship, Culture &
Recreation, Ontario Government.
Toronto.

Lecia Brooks

Director, Civil Rights Memorial
Center, SPLC, Montgomery,
Alabama.

Mary Buckle

Partner, The Goodwin Group;
Past Chair, Women of Tocqueville
Society. Atlanta, GA.

Morris Dees

Founder, Chief Trial Attorney,
Southern Poverty Law Center,
Montgomery, AL.

Fiona Eberts

Former Chair, Camfed International
Founder, AMONG

James D. Fleck

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of
Management, University of Toronto;
Philanthropist. Toronto.

Kay Koplovitz

Founder, USA Network; Chair &
CEO, Koplovitz & Company. NYC.

Lewis Lapham

Founder-Editor, Lapham's
Quarterly; past Editor, Harper's
Magazine. NYC.

Bill Lockett

Attorney; Entrepreneur.
Clarksdale, MS.

Kamal Sharma

CEO, The Indeka Group;
Entrepreneur. Toronto.

Margot Stern Strom

Founder & Former Exec. Director,
Facing History & Ourselves.
Boston.

Sabrina Williams

National Educational Assoc.,
Human & Civil Rights Department,
Washington, DC.

Mission Statement

To directly and positively impact the attitudes, beliefs and prejudices of students, youth-at-risk and adults using the film *Prom Night in Mississippi*, its Educational DVD Package, and the Moving Beyond Prejudice Day screenings, seminars, website and internet ARG.

As well, to train educators in maximizing the transformational impact of Moving Beyond Prejudice Days.