

Courageous Conversations: Dialogue & Reconciliation

Biographies and Clip Summaries

Khalid Janmohamed: A Student's Viewpoint

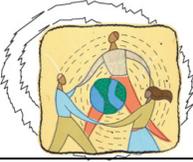
Speaker Profile: Khalid Janmohamed is a third year student at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. His interests lie in constitutional, international and human rights law. During his time at law school, Khalid has been a caseworker at Downtown Legal Services, the University of Toronto Legal Aid Clinic, where he has worked on cases pertaining to poverty law and accused person's rights.

Clip Summary: In these clips, Khalid relates stories about his experiences in a school setting and the ways in which dialogue and inter-community relations served to combat hatred.

Nafisah Chowdhury: Moving Beyond Dialogue

Speaker Profile: Nafisah Chowdhury completed her Bachelor of Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo in 2004 and her J.D. at the University of Toronto in 2007. She is currently articling at Miller Thomson LLP. Throughout her studies, she has been an active participant in numerous school and community organizations. She currently serves as Vice President of the Ansaar Foundation (an organization dedicated to serving the homeless); as Chair of the Canadian International Peace Project; and as a member of the Toronto Board of Health's Scarborough Local Health Committee.

Clip Summary: In this clip, Nafisah tells us that it is "hard to hate your friends". She suggests that forming relationships within groups is a good start but that the interdependence forces people to do more than just talk.



Combating Hatred in the 21st Century



Judith Rae: Inclusion & Exclusion

Speaker Profile: Judith Rae is pursuing a joint J.D./MSW at the faculties of Law and Social Work at the University of Toronto. Between classes, she coordinates a working group on the legal rights of undocumented newcomers, and acts as co-editor-in-chief of the Indigenous Law Journal. Judith spent her summer in Sudan working as an intern at the Khartoum office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Clip Summary: In this clip, Judith suggests that many newcomers do not enjoy the status of legal citizenship. As a result, they are often excluded and marginalized within Canadian society.