

October 17th 2009 Summary

Location: Junior Common room 014, McLaughlin College, York University.

Time: 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Host: Human Rights Participatory Growth Program

October 17th 2009 marked the international day for the eradication of poverty. To commemorate this day, the Human Rights Participatory Growth Program joined ventures with RESULTS Canada to unite with millions of people who stood up against poverty across the globe. The Human Rights Participatory Growth Program, also known as York University's poverty project, is an organization which conducts research, creates awareness about issues of global poverty and international development. RESULTS Canada is a non-profit organization that empowers ordinary people to become extraordinary voices for health care, education, and economic opportunity for all. The venture had been manifested in a form of a workshop put together by the Human Rights Participatory Growth Program in order to bring people together. The workshop, led by Elizabeth Dove of RESULTS Canada, had about thirty people in attendance. The audience had the privilege to be joined, via satellite, by internationally renowned AIDS advocate, Dr. Paul Farmer. Dr. Farmer is the founder of Partners in Health and the subject of the book, "Mountains beyond Mountains". Head of the Human Rights Participatory Growth Program, Dr. Ubale, addressed the audience by delivering the message of putting an end to poverty around the world. RESULTS Canada's message throughout the event was to get the public involved by "standing up, taking action, ending poverty now".

During the workshop, the audience was given the opportunity to participate in the discussion by asking questions and doing a group exercise where they were asked to give feedbacks at the end. The exercise involved finding ways in which certain politically international issues, which affect poverty eradication, could be successfully undertaken. The group exercise experienced much success because it allowed each audience member to present his or her personal opinion in addressing poverty eradication measures. At the end of the workshop, postcards that presented initiatives, which Canada's foreign ministry must tackle, were circulated around the room and handed out to the audience. Each audience member was urged to fill up these pre-paid postcards and mail them to Parliament in Ottawa. In addition, evaluation forms were distributed to the audience. The evaluation forms had to be filled up at the end of the workshop.

Evaluation form

The evaluation forms contained ten questions. Certain questions were asked to evaluate the non-profit organization's overall public speaking engagement. Furthermore, other questions were asked to evaluate the host's, the Human Rights Participatory Growth Program, performance in putting the workshop together. Questions to evaluate the whole

service such as the room, the sound equipment, as well as the visual equipments were asked.

Evaluation questions for RESULTS Canada's presentation

Please circle the appropriate answers

1. Has this presentation been successful in increasing your awareness of international development?

1. Same, no increase 2. Increased awareness 3. N/A

2.

a) Please rate how this presentation has motivated or inspired your willingness to get involved in global poverty eradication?

1. Same, no motivation 2. Very little 3. Somewhat motivated
4. Motivated 5. Strongly motivated 6. N/A

b) If already involved in global poverty eradication, has this presentation increased your motivation to do more regarding global poverty eradication?

1. Same, no increase 2. Very little 3. Somewhat increased
4. Increased 5. Strongly increased 6. N/A

3. Do you plan to get involved in global poverty eradication in the near future through donation, volunteering, collaborating or other measures?

1. No 2. Unsure 3. Maybe 4. Most likely 5. Definitely 6. N/A

4. How would you rate your understanding of the organization, which presented?

1. No understanding 2. Little understanding 3. Somewhat understand
4. Clear understanding 5. Good understanding 6. N/A

5. Do you have a good understanding of the different ways in which you can get involved with the organization, which presented?

1. No understanding 2. Little understanding 3. Somewhat understand
4. Clear understanding 5. Good understanding 6. N/A

6. Do you intend to interact with the organization at some point; i.e.: donation, volunteering, collaborating or any other measures?

1. No 2. Unsure 3. Maybe 4. Most likely 5. Definitely 6. N/A

7. Do you find that they were elements missing in the overall presentation, which you would have liked to be present? If yes, please state.

No Yes _____

8. What part of the presentation did you enjoy the most?

9. How would you rate the visual system used for the presentation?

1. Very poor 2. Needed improvement 3. Satisfactory 4. Very good 5. Excellent
6. N/A

10. How would you rate the audio system used for the presentation?

1. Very poor 2. Needed improvement 3. Satisfactory 4. Very good 5. Excellent
6. N/A

Please state any further comments
