

Ontario Youth Against Violence Project- 2008

The Ontario Youth Against Violence Project, (OYAV), was a project conducted in partnership with 6 organizations across Ontario which are listed below. As an Advocate for youth and children, we wanted to identify some of the issues and gaps faced by young people when encountering or experiencing violence in their own communities.

We believe that youth violence is an ongoing issue which needs to be addressed by young people and organizations that work with young people. Through discussing and having a dialogue about commonalities of how violence impacts the lives of young people, we believe young people can be the most proactive in violence prevention strategies.

The young people and organizations involved in this project organized young people in their own communities to discuss topics such as but not limited to; the causes and factors of violence in the community, the relationship of young people and law enforcement and violence prevention programs and strategies.

As a result each organization with the input and leadership of young people produced a final product; a report indicating each community, their experience and thoughts on violence and prevention.

The following is a list of organizations involved in the OYAV project:

London Youth Council- *London*

<http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/YouthWeb/LYSP.htm>

Regional Multicultural Youth Center-*ThunderBay*

<http://my.tbaytel.net/manwoyc/>

Youth Service Bureau -*Ottawa*

<http://www.ysb.on.ca/>

Youth Engagement and Action in Hamilton-*Hamilton*

<http://www.inform.hamilton.ca/record/HAM1379>

Sandwich Teen Action Group-*Windsor*

<http://windsorsex.cioc.ca/record/WIN1651>

RISE- Respect in Schools Everywhere- *Toronto*

http://www.emys.on.ca/whatsnew_rise.php