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MEDIA ADVISORY

ARRÊT/STOP RACISM YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Youth learn skills to build welcoming and inclusive communities

WHAT: 1) The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan and Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre are hosting an Arrêt/Stop Racism Youth Leadership Workshop.

2) Launching the “Show Racism the Door” campaign for March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

WHEN: Friday, March 10, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Media are invited at 10:15 a.m. for interviews and B roll.

WHERE: All Saints Catholic School Gym, 2180 Woodrow Lloyd Place, Swift Current, SK

WHO: Over 130 high school students and educators from various schools and organizations will participate.

WHY: 1) Students will engage with peers from Swift Current and surrounding area as they participate in activities to explore identity, intercultural relationships, power, privilege, racism and discrimination. Participants will also learn about the Truth and Reconciliation Recommendations and how to take action. They will learn to facilitate these activities for use in their local schools and communities.

2) The workshop is great prep to create attention and discussion around [March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) and our [“Show Racism the Door” campaign](#) so Saskatchewan can participate and see what others are doing and saying to recognize and reject racism.

HOW: Everyone can participate in and join the conversation on this campaign:

- Download the free Show Racism the Door activity kit (pdf) from: <http://mcos.ca/marchoutracism>
- Record your door activity with photos and video and then posting on Twitter and Instagram using #MarchOutRacism
- Challenge others to also participate in the Show Racism the Door activity and post their content to social media using #MarchOutRacism
- View all social media content on our [#MarchOutRacism Social Feed](#)

About the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS)

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan is a charitable, non-profit organization committed to promoting, fostering, improving and developing multiculturalism in the cultural, economic, social and political life of Saskatchewan while working to achieve equality of all residents. We support member organizations through workshops, investments in their activities that implement our mission, aims and objectives, networking and information, and being the lead voice on multiculturalism in the province. We also support anti-racism and multicultural education activities in schools. We celebrate significant dates, such as Saskatchewan Multicultural Week in November, Black History Month in February, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21st, Hispanic Heritage Month in April, Asian Heritage Month in May, National Aboriginal History Month in June, and Celebrate Canada from June 21st to July 1st. We are supported by SaskCulture through Saskatchewan Lotteries. For more information please visit mcos.ca and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

About the Southwest Newcomer Centre (SWNC)

The Newcomer Welcome Centre is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and maintaining a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers who have decided to reside in Southwest Saskatchewan. The Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre is a welcoming space in downtown Swift Current that provides programming and resources to assist newcomers who have chosen to settle in Southwest Saskatchewan. The Welcome Centre, a regional gateway, welcomes immigrants and refugees, and supports their adjustment in Canada with services, initiatives and activities that promote diversity, participation and integration. Since opening its doors in 2008, the Welcome Centre has been vital in meeting the real needs of newcomers by providing client-responsive and project-driven service in order to improve settlement, integration and retention outcomes. For more information please visit <http://www.newcomerwelcomecentre.com/> and follow us on Facebook.

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