Our Canada: Exploring Canadian values through culture, faith and identity



I am writing to you from **The Canadian Race Relations Foundation** (CRRF) about a national initiative which may be of interest to your organization. http://crrf-fcrr.ca/en/our-canada/cross-canada-workshops

As you may know, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation is Canada's leading agency dedicated to the elimination of racism and the promotion of harmonious race relations in the country.

The "Our Canada" full-day workshop is directed toward professionals who are leading diversity and inclusion initiatives either at a grassroots level or corporately. It is designed to build knowledge about faith-related situations (over and above mandated accommodation laws) in their workplace or community, and increase their ability to manage situations arising out of conflicting religious practices and cultural values.

The workshop features an opportunity to talk about faith in Canada with local faith leaders, and discuss new situations that have emerged connected to the growth of Canada's multi-faith population. The workshop also introduces a faith-based professional development (PD) module and Toolkit that can be added to existing diversity training initiatives.

The Cross-Canada Workshops initiative aims to address conflicting value issues in schools, workplaces and public settings. The initiative will be sustained through ongoing engagement of diversity champions across Canada, and an online toolkit and resources that will be maintained and updated by the CRRF and available on the CRRF website.

Since 2014, we have been taking the show on the road and have done 18 workshops across Canada. In order to proceed in a meaningful way in your community, we are looking for local partners in each city who will help identify people who would best suited to such an initiative.

The London, ON "Our Canada" workshop is slated for

Thursday, November 26, 2015

This would present an excellent opportunity for you to partner with the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and help to change the complexion of workplace diversity and inclusion in your city and community.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at either <u>judycsillag@crrf-fcrr.ca</u> or 905-597-3578/416-526-1747. I look forward to your response.

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