

About the Project



Engaging Girls, Changing Communities: Examining Girls' Processes of Civic Engagement and Leadership (EGCC). EGCC investigates how young women

and girls engage in leadership and civic activities in new urban environments.

Armed with questions crafted to unearth a unique perspective on the lives of girls in the X generation, our interviewers addressed issues that specifically identify enhancers and barriers to community participation, girls face in their everyday lives. The subsequent community projects that were undertaken by youth received much praise from the project participants as well as other community members.

EGCC strives to respond to concerns that girls' potential for civic engagement and leadership positions will remain untapped if new ways of nurturing girls' leadership are not pursued. EGCC promotes the development of girls and future leaders and invites girls to re-define leadership in their own terms. Read more about EGCC at the Jean Augustine website:

»<http://edu.apps01.yorku.ca/jeanaugustinechair/projects-research/egcc>

"EGCC invites girls to re-define leadership in their own terms."

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EGCC Project Updates

Data Analysis

Research Assistant, Shawnee Hardware is working with other researchers to analyze



data on patterns of civic engagement. The findings from the data analysis will be shared with project stakeholders via publications and other forums.

EGCC Workshop

EGCC will be hosting a workshop to present the project results. This workshop will bring together collaborators to propose a future study on youth engagement and leadership learning by youth from marginalized groups. Further details on the upcoming workshop will follow soon.

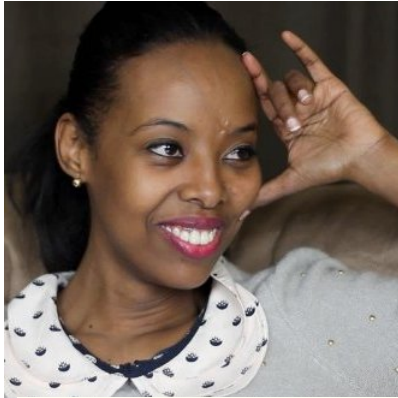
EGCC Blog

Read some of the past entries of EGCC researchers and share your own thoughts on the EGCC blog

»<http://engaginggirlschangingcommunities.blogspot.ca/>

New Social Media Coordinator

The EGCC is happy to welcome Muna Ali on to the project. Muna will be managing the social media accounts of EGCC as well develop a short film and photo archives for EGCC.



About Muna:

Muna Ali is a current Masters student in Interdisciplinary Studies at York University and the Co-Founder and Program Director of Gashanti Unity. She has acted as a facilitator between the multiple generations that make

up the Somali community, trying to build inter-generational bridges through her multi-media projects.



It provides youth with opportunities for social entrepreneurship and leadership development in service to their local communities. The project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The Tikkun Project

Project Description:

Led by EGCC Co-Investigator, Dr. Yvette Daniel (PI), this project represents a three-year, international multi-sector, participatory action-oriented research study that aims to explore, facilitate and promote youth-led civic engagement. The research project will be conducted in five sites across three countries: Canada, Kosovo, and South Africa. The project is guided by the notion of *Tikkun Olam*, an ancient Jewish concept meaning "repairing the world" through acts that promote social justice (Berlinger, 2003). An *ethic of responsibility* to others is the guiding principle for youth involved in this project.



Employment Opportunities for Youth Leaders with the Tikkun Project

The Tikkun Project is looking for *Youth Researchers!*

- Do you have previous leadership and research interviewer experience?
- Do you have good interpersonal communication skills?
- Are you analytical?
- Are you between ages 16-24?

If you answered yes to all the questions above, then submit your resume and cover letter by **Dec. 31st, 2014** via email to: Shawnee Hardware (Research Assistant): Jaugustinechair@edu.yorku.ca



EGCC Funders

SSHRC (Funder)

»www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

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»<http://edu.apps01.yorku.ca/jeanaugustinechair/>

Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex
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»<http://www.themcc.com/>

EGCC Community Partners

Skills for Change

»<http://www.skillsforchange.org/>

Thornccliffe Neighbourhood Office

»<http://www.thorncliffe.org/>

Working Women Community Centre

»<http://www.workingwomencc.org/>