

BRIDGES

Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity

BRIDGES Invites you to a Public Event:

Engaging Our Youth

We will be profiling stories of exceptional youth engagement, and will also be conducting an Essay and Composition Contest to stimulate discussion about issues that are affecting our youth

Date:

Saturday Nov. 7th, 2015 at 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Venue:

Roxbury Community College: Media Arts Center
1234 Columbus Ave, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

Admission is free, that includes Lunch, registration required at:

www.myVillage.US/my/BRIDGES

Event Speaker: A Prominent Speaker Invited

Panelists: DHS Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorney, USCIS, CBP, TSA, DHS, HSI, FBI and two BRIDGES Members

Free Tables: Tables are available to promote your for/ non-profit entity at the event or to post Job openings. Please email now if interested.

Youth Contest: Please turn over this page to see Youth Contest Details. Send your Essay to YouthContest@mabridges.org no later than Nov. 4th.

Questions for Panelists: Please submit your questions for the Panel via Contact@mabridges.org or Anonymously via:

www.mabridges.org/Surveys

The BRIDGES Town Hall 2015 is a Free and open opportunity to network with our government and ask questions. Everyone is welcome to attend this Town Hall regardless of their Ethnic, Cultural or Religious affiliation.

Event Sponsors Include, ISBCC, ICB Wayland, Barry Hoffman Hon. Pakistan Consul General, Anjuman-E-Ezzi in Billerica, Conflict Resolution, Human Security and Global Governance Dep. and UMass Boston, and Roxbury Community College



Event Schedule:

1:00-2:00

Networking over Lunch

2:00

Welcome Remarks

2:00-2:20

Event Speaker

2:20-2:30

Youth Speakers from Global Youth Summit New York

2:30-2:40

Youth Competition Winners and Prizes Announcement

2:40-4:00

Panel Discussions / Community Interaction

4:00-5:00

Community and Government Networking

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BRIDGES YOUTH CONTEST

The theme for this meeting is Engaging our Youth, consequently we will be profiling stories of exceptional youth engagement and will be conducting a Youth Competition to stimulate discussion about issues that are affecting our Youth. If you are between the ages 15 -25 you are invited to enter the contest:

Please answer **one** of the following three questions. There will be three winners. The winners will be invited to have lunch or dinner with Ms. Carmen Ortiz, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. The winners will be invited to speak at the BRIDGES annual Town Hall on November 7th, 2015. Winning submissions will be published in the media.

In about 1,000 words, or through any means of expression (such as video, poetry, etc) discuss one of the following questions:

Question 1

Ben Carson stated that “Muslims should not be allowed to be President.” How does this comment make you feel? Do you feel that moderate non-Muslims, who disagree with such a comment, are not doing enough to denounce these comments? *What do you think would the impact of such a statement be on Muslim youth? Does such statement make Muslim youth withdraw from the political process or become more determined to be heard, and why is that?*

Question 2

A student builds a clock and brings it to school. The teacher and administration reacts by thinking it is a bomb. Do you think this reaction was driven by the fact that the student was a Muslim? Does America see a terrorist under every rock? *What do you think the psychological impact of that on Muslim youth? What do you think the impact of such incident on the creativity and knack for sciences and technology among young Muslims? How would you have reacted if you were in his place?*

Question 3

You may formulate your own question of what you think are the pressing problems facing the Muslim youth, and answer it.

Some Guidelines:

- When answering the question of your choice please feel free to express your views, give examples, add your experience or those whom you know, provide a solution or pose counter questions.
- If you pick Question 1 or Question 2, please do not feel constrained by them. They are mere suggestions about important issues.
- Keep in mind: national security, countering terrorism, changing perceptions, and what we as a country should be doing to not marginalize the Muslims in our nation.
- Please, indicate clearly at the top of your answer which question you are dealing with.
- Submit your entry by November 4, 2015 by forwarding to YouthContest@mabridges.org