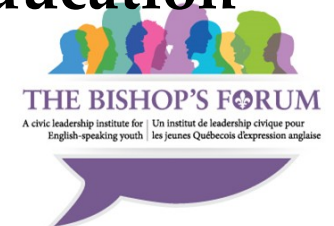


Bishop's Forum: Voice and Empowerment of Quebec Anglophone Youth

October 28, 2018

Forum: Minority Community Vitality through Education / La vitalité des communautés minoritaires par l'éducation



Bishop's Forum

- Week-long institute on civic engagement
- English-speaking Quebecers between the ages of 18 and 24
- Held in August the week before CEGEP students go back
- Participants are housed in residence
- Travel to and from Bishop's and accommodation are covered
- Program includes cultural activities.

Context

- One of the most important challenges facing Quebec's English-speaking community is its capacity to retain its young people.
- As for all young Quebecers, the economic health and social dynamism of Quebec society will be critical determinants in whether young English-speaking adults choose to make their lives here.

Context

- There are additional factors which impact young English-speaking Quebecers and their decisions to remain in Quebec.
- Three of the most important factors are :
 - their ability to speak French,
 - their employment opportunities and
 - their sense of engagement in - and capacity to contribute to - Quebec society.

Goal

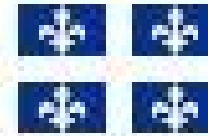
- The goal of the Bishop's Forum is to contribute to the third element by enhancing young English-speaking Quebecers understanding of how some of the fundamental institutions of Quebec society function.
- The program will give young participants insight into how some major Quebec institutions operate, such as
 - the National Assembly,
 - political parties,
 - community and not-for-profit organizations and,
 - the media.

- If young English-speaking Quebecers can wrap their imaginations around how the business of Quebec's major institutions is transacted, they'll be better equipped to lead the change from which the whole province can benefit.
- It is vital that young English Quebecers have an opportunity to come together to learn, discuss, plan and build solidarity.
- Supporting youth in sustaining civic leadership is imperative.

- This initiative is being supported by the Government of Quebec as part of its *Stratégie d'action jeunesse 2016-2021*.

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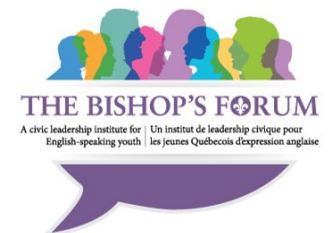
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Promotion

- ☐ Posters on campuses
- ☐ E-posters to targetted groups
- ☐ Facebook, Twitter
- ☐ Mentors reaching out to potential participants



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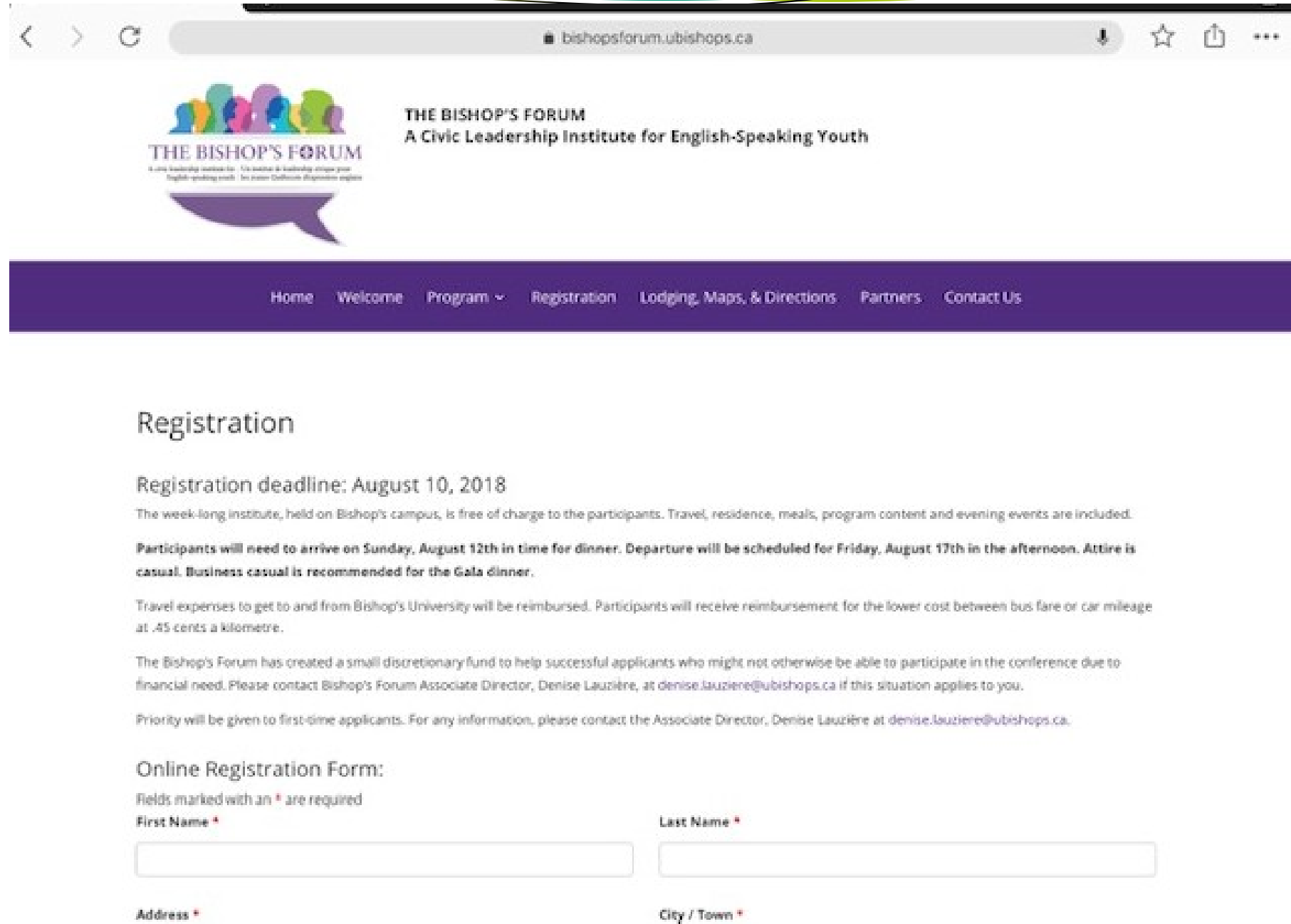
Are you a leader between the ages of 18 and 26?
Are you a member of the English-speaking community of Quebec?
Do you want to have a better idea of how Quebec society works?
Do you want an "inside look" at how major Quebec institutions work?
Do you want to make your career here?
Do you want to influence public policy?

Apply by May 31st to take part in a week-long Quebec immersion program at Bishop's.

www.bishopsforum.ubishops.ca
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Application process



The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL bishopsforum.ubishops.ca. The page features the Bishop's Forum logo, which includes a graphic of five stylized human figures in various colors above a purple speech bubble. The text on the page reads: "THE BISHOP'S FORUM" and "A Civic Leadership Institute for English-Speaking Youth". A purple navigation bar contains the following links: Home, Welcome, Program (with a dropdown arrow), Registration, Lodging, Maps, & Directions, Partners, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Registration" and contains the following information:

Registration deadline: August 10, 2018

The week-long institute, held on Bishop's campus, is free of charge to the participants. Travel, residence, meals, program content and evening events are included.

Participants will need to arrive on Sunday, August 12th in time for dinner. Departure will be scheduled for Friday, August 17th in the afternoon. Attire is casual. Business casual is recommended for the Gala dinner.

Travel expenses to get to and from Bishop's University will be reimbursed. Participants will receive reimbursement for the lower cost between bus fare or car mileage at .45 cents a kilometre.

The Bishop's Forum has created a small discretionary fund to help successful applicants who might not otherwise be able to participate in the conference due to financial need. Please contact Bishop's Forum Associate Director, Denise Lauzière, at denise.lauziere@ubishops.ca if this situation applies to you.

Priority will be given to first-time applicants. For any information, please contact the Associate Director, Denise Lauzière at denise.lauziere@ubishops.ca.

Online Registration Form:

Fields marked with an * are required

First Name *

Last Name *

Address *

City / Town *

Bishop's Forum Selection Process

- Three questions to answer:
 - Tell us about yourself
 - Explain why you should be picked to attend the Bishop's Forum
 - What kind of change would you like to see in Quebec society? For example, in health care or climate change.

Participants

2017

Bishop's University	9
Champlain College	1
Concordia University	8
Dawson	5
Heritage College	3
John Abbott College	2
Marianopolis	9
McGill	2
Université de Montréal	2
Vanier College	8
Graduates/Employed	2

2018

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Dawson	1
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Marianopolis	1
McGill	2
Polytechnique	2
Université de Montréal	1
Université de Sherbrooke	1
Vanier College	4
Graduates/Employed	7

Participants by region

2018

Montreal	35
Eastern Townships	8
Nunavik	3
Montréal	3
Quebec City	1
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	1

Week-long institute

- ❑ Plenary sessions with guest speakers
- ❑ Self-selected working groups on a general theme
- ❑ Informal opportunities for chatting with guest speakers
- ❑ Development of a Paper on a specific topic presented to a mock Parliamentary Commission
- ❑ Cultural activities



Plenary sessions



Guest speakers



Eric Maldoff,
Founding
Member
of Quebec
Alliance



Geoff Kelley,
Minister
of Native
Affairs



**Minister
Kathleen Weil,**
Minister
Responsible
for Relations
with the
English
Speaking
Quebecers



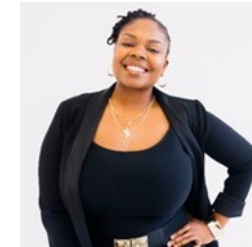
**Romeo
Saganash,**
Member of
Parliament
for Abitibi-
Baie James-
Nunavik-
Eeyou



**Nantali
Indongo,**
Host of
The
Bridge,
CBC
Montreal



Heidi Rathjen,
Co-Director,
Quebec Coalition
for Tobacco
Control



**Tiffany
Callender,**
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Black
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Alain Dupuis,
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francophones et
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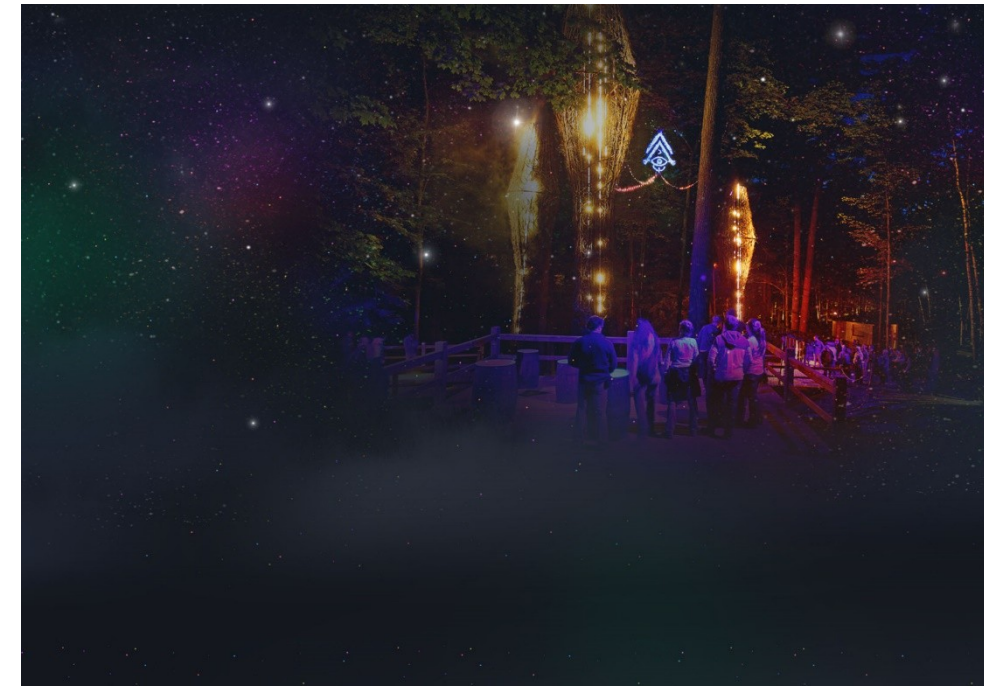
Informal opportunities to speak with speakers



Cultural activities



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Working groups

Question 3: What kind of change would you like to see in Quebec society?

2017

- Linguistic Rights of the English-Speaking Community
- Indigenous Rights
- Health Care and Mental Health
- Diversity/Immigrants/Refugees
- Sustainability/Climate Change

2018

- Youth Engagement and Opportunities
- Education
- Health Care and Mental Health
- Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Sustainability/Climate Change

2018 Coaches and Co-Coaches

A Coach's responsibilities :

- Review guidelines for the Parliamentary Commission presentation.
- Assist in the framing of the presentation.
- Be available to participate in discussions after the guest speaker presentations throughout the Forum.
- Provide counsel and guidance to individual group members.



Nicholas Backman, 2017 Bishop's Forum Participant



Chad Bean, 2017 Bishop's Forum Participant



Christopher Bourne, 2017, 2018 Dawson College



Amanda Cockburn, 2018 Dawson College



Linton Garner, Regional Association of West Quebecers, 2018



Dr. Heather Lawford, CRC, Youth Engagement, Bishop's, 2017, 2018



Maggie MacDonnell, Educator and Sport for Development Practitioner, 2018



Dr. Matthew Peros, CRC Climate and Environmental Change Bishop's, 2017, 2018



Dr. Jessica Riddell, 3M National Teaching Fellow (2015), Bishop's 2017, 2018



Julia Suter Sardo, 2017 Bishop's Forum participant



Heather Schurman, 2017 Bishop's Forum Participant



Jonathan Seiffert, 2017 Bishop's Forum participant



Dr. Mike Teed, Bishop's University



Parliamentary Commission Presentation

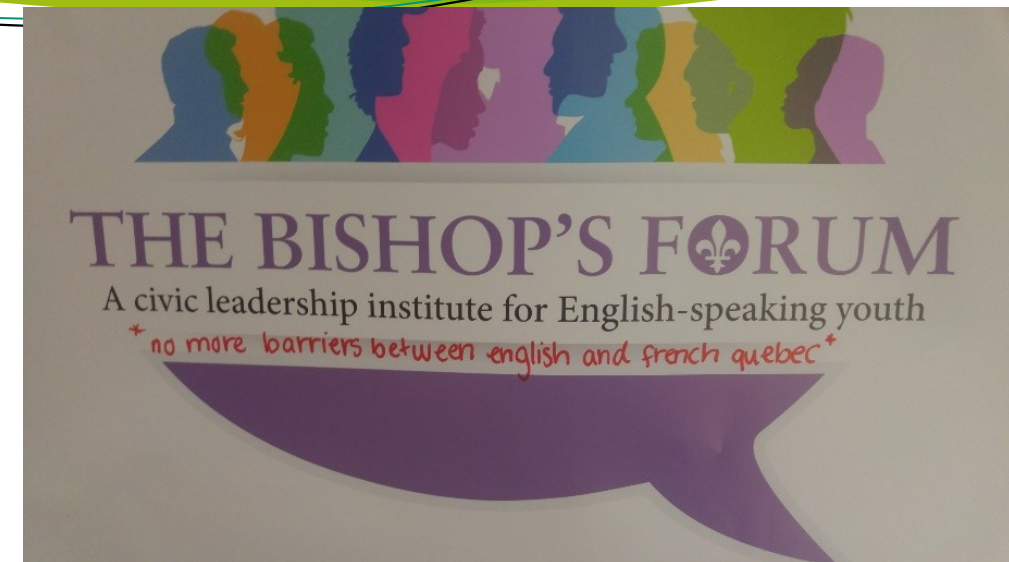
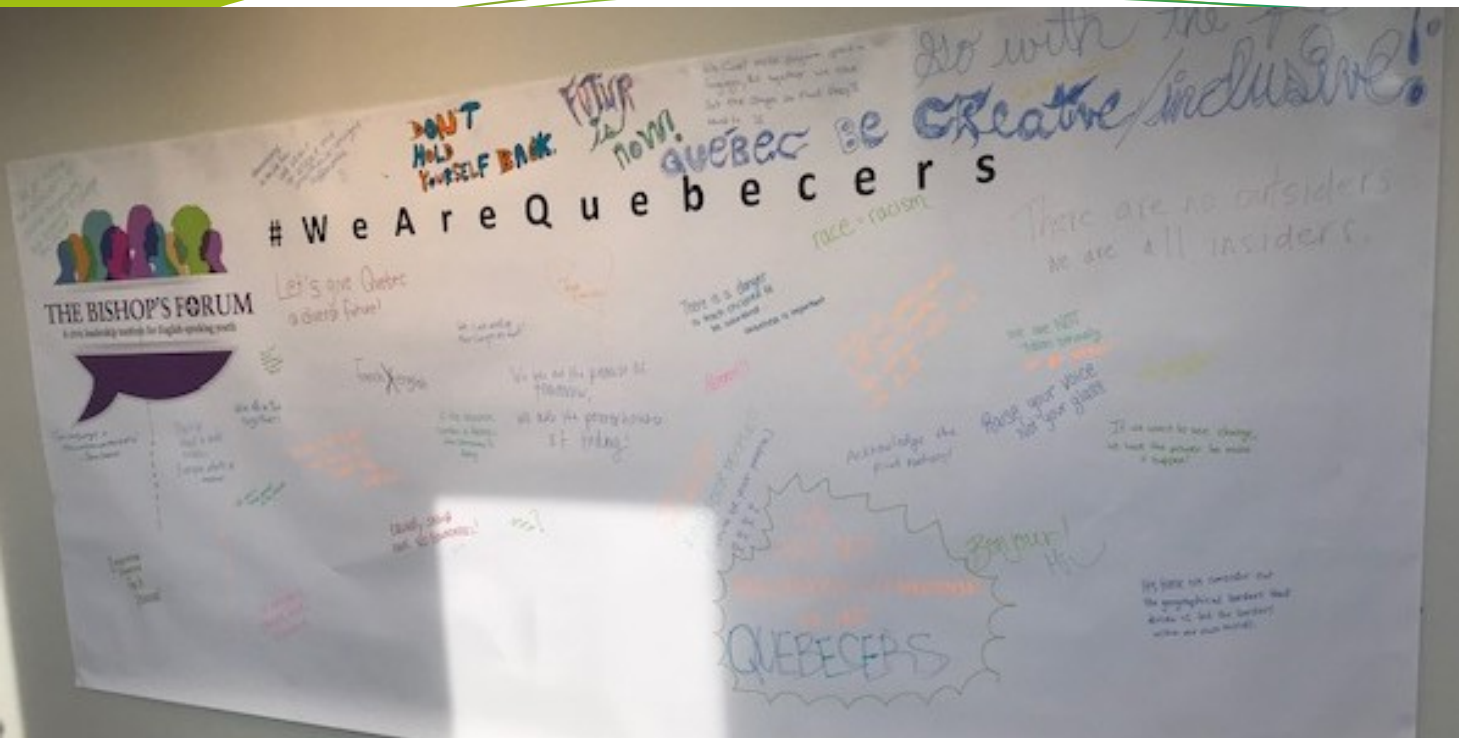
Each Working Group is tasked with developing a presentation on a topic in front of a Parliamentary type Commission. The presentation of 10 minutes to 20 minutes was followed by questions and discussion with the Commissioners.



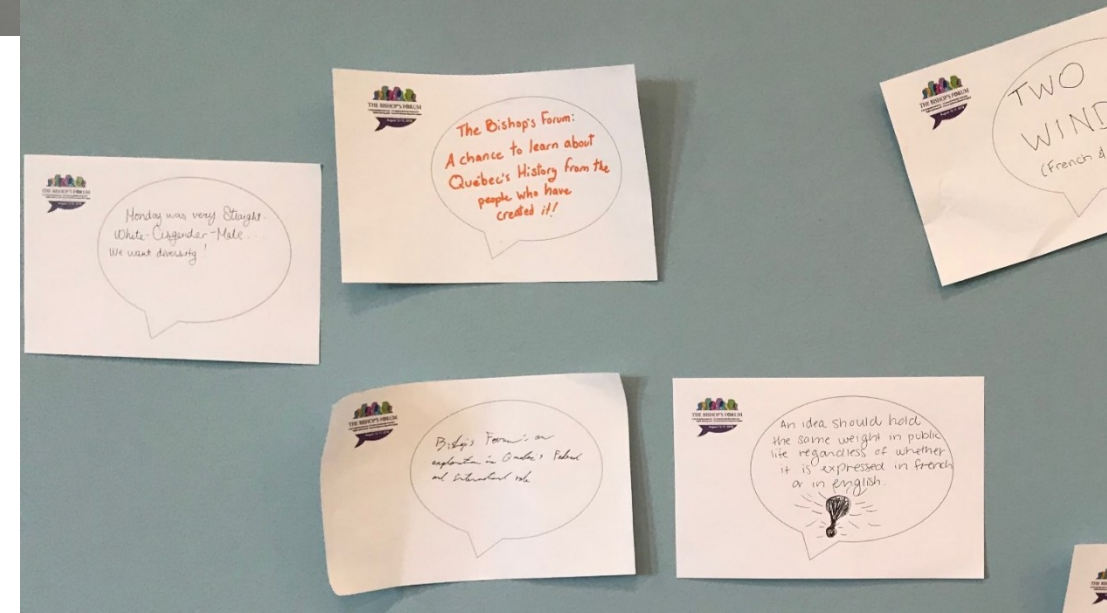
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10:10	Health Care and Mental Health Group 1	Youth Engagement and Opportunities Group 2
10:40	Diversity and Inclusiveness Group 1	Diversity and Inclusiveness Group 2
11:10	Education Group 1	Education Group 2
11:40	Sustainability, Climate Change Group 1	Sustainability, Climate Change Group 2

Some of the Parliamentary Commission Presentations

- ❑ Providing midwifery services to more expectant mothers
- ❑ Providing universal pharmaceutical care to Quebecers
- ❑ Broadening access to English Schools
- ❑ Bee the Change!
 - ❑ To protect and encourage growth of bees by
 - ❑ Establishing beehives near high schools
 - ❑ Changing the science curriculum.
- ❑ Advancing Inuit Youth Rights in Northern Quebec
 - ❑ *Bridging the North and South of a united Quebec*
- ❑ Providing free hygiene products in washrooms of public institutions



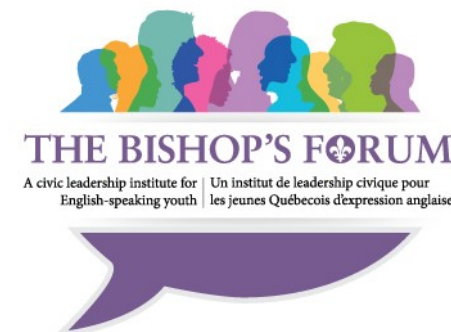
Thoughts from the Forumers



2017



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2018



- It may be too early to know how - but it's not too early to say - with great confidence - that the Bishop's Forum will have great impact not only on what the young people learn but also the colleagues they have met.
- Our thesis is that they will want to stay because they realize they are part of a vital community and they can influence change and impact their society.