



"Together We Learn"
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News and Information

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École KLO Middle School – Human Library

Kelowna, B.C. –

École KLO Middle School is hosting their fifth Human Library event on Thursday, May 12, 2016. The past Human Library events have been a huge success. Students really enjoyed this amazing opportunity to connect with their community.

"I enjoyed that it wasn't just straight out of a book. I enjoyed the people telling their own stories; it was very interesting and engaging. Also, the groups were a decent size so you could really ask interesting questions. Overall it was a very good experience, and I found it so awesome that all the stories were from our community. "

Human Library events were first developed in Europe to allow readers to meet with people from diverse backgrounds in an effort to break down stereotypes and prejudices. These events have been successful in bringing community members together, fostering diversity and changing attitudes. In a 21st Century Learning environment, Human Library events also reinforce the role of a library as a Learning Commons, an important place to bring diverse people together, to provide meaningful social action among students and community members. Students will be given the opportunity to hear diverse stories and converse with a wide variety of community members.

Human Library volunteers are essentially living books that can be borrowed by KLO readers for a set period of time (15-20 minutes) to engage in conversations. Thank you to the many parents and community members who have volunteered to participate in this worthwhile event.

The media and public are invited to attend.

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016
Times: 9:10 am to 11:45 am
12:35 pm to 3:05 pm
Location: École KLO Middle School
3130 Gordon Drive
Kelowna, B.C.
(t) 250-870-5106

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