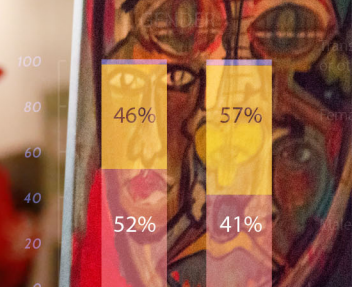
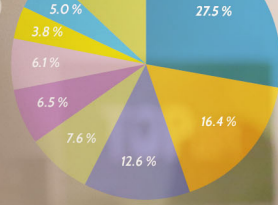




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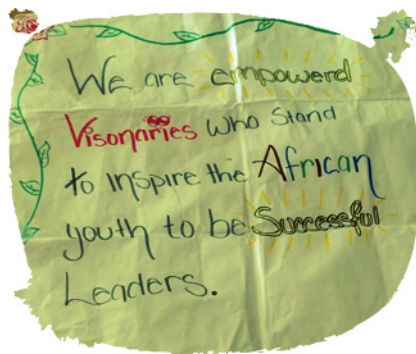
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"Students Commission changed my life"

The Students Commission continued to provide opportunities for youth, influence those who influence youth and plan for the future in 2015. We spent 2015 planning and strategizing for our 25th Anniversary events and activities. We ended the year with a team retreat focused on laying out the groundwork for a new strategic plan to guide our organization for 2017-2022.

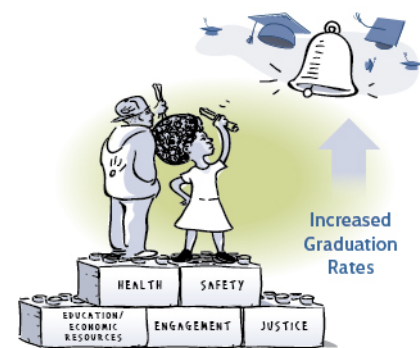


Sharing the Stories

Our research and evaluation platform expanded from 81 unique programs and organizations to 151. In fact, our platform is now international with the World Alliance of YMCA's using it to evaluate the effectiveness of their Global Change Agent Program. We continued to support the Youth Opportunities Fund in the evaluation capacity building supports for grantees. We also begun looking at our database for key trends in the youth sector with a plan to begin publishing results in 2016 and 2017.

Collective Impact

We continued to act as the backbone organization for the Collective Impact for Toronto Youth (CITY) initiative. We worked closely with the YouthCI funding stream to develop a theory of change and implementation plan for the project. The CITY initiative is focused on increasing the graduation rates of racialized youth in the City of Toronto. As a result of increased funding support, we were able to formally launched the project and approach in three neighbourhoods in the City of Toronto.



Save the Children, Children Lead the Way

The Students Commission worked with Save the Children Canada on an International, trilingual project, engaging youth from Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Peru, Nicaragua, and Kenya. The team supported in-country youth workers and facilitated youth group activities in all the participating countries in preparation for the final Children Lead the Way conference in January 2016.

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We continued to support youth engagement in research by gathering youth feedback on the Health Behaviours in School-Aged Children Report in Canada. We conducted participatory action research sessions in Saskatoon and Toronto with a group of 50 youth.



Top Left

The Top Left project wrapped up in May 2015. Top Left was a two-year project focused on engaging young people who identify as men and boys to take action against gender-based violence. The project wrapped up with four community forums in Miramichi, NB, Toronto, ON, Saskatoon, SK and Victoria, BC. The Top Left project reached close to 25000 youth across Canada through various project activities including: workshops, PSA's, weekly youth groups and three national conferences.

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