

PREVpectives

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A World of Thanks to Our Network



And so, we begin 2008 with excitement, confidence and resolve, knowing that together, we are on a path to transformative social innovation and change across the country, and around the globe.

We hope that you will join us in Toronto for our 3rd PREVNet Conference and AGM in Toronto May 27-29, 2008. There will be many activities for PREVNet students, researchers, and NGO's along with opportunities to network and develop opportunities for 2008 and beyond. This year we have cast a broader lens to this event under the theme of "creating a world without bullying". We will be sending out further details soon and the formal registration will open in March.

Thank you for all that you have done with PREVNet, most of all, thank you for helping to improve the quality of life for our children: together, we are creating a world without bullying.

Wendy Craig and Debra Pepler

Happy new year to all PREVNet partners!

Last May at the PREVNet 2nd Conference and AGM in Montreal we put forward the challenge to "rise up for respectful relationships". The energy and wonderful commitment witnessed at that event were truly inspiring, and characterizes the incredible work undertaken in the past year by each and every member of the PREVNet family.

The past year has been filled with outstanding successes within the network, far too numerous to list in this small space. From the terrific momentum and awareness built around Bullying Awareness Week in November to the volunteer efforts of our graduate students, board members, researchers, and NGO practitioners: all of you indeed, rose up magnificently.

In just two years PREVNet has grown to now include 42 NGO's and 42 researchers, and together we are mobilizing knowledge about bullying into practice with a reach that is measured in millions, with the capacity to reach every child and youth in Canada.



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PREVNet Welcomes New Partners to the Network

As of 2008, PREVNet includes 42 researchers from 21 universities across Canada and 42 national community organizations that work with children and youth.

PREVNet's network has expanded and we are pleased to welcome new partners who have joined us over the year of 2007.

Canadian Researchers:

Dr. Leena Augimeri,
Centre for Children
Committing Offences

Dr. Susan Dion,
York University

Dr. Karl Hennig,
University of Guelph

Dr. Susan Lollis,
University of Guelph

Dr. Wayne MacKay,
Dalhousie Law School

Dr. Harriet MacMillan,
McMaster University

Dr. Sheila Marshall,
University of British Columbia

Dr. Brenda Morrison,
Simon Fraser University

Dr. Kim Schonert Reichl,
University of British Columbia

Dr. Michael Ungar,
Dalhousie University

Dr. Terry Waterhouse,
University College of the
Fraser Valley

Canadian NGOs:

**Canadian Teacher's
Federation**

www.ctf-fce.ca

UNICEF

www.unicef.ca

For more information on PREVNet's Research Partners, please visit: www.prevnet.ca/Partners/Researchers/tabid/115/Default.aspx.

For more information on PREVNet's Partner Organizations, please visit: www.prevnet.ca/Partners/Organizations/tabid/116/Default.aspx.

PREVNet Supports Girl Guides in Creating a New Program



**Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada**



Girls United is a new training program for leaders and challenges for girls that helps girls connect in healthy ways through: getting along with others, building strong connections with each other, supporting one another, and engaging in rewarding friendships with other girls.

The Girls United Challenge includes activities that Girl Guide units can use to promote healthy relationships and prevent bullying. These activities highlight the negative impact of social aggression and bullying, and create a sense of caring, belonging, and mutual responsibility

between all girls.



Girls are eligible to receive a challenge crest when they participate in these activities.

An enrichment training is available for Guiders that will give them a deeper understanding of how to

recognize social aggression and to take action to provide girls with safe places. Adults who are untrained rarely aid children who are bullied. This training gives adults tools to take action through an introduction to the dynamics of girl's relationships and age-appropriate strategies for promoting healthy relationships.

Girls United is a Girl Guides of Canada initiative that promotes healthy relationships and prevents bullying. It was developed in 2007 with the support of PREVNet.

For more information on this program please visit: www.girlguides.ca/default1.asp?id=1384.

PREVNet at the 2008 Bullying Awareness Week Events

Bullying Awareness Week 2008 was a success. The members of our network were involved in events across the nation.

Our partners organized conferences, movie premieres, launched new programs and PSAs, and rallies at public schools.

Dr. Debra Pepler spoke at one of the “Stand Up!” rallies organized by Family Channel, PREVNet and

bullying.org. A Certificate of Excellence from PREVNet was presented to the four schools who won the “Stand Up!” challenge congratulating them on their excellence in promoting relationships and eliminating violence within their schools. Dr. Debra Pepler led a question and answer period with the students of the school regarding bullying issues and concerns.

Dr. Wendy Craig presented at the “Sharing Solutions for Bullying” event hosted by Kids Help Phone. Her talk was titled “Consequences of Cyberbullying and the Role of Peers as Interveners in the Problem”. She also participated in a question and answer period.

For more details on other Bullying Awareness Week activities and bullying tip sheets please visit our website <http://www.prevnet.ca>.



Dr. Debra Pepler at the “Stand Up!” Rally at Pleasantville Public School

Elijah’s Kite Performance at the Glenn Gould Studio

On October 23rd, 2007 Tapestry and PREVNet organized a fundraiser performance of Elijah’s Kite at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto.

Elijah’s Kite is an original Canadian opera for children on the complex issues of bullying. The performance included children from the Regent Park School of Music and was well received by

attendees.

Children from the Regent Park School of Music were invited to attend the performance and were sponsored by members of our network and others. We thank everyone for their donations.

The study guide developed by Pat McCarthy, Dr. Debra Pepler, and Katherine McKenney accompanies the

opera and is a great toolkit for teachers to use.

For more information on Elijah’s Kite please visit www.tapestrynewopera.com/education_outreach/elijahskite/.

To download the study guide please visit www.prevnet.ca/DownloadFiles/tabid/192/Default.aspx.



Elijah’s Kite performance at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto

Vicious Circle Premiere in Kingston

“The Vicious Circle” is the first full-length dramatic film by Impossible Dreams, which tells the tragic story of Trent Morrison, a fifteen year old struggling with anxiety, frustration, hate, anger, and the troubles of being a teen in today’s society.

Development of the film began in 2004 by Nicholas Arnold who is now seventeen years old and a Grade

12 student. Nicholas was always interested in tackling difficult topics through film and feels that “The Vicious Circle” is the deepest he has ventured thus far. In developing the issue of bullying in the storyline, Dr. Wendy Craig consulted on the making of the film.

The film premiered with the support of PREVNet to a sold out crowd of nearly 500

people on September 28th, 2007 at Duncan McArthur Hall in Kingston, Ontario. The film continues to be screened to receptive audiences and will be released, along with a soundtrack, in late March.

For more information on Nicholas Arnold and his projects please visit www.impossibledreams.ca.



“The Vicious Circle” movie poster

Promoting Relationships to Eliminate Violence

Launch of PREVNet's Official French Website



During Bullying Awareness Week 2007, PREVNet announced launch of its official French website!

The French version offers information on PREVNet's mission and vision, PREVNet Partners, news and events, and research

on bullying. Downloadable toolkits are available for the general public, as well as links to other resources.

The website is informative and full of resources. It will be frequently updated with current events and information relevant to

PREVNet.

Please visit www.prevnet.ca/fn for more information.



PREVNet is Canada's strategy to stop bullying and to promote positive relationships and eliminate violence for all children and youth.

PREVNet is based on partnerships between and among Canada's leading researchers and national organizations, governments, and communities.

Together these partners mobilize knowledge related to the PREVNet four Strategy Pillars:

- **EDUCATION & KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**
- **ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION**
- **PREVENTION & INTERVENTION**
- **POLICY & ADVOCACY**

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