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*Vancouver students speak out on the future of cities!*

**June 13<sup>th</sup> Vancouver, 2006-On June 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Vancouver students will be participating in a Model UN-Habitat Assembly and post-modern abstract mural to reclaim the cities we all live in; in preparation for the third session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 3).**

The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) through its Youth of Today, City of Tomorrow programme challenges Vancouver and International high school students as the leaders of tomorrow to offer active solutions to the world they will inherit.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> students will be actively using the left side of their brain in the creation of an abstract post-modern mural showcasing their thoughts, in an artistic medium, on human settlement. This abstract mural will be showcased at WUF 3 the following week.

July 15<sup>th</sup>, the same students will be engaging the right side of their brain and participating in a formalized Model UN-Habitat Assembly. The students will be divided to represent UN member states and through heated critical analysis offer empowered solutions on how to improve the structure of cities.

**Youth of Today, City of Tomorrow** is a proactive educational programme specifically designed to look at the diverse themes of human settlement and urban sustainability. YTCT, engages high school students from Western Canada to come up with 'real' solutions on how to improve the structure of the cities they live in and apply them to the global commons.

**UNA-Canada** is a national charitable organization celebrating its landmark 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a 'think and do' organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of fifteen volunteer branches with a National office in Ottawa and Western professional office in Vancouver. Our mandate is to engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical global issues which affect us all, through innovative projects, policy research, and on-going communications with Canadians.

**When & Where:**

**Post-Modern Mural will be created @ The Roundhouse Community Centre. 1881 Roundhouse Mews at Davie St. From 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Model UN-Habitat Assembly will held @ the John Braithwaite Community Centre. 1445 West 1<sup>st</sup> street, North Vancouver. Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

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