

The Community Policy on Social Responsibility and Self Sufficiency for Kahnawà:ke

One day conference for youth to address their vision for Kahnawà:ke's future

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(Kahnawake – July 28, 2014) Kahnawà:ke young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are invited to attend a gathering to discuss the future of the community and the role they hope to play in that future. The one-day event, being called **Youth Vision 20/20**, is being organized as part of the Project for a Community Policy on Social Responsibility and Self Sufficiency. This Project is overseen by a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from the Kahnawake Education Center, Tewatohni'saktha, Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke.

The all-day event will take place on Monday, August 18th at the Kahnawake Youth Center. An agenda will be announced shortly and a free pizza lunch will be provided.

"In a way, this is the launch of the office of *Community Policy on Social Responsibility and Self Sufficiency of Kahnawà:ke*," said Bronson Cross, who is the Youth Project Coordinator. "The youth are the future leaders, mothers, fathers, workers and artists of Kahnawà:ke. As we prepare to work towards developing a comprehensive approach to improve the socio-economic status of the community, we feel strongly that we need to consult with the young people themselves at the earliest possible time to get a better idea of what they want, feel and need for the future."

"As someone who has just graduated, I can relate to the need for young people to express their ideas, use their talents, and ask the questions that need to be asked in order to be part of the betterment of the community," he continued. "Youth Vision 20/20 will be a chance for young people to come together to help shape the landscape of the community in a positive manner."

Youth are being asked to contact Mr. Cross to confirm their attendance. The event is designed to be fast-paced, energetic and creative. He is hoping to attract as many people as possible.

"The more people attending, the clearer the message should be," he concluded. "The community leaders agree that the young people need a say in the future, and this is a good place to start."

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For the wellbeing for all Kahnawà:kehrónon, we must work together to assist individuals to understand their responsibilities to provide for themselves and their families through encouraging their overall human development through lifelong learning of what it means to be a contributing member of our community.