

p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and find a sympathetic ear. Those sympathetic ears belong to a "full representation of the community and include educators, professors, doctors, psychologists, nurses, taxi drivers... indeed, anyone who has any life experience and who might possibly contribute to the education and information of teenagers in every aspect." The purpose of the program is not only to correct behaviour, but to prevent problems. Through the anonymity of the telephone, the teenagers can say what they wish to a person with experience. Such organizations provide a necessary service to visible minority youth and should be supported.

**Successful** youth integration projects and their developmental process should be documented and shared nationally through a government computer retrieval system.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Federal Government should fund majority youth organizations which are prepared to modify their programs in ways that increase the participation of minority youth.**

## **SUPPORT MULTICULTURAL, MULTIRACIAL SHARING EVENTS**

**Respond:** "But after they become settled in Canada, and oftentimes after they become citizens, I feel there is a phase missing. It is what I like to think of as maybe the second phase of becoming a participant in the Canadian society; that is, once they have dealt with all those issues or problems that are inevitable when you are a new immigrant, and they have found employment and taken advantage of the educational system, to feel really and truly a part of the whole Canadian fabric. And another phase I think they go through is one of participating in community kinds of activities and community programs. I feel that there are very, very few agencies or organizations that offer this kind of opportunity, who are prepared to respond to this need and prepared to involve and integrate visible minorities in the kinds of activities they have in their agency." (South Vancouver Neighbourhood House)

**Community:** Stronger public participation methods and outreach efforts have to be developed by community-based organizations and governments. Good citizenship demands participation and sharing of community responsibilities and requires a conscious decision to fulfil one's obligations. It is incumbent on all Canadians to promote a sense of belonging and community for all minorities and foster active participation in the social, cultural and political life of the country. By creating stronger links between community groups and existing institutions, voluntary groups and agencies and by encouraging participation in the work of service clubs, United Way agencies, the Red Cross blood donor clinics, political parties, energy and environmental groups and many others, individuals and communities will achieve greater trust and knowledge of each other and learn to further appreciate the uniqueness of our country. "We realize that the visible minorities have at least as much responsibility as the rest of the population in promoting a harmonious multiracial society in this country." (Canadian Federation of Vietnamese Associations)

#### RECOMMENDATION

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