



The 'Wellness Initiative for Newcomers (W.I.N.)' youth program, organized by WE LIP members, Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women (W5) and The Initiative: Glengarry-Marentette Neighborhood Renewal, revealed a series of mosaic art sculptures at Adventure Bay on July 8th, 2017. The public was invited to mingle with the program participants and learn more about the project's next steps of installing the functional art structures across the Glengarry – Marentette neighbourhood.

The artwork was produced through an 8-week collaborative program created to develop newcomer youth skills and awareness of individual and community mental wellness, while providing them with the tangible opportunity of giving back to the community through a neighborhood beautification project. Youth participated in discussion-based activities led by W5 and corresponding thematic mosaic art workshops organized by The Initiative and artist Julie Butler surrounding topics of social support, anger and stress coping skills, healthy thinking, etc.

In co-operation with the City of Windsor, The Initiative is working on publicly installing the structures, which include a free little library, friendship bench, and murals expressing messages from youth. They are also accepting requests from private property owners and businesses interested in installing some of the artwork on their property.

Several funding bodies and organizations that have contributed to the success and feasibility of this project, including the Ministry of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County, Ontario Arts Council, Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, and Canadian Red Cross.



*Mosaic sculptures created by new Canadian youth participating in the Wellness Initiative for Newcomers program.*

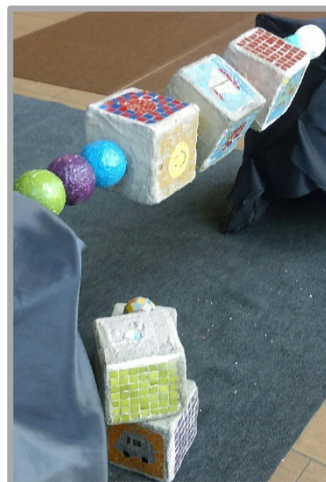
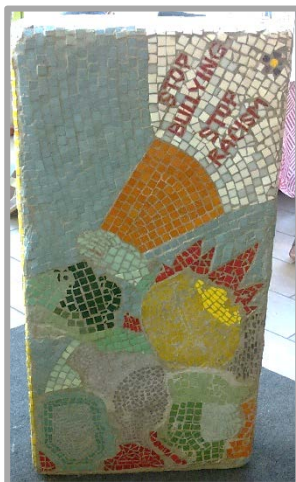


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