



## Connect Through Voices Program

### **Description:**

Connect Through Voices provides a platform for newcomer youth to engage, learn and share in a safe space. Immigrant youth often face unique challenges to adaptation. The Connect Through Voices program provides students an opportunity to talk about these challenges, including, fitting-in, making friends, dealing with peer pressure, achieving academic success, maintaining positive relationships with their parents and much more. Participants have their voices and concerns heard while SWIS staff, teachers and counsellors provide resources and guidance to help students to address their needs. Strategies for successful adaptation, building self-confidence, academic success, and connections with school and peers are shared.

### **Target Participants:**

Newcomer and ELL high school students

### **Goals:**

- Build working relationships with school staff and peers
- Receive cultural and linguistic support to address adaptation challenges
- Develop interpersonal and communication skills
- Strengthen knowledge of Canadian culture, the school system, and youth programs and resources
- Communicate your concerns in a safe and supportive environment
- Build connections and bond with peers, teachers, SWIS staff, school counsellors
- Develop strategies for dealing with school, life and migration issues
- Identify personal development goals and plan to achieve them

- Develop conflict resolution skills
- Understand how to stay safe and healthy
- Learn about graduation requirements, post-secondary educational opportunities, and career pathways

**For more information:**

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