

## **“Cultures without Borders” : A multicultural incentive for the youth of Melbourne Graffiti Wall Project**

***Gen2Gen Limited and B’nai B’rith Courage to Care (Vic) Inc. are excited to announce this exciting initiative.***

**Gen2Gen** is a non-profit initiative that runs educational programs to teach future generations about the importance of awareness, tolerance and prevention of racial intolerance.

**Courage to Care** is a travelling exhibition and education program which inspires students to be Upstanders, not Bystanders, when they are witnesses to any acts of bullying, racism or prejudice.

**What:** “***Cultures without Borders***” is an educational initiative designed to encourage religious harmony and social cohesion through the creation of a graffiti wall by young students (ages 13-15) from Indigenous Australians and the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. The image created on the wall will evoke the message of tolerance, understanding and inclusiveness.

**When:** Sunday 1 December 2019 - Educational workshop and Graffiti Wall Painting

**Where:** Educational Workshop – 843a Glen Huntly Rd, Caulfield (Courage to Care office); Wall painting at Penhalluriack's Building Supplies, 345 Hawthorn Rd. Caulfield.

### **Why be involved:**

- Working as a team in a fun activity.
- Breaking down cultural barriers and stereotypes in our society.
- Understanding and spending time with people from other cultures will enhance tolerance and understanding of who people are and where they come from.
- Breaking the cycle of stereotyping and cultural intolerance leading to harmonious relationships without prejudice between cultures.
- Schools should be encouraged to engage in multicultural events that take a stand on eradicating bias and racism.
- Emphasis on transforming Bystander behaviour to Upstander behaviour.

*Please note: This is not a forum for the promotion of any political or religious agenda.*

### **Who can participate:**

- Youth leaders, approximately 2 representing each community. The youth leaders will be selected by their own communities and must meet appropriate criteria. The youth leaders will help select approximately 10 students, aged between 13-15, from each faith to participate in the workshop and Graffiti wall.
- The selected students will be community ambassadors who will share their experience and learnings with their peers.
- The youth leaders will be required to commit to one or more training sessions to acquaint themselves with the program where each student will learn about each of the other religions and cultures. This will also allow the youth leaders to meet each other prior to the event.
- Street artist, Peter Seaton (also known as Pete Cto) has agreed to work with the students to design and create a mural that represents the Project's theme. The graffiti mural will then be painted on a wall at Penhalluriack's Building Supplies by the students and Pete Cto.

- There will be an educational workshop to discuss and promote the theme of intercultural awareness and harmony, tolerance and diversity. This will be followed by the painting of the mural on the wall. We will provide a felafel lunch (Kosher/ Halal) for all students.
- We would like to arrange some local press coverage of the Project.

**Cost:** There is no cost to participate as we have received Grants/Donations to cover all expenses.

**Further Information:**

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Peter Seaton, also known as Pete Cto. See [www.ctoart.com](http://www.ctoart.com)

