Human Library

What's your story?

As Canadians we are all from diverse backgrounds, whether it is English, Francophone, Aboriginal, Asian, African, South American or European. We know that many parents have a different cultural heritage and we hope you are willing to share your story with our students. Our school is planning to host a Human Library Event on *Harmony Day to provide our students with an authentic understanding of different cultures.

Human Library events were first developed in Europe to allow 'readers' (in this case our students) to meet with people from diverse backgrounds in an effort to break down stereotypes and prejudices. These events have been successful in bringing community members together as well as fostering diversity and acceptance.

Human Library volunteers are essentially living books that will move from classroom to classroom for a 20-25 minute period of time, first to speak about your experiences in whatever country you were born in and then to answer questions and engage our students in conversation before moving to the next classroom and repeating the process. Teachers will know in advance who is coming to their room and will teach the students a little about your culture to help them prepare questions about what they are curious to know.

If you are interested in participating, have any questions or know someone in our school community who might be interested in participating, please contact ________________________.

Please fill out the form participant response form below and send with your child or drop it off at the school.

*Harmony Day provides a yearly opportunity for the community of SD 23 to celebrate our culturally diverse society and commit ourselves to mutual respect.

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Human Library Event Participant Response

Name: ____________________________________________

I am interested in participating in the Human Library Event from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 on February 18th.

The Culture/Ethnicity I will be speaking about is ______________________________________

I can be reached at (email/phone number)____________________________________________
"How can there be peace without people understanding each other and how can this be if they don't know each other?"  

Lester B. Pearson