

Living Together

Building understanding between communities



*“See
Yourself
in
Me”*

Title and image conceived by
the Living Together group

An innovative new leadership program that brings together young Jewish and Arab teens.

Has directly impacted: 16 families, five schools, 17 advisory board members and countless other relatives, friends and community members

Creating a safe and structured space in which stereotypes can be deconstructed

The first of its kind in Canada. With an advisory board of Jewish and Arab community leaders who guide all aspects of Living Together.

Using visual arts to help bridge and expand our understanding of each other

Youth working towards a shared goal - to create a positive joint project for our greater community

In its pilot year Living Together had 16 youth enrolled in the program from five different schools.

Eight youth from the Jewish community and eight youth from the Arab community.

The group met every Tuesday evening, despite fierce weather and exam times, to get to know each other and discover what they have in common.

For these 16 youth, Living Together provided them their first opportunity to meet anyone from the ‘other’ community.

Each arrived with many opinions about the ‘other’. After 7 months all participants dramatically changed the preconceived ideas they held about each other.

The impact of the program was not only felt by the kids - their parents, the advisory board, the schools and organizations involved - all found a new common ground through this program.



Advisory Board Members

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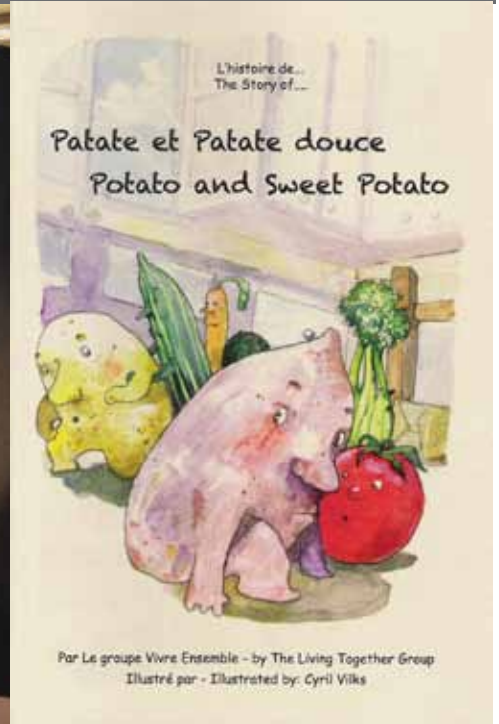
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The youth want to communicate that
**“Anything is Possible -
Jewish and Arab people can live and work
together”**



Community Projects 2011

The first Living Together
group created a two part
'Living Together' campaign;

A short video, as well as an
illustrated children's book
entitled :

**“The Story of Potato and
Sweet Potato”.**

The group then wished to
present these works in
elementary schools.

These young leaders become
'Living Together' ambassadors.

They model the great
possibilities that can arise when
we live together and respect
each other.

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