

Fraser Coast Partners against Racism Project

Organisations Involved & Contact Details

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Aims & Target Group

Aims:

- To reduce discrimination and racism
- To build stronger and more positive relationships among people of diverse cultural background in the community
- To strengthen the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people particularly young people living in Hervey Bay — Maryborough region

Target Group: Young people and students from year 10 to tertiary students of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds

Project Description & Components

- A conference titled "Opening Doors" in October 1999 to identify barriers to equitable access to services and full participation in the community faced by Indigenous and ethnic people
- To build on the success of the "Opening Doors" conference, the group organised a follow up youth forum titled "Promoting Good Community Relations" which focused on the reduction of racism and discrimination amongst young people in the community
- A series of school peer training sessions were conducted to train young people to become educators in working with their peers to rebut myths and stereotyping about migrants and Indigenous people

Process

The Fraser Coast Cultural Consultative Group (FCCCG) was formed in late 1998 to work towards reduction of discrimination and racism in the community

Membership of the group includes local government workers, community workers, school principals, church leaders, and representatives of government agencies and Indigenous and ethnic communities

The group identified young people as the major target group in their work against racism





Outcomes

- Increased awareness and acceptance of the cultural and linguistic diversity in the community
- Increased confidence among young people to speak out for themselves
- Reduction in negative stereotyping of young people in the community
- Acquired leadership skill for young people to serve as a role model to their peers
- Better understanding of the barriers to fair and equitable access to services and participation in the community experienced by the Indigenous and ethnic people in the community and needed strategies to address the issues

Challenges & Obstacles

Funding

Queensland Government, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

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