

## Projecting Change Film Festival

### *Engaging and empowering youth through film*

On April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, schools and teachers from around the Lower Mainland had the opportunity to bring their classes for film showings and engaging workshops on topics at the [Projecting Change Film Festival](#).

DASH has a vision of a society where student participation in a healthy school community is the norm, not the exception. Students are at the centre of all our work and this year, DASH had the exciting opportunity to partner with Projecting Change to support their Youth Days programming during their Projecting Change Film Festival. Projecting Change is an organization that strongly supports our work, including youth engagement. Youth Days focused on providing films that inspired and engaged youth on topics of social change. Our role involved reaching out to local schools for registration, while also providing support in the planning and execution of Youth Days.

Taylor Conroy, founder of [Change Heroes](#) and the [Early Entrepreneurship Experiment](#), provided students with an engaging workshop on entrepreneurship and social enterprise during the Friday morning session. After learning about the Early Entrepreneurship Experiment and the concept of social enterprise, groups of students began brainstorming about potential entrepreneurship ventures they could initiate to generate profit. After presenting their ideas to the larger group, a group of students from Hope Lutheran Christian School were awarded \$100 seed funding to kick-start their idea and turn the initial \$100 into \$500. We're looking forward to following these students in their entrepreneurial venture.

Friday afternoon featured a showing of the American documentary 'Bully' with a follow-up workshop by Alex Mazerolle, founder of [Girivana Yoga](#), and Jian Pablico, a facilitator for [SafeTeen](#) and [Neonology](#) and creator of the [Vars/ty Initiative](#). The documentary offered students a chance to engage with issues around bullying, as well as initiating group discussion about student, teacher and parent roles in bullying and how bullying incidents can be resolved. The workshop afterwards encouraged students who attended to reflect on their own actions, promoted self-esteem and self-awareness, and provided strategies for students to resolve bullying incidents and prevent themselves from becoming the bully.

The Projecting Change Film Festival's Youth Days were a huge success. DASH is excited to have been a part of its planning and implementation and we look forward to next year's event!