

Assignment #8- Roll-up

Summary

The Canadian Youth Connection was asked for their feedback concerning the e-consultation in which they took part in. There was a variety of topics that the youth were asked to comment on, such as the software, assignments, activities, moderators, reporting and recruiting. With the youths feedback we hope to improve the new message board by making sure we eliminate the negative characteristics that the previous board held.

24 participants

Comments

Software

1) What would you change (add/delete) in regards to the functionality of the message board software?

- More interactive Chat room would be a big plus. Maybe a java implementation like that of yahoo.
- Je trouve que le logiciel était bien fait mais il n'était pas mis à jour très souvent. Par exemple, le message d'entrer date du 24 mars 2004 alors que nous sommes le 19 avril 2004! J'enleverais la fonction boîte de réception, bibliothèque et salle de rédaction.
- links that actually all work
- features that work(subscribe to thread, email when new message in inbox)
- better documentation
- javascript for adding images and links to a message(rather than inserting text and expecting less computer literate people to figure out where to put the address)
- chat is just plain confusing... only chat room I know of where by default the new messages are at the top(something in java would be much much better).
- also in chat, it should only list the people that are online at that time, makes it much easier to figure out if people are actually around
- I'd remove the "Library" and "Drafting Room", no one ever used them
- I have to say that I don't know a lot about chat software, but the set-up seemed easy to learn and use....I liked having the assignments reminders on the main page and the assignments in their own separate category...
- Just add some cool graphics or something to make it seem not so bland.
- Je crois que tout ce qui servait réellement était les forum de discussion. Le « chat » aurait peut-être aussi servi mais il ne semblait pas fonctionner. Le calendrier était assez intéressant également mais il n'y avait pas une très grande participation.
- For the functionality of the software I found that the size of the font and everything was a different size on each computer. At home, it's really tiny, and at school it's really BIG.

- There are a few things that aren't really necessary:
 The "Chat Room" - don't like chat rooms
 The "Inbox" - although included in 99.9% of all forum software, I don't know why it's necessary, considering this is a forum.
 The "Library" - don't know what it is, but no one used it.
 The "Drafting Room" - same as above
 There were also a few bugs in the software that shows up from time to time.
- The message board were done nicely, but I think that the page number fault should be fixed so that you can read archived posts.
- I wouldn't add or delete anything from current message board. It is cool with graphics, good working links.
- Most assignments were long and it was hard to meet the due date since there were tons of exams, assignments etc. this school year. It would help to shorten the assignments a bit. For example, instead of having a really long assignment 1, break it up into half. Half would be assignment. 1 and half would be assignment. 2. In this way, I think more people would participate and answer questions as well as meet the deadlines.
- I was surprised to hear that people didn't like it or didn't use it. It seemed fine to me, and I wouldn't change anything. We don't need to get crazy technological, we just need to communicate, and I think that we accomplished that.
- I don't have a lot of experience with message rooms but I found this one to be quite satisfactory. I didn't encounter any problems with it and everything worked fine for me so there is isn't really anything I would change. Maybe if it's possible I would add more interactive features, more pictures, more colour, etc.
- I think it's laid out fairly well in regards to functionality. One function that may be useful, on the "home" page, possibly has a link to your individual Team instead of going through Forums. Maybe just add a button?
- Je ne changerais absolument rien en ce qui concerne le logiciel
- I don't think that we need the library or the drafting room. They didn't seem to get used at all. I like the idea of the chat room but there never seemed to be anyone in it. Maybe scheduled chats about certain topics could have been scheduled.
- I think I would improve the chat feature. It might be a good idea to have meeting times scheduled for chatting with team members.
- I would add more functionality to the message boards. Specifically: avatars, more smiley, the ability to post images (even from another site)
 More than 10 topics per page (because no one checks the next page of topics)
- I would delete: Inbox (no one used it), the chat room (no one used it), library (what was it for?), drafting room (what was it for?) and contact list (there was nothing there).
- The message board we were using had a good colour scheme (clean and simple). But it was 'finicky'... for i.e. if you pressed the lower 'next page' buttons you would be re-directed to the main page. Also, lots of people had problems bolding, italicizing, and underlining text.
- I think the board was pretty functional and easy to use; I didn't like the chat area that much, that area needs a lot of improvement.

- The chat room is pretty unfriendly looking to go into. If there is going to be a chat room (which I am personally not convinced there is a need for, what with people who want to chat giving out ICQ/MSN/IRC or whatever) than it should be a little more inviting. The bottom page-change numbers should work along with other basic functions that I may not have noticed.
- The one thing I was disappointed with was the chat room. There didn't seem to be much going on in there, I don't know if it was the software or basically not having people in there at the right times. I only had a few usability problems when the site was down, but basically I think it was ok. I've never been on a forum before so this is my first experience with software like this so I don't have anything to compare it to.
- J'enlèverais la section "bibliothèque" (Je n'ai toujours pas compris à quoi elle sert), ainsi que la "salle de rédaction".
- I would want to be able to see other members who are logged on. An instant messaging type of program is better than the current chat room, which anyone is hardly on.
- Je pense qu'il serait intéressant d'avoir une petite page Web par équipe. Chaque membre pourrait faire une petite description de lui-même et on pourrait mettre le tout en appendice.
- Il serait intéressant si on pourrait communiquer avec l'ensemble de notre équipe par l'intermédiaire de MSN. Il est plus difficile d'entrer en contact avec les membres de l'équipe.
- Je crois qu'il y a des éléments de surplus dans le logiciel utilisé présentement. En effet, je trouve que la bibliothèque et la salle de rédaction m'ont été inutile depuis le début de la session de discussion. Par contre, le calendrier m'a été très utile car il m'a permis de planifier à l'avance la remise des travaux. Dans cette section, on pourrait ajouter un traducteur car quelques-uns d'entre-nous on de la difficulté à traduire les textes écrits dans le salon.

2) What would you keep the same?

- The Forums were easy to navigate and I had a fairly easy time finding my way around. Keep it simple for ease of use.
- Je garderai le forum et le clavardage.
- The format.
- Je conserverais les forums, le « chat » et le calendrier
- I would keep the layout the same; I thought that it was very well organized. Like having special sections for assignments, teams, activities and general.
- The French translated version is pretty neat.
- The fact that the forum is closed to the public (especially the search engines) is also nice.
- I would keep everything the same except instead of roll up I would call it prizes or winners or something cause that way it is easier to find.
- My favourite assignment was the one where we had to give feedback on the youth website that the Government was creating. Perhaps it was the Youth Health

section of the website. This one was my favourite because I liked trying out the links, looking at the graphics, wordings on the website.

- Everything
- Concerning the actual function of the message board I would keep most of the things the same. The only things that I would change are small details relating to the overall design and look.
- I liked all the assignments the same, because you would express your personal ideas and thoughts in each one and it really felt like we were making a positive contribution.
- Everything works rather well. I have not had any issues with any of the software, it functions very well.
- Tout ce qui a déjà
- I loved how the discussion forum was set up. They were well organized and the idea of having a separate one for each team is good too.
- Most of the features are ok. I like the use of emoticons when writing messages.
- I enjoyed the assignments and thought that they were perfect in length and easy enough to complete.
- I liked how it was grouped - with a lounge and the different team rooms, assignment rooms etc.
- The fact that it's straightforward was good, nothing too complicated, and it was easy on the eyes, and it loads pretty quickly which is nice.
- I really liked the events calendar, although the dates it posted on the front page were out of order which was a bit disconcerting. I liked being able to PM/internal message.
- Je conserverais les sections forum, boîte de réception, clavardage et calendrier des événements...
- I would keep the basic message board the same.

3) Any 'nice-to-have' features that you can think of? Such as 'avatars'?

- I don't even know what that is. I liked the icons at the opening page to access the different areas.
- Aucune ne me vient à l'idée.
- searching messages
- images that indicate if there are new messages(in forum, or thread) since last visit(most freeware(and other) message boards have this, such as phpBB)
- avatars
- ability to edit my messages
- attachments to messages
- hmmm...I liked all the ones that were on the site.
- Un « chat » qui fonctionne comme il faut
- I think one of the 'nice to have' features that were on this software was the chat room. Although, there wasn't anybody on the chat at the same time I was, with the exception of maybe one, I thought that it was pretty good because then we

don't have to use MSN Messenger and we can keep our personal information private.

- An easier to remember URL. I think this is probably a lot of people didn't show up.
- Forum search ability. Sometimes I want to look at something someone said a while ago and I have to go through all of the old posts to find it (usually I give up). It's been nice to have a fast way to get at this stuff.
- None at the moment. Maybe an instant messenger service
- Perhaps have Scooby doo or Flintstones or something cute like that as graphics. E.g. assignments and then have a happy face or Scooby doo (small one beside it or when assignments page opens a Scooby doo pops up.)
- In all honesty, I don't have a least favourite assign. I found all the assignments to be interesting.
- I don't know what avatars are, but some of the features that I like were having an inbox (I thought that was a great idea), and I also thought it was extremely organized and easy to understand.
- Not really, again I don't have much experience with message boards but maybe just a more lively and interactive set-up and design.
- Avatars would be an awesome idea, maybe put a signature as well below anything you type? As well maybe the ability to add a location under your name when you post something. Maybe the ability to post pictures? I'm just throwing ideas out here... ummm maybe www.blogger.com may be a useful tool? My friend has a site which uses this and it seems to work well.
- A nice-to-have feature maybe in a photo album section where members can post pictures of themselves or where they are from. This should be monitored of course.
- I think avatars would be an awesome feature to have.
- avatars! (preferably we can add our own), ability to post pictures, post count and a "rank". The more you post the better "rank" you have. For eg. "Advanced poster" or "Newbie"
- I would like better smiley things, with the ones we have now we can only express a limited range of emotions. also I thought they were pretty odd looking, ESPECIALLY the winking smiley...
- Avatars would be a fun addition (good idea)
The ability to attach polls to posts could be interesting
- pour ce qui est de la section "membre de la maison", je trouve que ça serait cool d'avoir quelque chose de plus personnalisé... bien sûr il faudrait que chacun y mette du sien mais ça serait cool d'avoir par exemple une photo ou une image et un petit message représentant chacun... mais bon ce n'est qu'une suggestion. Autrement je ne vois pas vraiment quelles fonctions on pourrait rajouter au site...
- Avatars, definitely. The ability to edit messages that we wrote is also helpful incase of mistakes.

Assignments

1) Were the assignments too hard/long considering your work schedule? (Some of you have jobs, school assignments, etc.). Should we shorten/lengthen them?

- They were just about the right size to complete over a few days. Some were a little to long (I work 9-10 hrs a day plus school in the morning for 2 hrs)
- Peut-être les raccourcir un peu car les questions reviennent souvent au même.
- I think they were reasonable and I easily found time for most of them
- The length of the assignments were fine.
- I didn't find them hard at all there were some really boring ones ...they seemed to be long but I think they just seemed to be extra long due to lack of interest on my part.
- Je crois que le temps alloué pour faire les tâche était très bien divisé. C'est sur par contre qu'il va toujours en avoir quelques uns à chaque activités qui n'auront pas le temps de faire ce qui est demandé car il y a toujours possibilité d'avoir un petit « rush » imprévu.
- I think that the length of the assignments was pretty good for me, considering I'm still in High School; I had a few tight days. However, I thought that it was just right.
- They were all pretty easy. Some of them took a bit of time, but none were extensive.
- The only assignment I found too long was the one where we had to let you know which websites (from the 3 prototypes) we liked best and why. Luckily, I had already completed it for the HRDC people here in Wpg, so I just had them forward it back to me and sent it to you. But I know how long it took me the first time....
- I don't think the assignments were too long at all. I think that if someone wants to participate in this project they should make some sort of time commitment to it. I also think that in order for us to really have an impact and a positive involvement in this we need to put in a considerable amount of time and work. I wouldn't really lengthen the assignment either, but maybe I would consider having more of them.
- Some of them were long... but I mean, you sit there watching TV and do them for an hour, it's not a big deal. I know I did I think the first 4 or something, then I ran into exams and crunch time, so I figured I'd give those last 3 a rest. But I guess everyone else thought so as well :P
- Oui , vous devriez raccourcir les tâches car elles sont trop longues (etudes en meme temps)
- I think that the length of the assignments was fine. I work full-time and I did not feel that it took up to much of my time. I could usually sit down and do an assignment in under an hour and it was a good chance to give my brain a break from the usual and a chance to think about something that I might not usually think about.
- I thought most of the assignments had a reasonable length. None of them took me over 1/2hr. So I think anyone could fit that into a week or two if they tried.

- Some of them were a bit too long and tedious, I tend to lose focus easily and so they were sometimes too much for me to bear.
- I thought the assignments were totally fine. Making them a little longer would be alright, but not too much because then if it is a tight-scheduled week, people won't bother to answer.
- I was not able to complete some assignments due to being really busy with school. On average the assignments were fine, the only reason some didn't get done were that they were when I was too busy. I think on average the assignments were fine, neither too long or too short.
- Je crois que la longueur des tâches était correcte. Par contre je crois que vous pourriez obtenir un meilleur taux de participation en prévoyant un formulaire à remplir dans le logiciel pour donner ses réponses, plutôt que de les récolter par email. Il pourrait être bien pratique aussi de recevoir par courriel un message lorsqu'une nouvelle tâche est postée, le même qui s'affiche sur le forum ; personnellement je ne pensais pas toujours à aller visiter le site pour voir s'il y en avait de nouvelles, car j'avais trop de travail scolaire, mais si j'avais été prévenue par email j'aurais probablement participé plus.
- The assignments weren't all that hard, although some questions often seem repetitive and maybe even irrelevant.
- J'ai trouvé toutes les activités intéressantes surtout celles reliées à la santé et à la culture, j'ai trouvé que le temps alloué était de courte durée dans certaine situation.
- Puisque la plupart d'entre-nous son aux études, il est plus difficile de répondre correctement aux activités lorsque nous sommes dans la période des examens. Pour la prochaine session, j'aimerais avoir plusieurs projets qui y sont reliés.

2) Which assignment was your favorite? Why?

- The websites, they were interesting seeing what new concepts the websites were going to contain.
- Celle ou il fallait dire quel site nous aimions le mieux entre les 4 sites à l'essai!
- the keyboard shortcuts to different sections are cool... though I never used them.
- nothing else than any other message board would have
- any of the ones where we picked new designs for a site
- because creating websites is something I do and some of the government sites don't look too great, so it's nice to be able to affect how things look.
- Assignment 1...because I love to do creative things like brainstorming for a name etc..
- J'ai bien aimé celle ou il fallait comparer les différentes mise en page car cela nous permettait de voir une première aperçu des modification qui seront apportées.
- There isn't really a 'favorite' since most were pretty fun. However I prefer those design review ones, partly because I do, on average, 2-3 of them per week.
- The layout. It was very easy to understand and use

- I like comparing the layout of all the sites for trying to find the nicest layout.
- Well, of course I loved trying to think up a team name, but I liked doing all of the assignments. Usually, they took me to websites that I had never been to before, so I learned a lot plus I shared the information with everyone else in the office.
- The one picking the new website. I mean it was hard to pick out what you really didn't like, but you had the pictures of the sites and got to look through them a bit. Some of those designs were pretty cool, so that was a fun one. Anything with fun prizes :)
- j'ai aimé la tâche sur le site de la santé
- My favourite assignment was assignment #6 and #7 because I am a web/graphic designer so I really enjoyed critiquing the websites. It made me feel like the knowledge that I have could actually be put to use and benefit the youth portal.
- My favourite assignment was #5, the "Service Vision for Canadians". I enjoyed providing feedback on how to improve government services and share my own personal stories.
- I liked assignment #2 because it was what I thought I'd signed up specifically to do. I also liked the assignment where we had to pick the design of the site (can't remember the #). Nevertheless all of the assignments were pretty good.
- I liked assignments 3 and 5...5 because we got to share our actual experiences and tell you about what we thought needed improvements. 3 was nice because it was based on actually doing something.
- Assignment 3 was my favorite because I felt there was a greater chance to input my own ideas into the questions. Most of the other assignments were just a matter of preference and going over details (which IS important and I didn't dislike that). I actually really like this assignment as well for the same reasons as 3.
- My favorite assignment was assignment 4 because we were comparing the different looks of the websites.
- 2-3) Il m'est difficile de dire quelle tâche j'ai préféré parce qu'il y en avait déjà quelques unes de passées quand je me suis inscrite et que je n'ai pas participé à toutes les autres,
- I like the assignment where we got to pick our favorite website designs. The new designs were all great.

3) Which assignment was your least favorite? Why?

- The scavenger hunts. I am not a big fan of those.
- La tâche 5 car les réponses étaient très vagues!
- #2-I don't know what I'll be looking for in the future, so hard to know what I'd expect to be there
- Oh...that would be assignment 5. It was not structured enough so I didn't know what was expected.
- Pour les tâches ça ne dérange pas trop étant donné que l'on a quand même assez de temps pour les compléter. Par contre pour ce qui est des activités, surtout si le gagnant est le premier à répondre ce sera préférable que ce soit le soir ou la fin de

- semaine. Le mieux serai de vraiment varier les heure de « postage » des activité (pas juste varier entre 8h et 17h)
- My least favorite assignment was #5, the one about getting the governments help and stuff. For this one I didn't exactly know what to write for it, I wasn't all that interested in it.
 - None
 - The ones where you had to find a lot of information and submit it.
 - Again, I would say choosing between the 3 prototypes. I thought it was hard, just because I couldn't make up my mind, and it took a long time.
 - I liked all the assignments and I felt that they were all interesting and important in their own way even if they covered very different topics.
 - Ummm, that teen health one was on the harder side because they did a pretty good job of determining most things that needed to be brought up. I mean, most sexual health stuff doesn't change too often unless new diseases or new contraception comes up.
 - My least favourite was assignment #6; this was about designing a new youth health site. I found I had a difficult time thinking of items that are potentially missing from the images.
 - Assignment #7. Because it wasn't specific enough and it was difficult to know what you wanted us to do.
 - My least favorite ones were the ones where we had to examine websites...I didn't really connect with them.
 - Assignment 5. The questions were harder to be creative about than in the other assignments. They were just "tell it as it is."
 - I don't really think I had a least favorite assignment...I know I know this doesn't help you much!! ☺
 - I didn't like Assignment # 5 because they were really short questions, probably something you could just ask in the message boards.

4) What would you like to see in the future for assignments? More project based ones (3-4 assignments all working towards one goal)? More surveys? Etc....

- Surveys are good but I like the Project based assignments better. I feel like I am being more productive.
- Plus par rapport à des projets
- yes, project based ones would be cool, as we'd get to see more continuity between what we're actually doing
- Future assignments, it would be interesting to see a project working towards one goal. But the assignments were fine, I do always wonder how much of the information will be used. I will check the sites that we make suggestions on in a month or two to see what was changed.
- Ya that would be fun!!
- J'ai moins apprécié l'activité 5 (celle que je n'ai pas faite) car je la trouvais très complexe a première vue. Ce n'est pas ce qui a fait que je n'ai pas complété cette

activité mais je dois avouer que cela n'a pas aidé à me motiver à trouver du temps pour la compléter.

- I wouldn't mind seeing more of the web site surveys. I really enjoyed doing them. However, I'll do pretty much any assignment.
- Surprise me
- More surveys
- I would like to see more surveys on the governments programs. How effective the government is in helping youths. i.e. every year, I see the Summer Work Experience program mentioned on the website but the deadline is the same time as exams so many of us do not have time to find employers to train us. Moreover, I had heard about a really sweet program called Experience Canada and the government got rid of it. I was very disappointed because it had sounded like a terrific program. So more surveys as well as feedback on how the government used info. from surveys, what did they implement as a result?
- To me, I don't see a problem with the "connectivity" of the assignments; I kind of liked how it was always something new and different, and looked forward to getting the next one. I like surveys, plus I like taking a look at new and developing aspects of web sites, etc. I liked all of the assignments, I thought they were short and sweet, got to the point and asked us all the right questions.
- I would like more surveys because I believe that it is very important for young people to have the opportunity to voice their opinions and help better the services offered by our government.
- I like changing it up a bit... If you are stuck doing one sort of thing all the time, gets a little tiring, but then again we are getting stuff for doing it, so its kind of like a job. I like having the opportunity to do different things though.
- la chasse aux trésors
- I enjoyed the assignments in the current format. I think I would also enjoy doing surveys.
- I would love to see more assignment that involves critiquing websites because I like to do them so much and I think that surveys would be good to.
- I prefer survey type assignments, but it's not a big deal for me. I thought they were generally pretty good.
- For future assignments, I would like to see more action based one's, versus ones where we just examine and report back findings.
- I like assignments that allow for creativity or defending an opinion. I preferred solo-assignments for two main reasons: 1. You can do it as your schedule dictates, 2. Certain people are on a lot more than others and so it seems they all have it done before others have a chance to work on it.
- I think it would be good to have assignments that sort of fit together at the same time I enjoyed that the assignments were different enough, because then if you don't really like an assignment then you aren't "stuck" on the same topic for 3 or 4 assignments.
- je peux dire que j'ai préféré les tâches où l'on avait à comparer des choses ou choisir ce qu'on préférerait (des choix de réponses) que celles où il fallait donner son opinion sans avoir de limites très définies. Je crois que l'option "sondage" est plus attirante quand on a un emploi du temps chargé.

- I would like to see more surveys, those are probably the easiest way to get the opinions of youths on simple 'yes' or no' questions.

5) What time of day do you think is a good time to hand out assignments or activities?

- In the evening more people will be able to have an equal start on them and on time based assignments an equal chance to participate to get the prizes
- Le meilleur moment est bien sûr durant l'hiver car les gens sont beaucoup plus à leur ordinateur.
- assignments anytime, they're not due for awhile anyway
- Hard to say when for activities, morning out east is no good for us west coasters, anytime during the day that a moderator would be around to post it, some people will likely be at school...
- so basically you can't please everyone, so anytime after noon is probably best
- I liked the schedule for assignments being due roughly every week-week and a half. Anything that is due in a shorter time frame is difficult for me because I am sometimes out of town.
- 3pm
- Les 2 choix sont intéressant. De temps en temps il peut être pratique de n'avoir qu'un sondage a compléter mais ce serai moche que ce ne soit que des sondages. Parfois il faut qu'on ai quelques tâches avec le même objectif pour permettre d'avoir une meilleur idées de ce que le monde pense.
- For me I think that 4-5pm EST is a good time for me, that is the time I usually go on-line after school.
- Doesn't matter since we get a few weeks to do them anyways.
- Where the times are varied I'd say around noonish on Wednesdays
- Mornings would be good to hand out assignments that way if some of us have a spare in the morning we can work on assignments.
- Doesn't make a difference.
- As long as there are several days in which we can complete the assignment I don't think the time of the day is really going to make a difference.
- Ect.Plus de sondages avce des prix de participation
- en fin de semaine
- My least favourite assignment was assignment #5 because I found it hard to know what to write for the topic. It was too broad of a topic I think. I like the assignments better where specific questions were asked.
- I think that the morning is a good time to hand out the assignments that way when people get up in the morning they will have the whole day to think about the assignment and start to work on it.
- Usually the end of the day would be a good time for submitting assignments.
- Assignments - doesn't matter. Activities - Late afternoon in the east... about noon pacific time. Or even later. I personally come on the website in the evenings (and I live in the west)
- It's different for everyone, but for me personally it would be in the morning-noon time. But I think a lot more people would like assignments given later in the day,

- possibly around 3-6? I'm not sure, but with summer coming I think we are more flexible with time.
- Any time was fine for me assignment-wise. Because of time-zones, nobody will ever really be happy with activity times, but between 12EST and office closing are best probably.
 - I think that for assignments it would be best to post them as soon as you get them. I was generally checking youth path whenever I had time in any given day so I suppose the earlier on in the day you can put it on the more people you would have been able to reach in that day. As for activities I think that a variety of times during the day would be better especially for ones that seem to be time sensitive in terms of who answers it first.
 - Je ne crois pas qu'il y ait de meilleur moment pour donner des tâches, tout dépend de la personne. Pour moi c'était plus facile durant les congés comme la semaine de relâche ou Paques, et au début de janvier (c'est-à-dire en début de session). Vers les mois de avril-mai et novembre-décembre, comme j'étudie au cégep, j'ai énormément de travaux à remettre pour la fin de la session et donc moins de temps à consacrer à l'ordinateur.
 - Well probably Noon Eastern Time because of the different time zones.

6) Should we try and make the assignments team based (as in, they aren't individual assignments, but views from one collective?).

- In this case, we would have to provide you with team leaders for each team. Individual assignments are better and easier to do, that way we can all do them on our spare time and not have to come online at a certain time etc.
- Oui je crois que c'est une bonne idée le travail d'équipe.
- Yes, at least some of them. Ideas will be much more developed and worthwhile if there is a discussion about the assignment
- I have mixed feelings about the team based approach. I think that it is important for everyone's opinions to be shared. I did notice on some of the topics that I perceived that people were sometimes commenting negatively about other people's opinions. With texting messages, it is easy to perceive a message one way when that was not the sender's intention. The team is great for the sharing of ideas and learning from each other, but also holds some challenges.
- No I like the way we do it now.
- Je crois que les tâches individuelles sont préférable étant donné que personne n'a les même disponibilité et il pourrais être plus difficile pour certain de toujours attendre après les autre de leur équipe.
- Team based assignment's would be an excellent idea! Working together as a team is an excellent skill to have.
- I don't know if that's too much commitment to ask from team leaders. It's a good idea though.
- No, I like the individual.
- I had participated in the online Youthpath e-consultation for creation of Youthpath and from what I remember the online team work took a lot longer plus if someone was sick, had exams we had to wait until that person could sign on and

provide feedback. I prefer individual assignments, that way if I am busy and handing assign. on the same day as deadline then no one has to wait for me. Also, it's easier than coming to a consensus of what to submit from group 1 for example.

- I definitely do not think so. The beauty of this online panel is that we can compete these in our own time. There are students, professionals, and all sort of youth on this team, and to set aside time that's good for everyone or to take on more responsibilities as team leader, that may be too difficult. I quite like it the way it is.
- I don't think it is a bad idea to have group based assignments, however I think there can be several challenges with that because each team member has to participate and communicate with one another which will be more difficult than just handing in the assignment individually. Also if lots of people do not show an interest in completing the assignment this might ruin the overall result.
- I think it'd be really hard to get everyone to commit certain time, especially with time zones, school, jobs, etc. I really like the idea, but I don't think it would work too well. Some of us have problems keeping to commitments as it is... lol
- Dans ce cas, nous devrions assigner un chef d'équipe pour chaque équipe. Oui ca serait une bonne idée. On connaîtra plus notre équipe.
- No I think that it would be too complicated to make the assignments team based because of time differences and differences in schedules.
- I think that team based would be good way to go. I enjoy doing the assignments independently but feel you might have greater success with submissions if it is team based.
- In this case, we would have to provide you with team leaders for each team. I think that everyone should do it individually and then present what they got to their team. So that we can get the best collective point of view.
- Sure team based assignments would be nice, but I don't think all assignments should be team based. That would be fun. But I think team assignments should be more objective, that way less conflicts and misunderstandings would arise.
- Should we try and make the assignments team based (as in, they aren't individual assignments, but views from one collective?). In this case, we would have to provide you with team leaders for each team.

I'm not a huge fan of this idea. Partly for my reason in (4) which was schedule issues and "certain people are on a lot more than others and so it seems they all have it done before others have a chance to work on it." It would be less work for the admin(s) but in the end I think people are more creative when given some time and space of their own.

- I think that having team assignments would be beneficial in building the online teams because I found that we worked well on the scavenger hunt, and it would give people a way of talking through their ideas. You may not have to provide team leaders, you could try having the moderators like you do, but then once the team is able to do a few activities then maybe each group could pick their leader from the youth that are on the forum in their group. This way we have more responsibility.

- Moi je trouve qu'il est plus facile de travailler seule qu'en équipes... En plus, vu le taux de participation, il serait difficile de faire participer également tous les membres et il faudrait toujours jongler avec les horaires de tout le monde...
- Team-based assignments are a good idea, but they do pose some problems, such as not enough people participating.

7) Would you like to see the answers your teammates are posting/posted when doing individual assignment so you can also gain from the assignment?

- Yes, I like to see what my peers are posting.
- Oui
- yes, its nice to see other things people thought of that I didn't
- The roll-up of the assignments was interesting. It was especially helpful when I first started and wasn't sure how much to write etc...
- Sure why not.
- Je crois qu'il est préférable que les réponses demeurent confidentielle car certain ne ferait que copier en changeant certain mot juste pour dire qu'il ont fait cette activité.
- I wouldn't mind seeing some of my team mates assignments.
- For team assignments - yes, definitely. For individual assignments - no, because a lot of answers will be repetitive and it might prevent certain members to repeat the same answer. Without repetition, you wouldn't know which issues are the most important.
- Yeah that'd be awesome!
- No. The first time I participated in this project we could all view each others answers and I found that hindered creativity. This way, I can't see anyone's answers so it forces me to think and take each assignment seriously.
- I don't think so; I also think it wouldn't be a wise move from the people collecting these opinions. You want someone's own opinion, not something that can be easily swayed when looking at another's answers. I definitely think you should not share answers with the other team members. Maybe *after* the fact, when the assignments are completed and the deadline has passed, but not during the assignment process.
- I think that would be a great idea, my only concern would be if some of the responses were more personal or people preferred to keep their opinions private or anonymous.
- I'm really not sure about that one. I know for me, I do them mostly at night when I have time between school, job and homework. I like having them posted noonish/afternoon so I'm not too off the mark by the time I get to them :P
- Humm, sure. I may not get as much from it as some other people, but I don't see why we shouldn't see what other people said. One thing, some people may have a problem with their name associated with something they wrote, so maybe just take peoples names off them and post the information.
- Oui bien sûr
- Yes I think it would be a good idea to post other team members assignments so everyone can gain from the assignment.

- I think it would be interesting to see what others have to say for the assignments.
- Yes and no. I would prefer to do it before seeing what other people have to say. But after I do the assignment I would like to see the answers of my team mates for sure.
- Sure that would be nice, I often read the 'roll-ups' for the assignments and saw answers that were interesting and that I would NEVER have thought of, it was educating...but I think anonymity is imperative if that was to be done.
- It might be a little interesting, but No. I think people are more likely to hand in things when they don't see their questions already answered. I also think it would mean that some competitive types would wait until the last minute to post because they want to have their own original ideas on top of regular ones. I also like to wait to read the Roll Up to see what people thought in-common with me or if a lot of people's thoughts were opposite to mine.
- I don't know about seeing other peoples answers, I think that if the assignment is to be done individually then I think you would get more creative answers from having the assignments individual otherwise you might get some people looking at those assignments and not really thinking about the assignment and just answering the same kinds of ideas. I think the roll-up so that we can see it after the assignment has been completed.
- Je ne crois pas qu'on devrait avoir accès aux réponses de ses coéquipiers: peut-être que les membres auraient peur de donner des avis divergents ou de dire des choses qui déplaisent aux autres et qu'ils oseraient moins donner leur opinion par la suite.
- Yes, I would like to see other people's answers so that we can see the views of others.
- Je pense qu'il serait intéressant de voir toutes les réponses des équipiers, et pas seulement celles des gagnants.

8) What did you think of the rewards? What would you like to see as a reward?

- I liked the cooler that I got that was good. Interesting things that get my attention, maybe credit at an online MP3 distributor such as Puretracks.com
It would help you fight piracy and give something that most people enjoy.
- Les récompenses étaient un peu ordinaires. Des certificats-cadeaux seraient mieux!
- rewards were great, good quality stuff
- can't think of new suggestions
- The rewards rocked!
- Well I liked what was giving out maybe if you gave them out to more people...I only got one prize and there were a lot that could've been cool. I think that a lot of people thought that everyone that did these assignments would be getting a reward...so maybe a point system where if you do an assignment you get so many points and you save them up to get the prize you want.
- Je trouve que les récompense étaient très bien. Comme récompense il serai intéressant d'avoir des sac a dos, sacs a lunch, porte-clés mousqueton, porte clé lanière, certificat cadeau, tasse thermos

- I think that the rewards were AWESOME! I especially like the sports bag/cooler. I think the best thing to do for rewards would be to start a post for that particular assignment and we could vote on which one would like for that particular assignment (like you guys did for the hat and mitts reward almost).
- \$1,000,000... haha, j/k The rewards were the best :)
- I liked the rewards but I think I would like to see them more youth based. Like maybe CDs, or more tech related stuff.
- The only reward I received so far was the gym bag/cooler. I initially thought that it was not a good prize but once I received it in the mail, I thought it was cool and would come in very handy. In the future, if there is enough funding, would be nice to have one draw for a DVD player or digital camera or 20' inch TV. Put names of everyone who has answered at least 5 assignments into a hat and pick one name.
- Future rewards:
I am guessing that the gym bag/cooler cost a minimum of \$20 if bought in bulk. So in the future, a cordless phone for this amount would be useful.
mini digital camera with Youthpath logo (in Edmonton they are only \$20), Blank CD spindle, youth path t-shirt, sweatshirt, pants, belt., CD player, car seat covers, youth path leather portfolio, youth path socks, youth path jacket, one DVD of the members choice.
- Youthpath backpack (mountain equipment co-op type but with Youthpath logo). For things like sweatshirts, backpacks with Youthpath logo or URL, it would encourage other youths to visit website, fulfills two purposes, reward and promotion.
- The rewards are amazing, I use them as prizes for our youth clients, and they are so happy. Our job searcher of the month got the CD case, and it was like Christmas. I think these prizes re great. I personally like the cash incentives;), but you are doing wonderfully with the prizes so far. They are great quality and young people love them.
- I think the rewards were great to get people involved and excited about this project. Also I like how every time there is a different reward and I thought that all of them were great. What I would like to see as a reward are gift certificates so that people can get exactly what they want with them.
- I liked the rewards. I got a fleece sweater and a camping chair... I'm pretty happy with that stuff. Humm, as far as future rewards go? Portable phone (like high tech or something relative inexpensive), roots something, prepaid cell phone card, gift certificates (HMV, clothes)... anything really. I know its the government, I worked there before and its all about budget :P
- des voyages hahahaha plutot des billets de cine, des billets gratuits pour des spectacles, pour le restaurant
- I thought the awards were fantastic! I think that we should have gear thought with a youth portal logo on it!
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- The rewards were great! I got a hat and mitts and a great sports bag and I'm very happy with them. I'm impressed with the design of the logo too. I think everyone on the board was coming up with good ideas for prizes... umbrellas, shorts, water bottle's, are all good.
- The rewards were nice, there were some that I didn't want to get for sure, but for the most part they were cool. I think we need more useful ones...gift certificates are always nice, they can be costly but it would motivate us greatly.
- I thought the rewards were fantastic. Other new ideas might include computer accessories (the less-expensive types), picnic/car blankets, a visor/hat, office supplies like a stapler or 3-hole punch, clothing...
- The rewards were just an extrinsic bonus for me. I didn't really need them to participate, but they were nice to receive. I don't really have any ideas about what could be given.
- Je crois que les récompenses actuelles sont très bien... Peut-être qu'on devrait s'arranger pour que ce ne soit pas toujours les mêmes qui gagnent ; j'ai participé à quelques activités et je n'ai gagné qu'un petit prix pour avoir trouvé un nom d'équipe, tandis que je lisais les commentaires d'une autre membre qui disait avoir "pratiquement reçu tous ses prix" ; c'est plus encourageant si on sait que tout le monde qui participe finit par recevoir quelque chose...
- So far the rewards have been great! Future rewards should be more Youth-based, items such as CD's, coupons to certain stores, DVD's etc.
- Pour ce qui est magnifique, je trouve les récompenses extraordinaire, à chaque fois que j'en reçois, je suis comme un enfant qui reçoit un cadeau. J'ai vraiment apprécié ces cadeaux, vous pourriez remettre des récompenses en argent ainsi que des prix pour ceux qui ont participé à toutes les activités donc ceux qui n'ont pas encore gagné pourrait être récompensé.

Moderator/Fun Activities

1) Was your moderator helpful during your stay?

- yep, I think so.
- Oui au début quand je n'étais pas capable d'entrer sur le site.
- Ryan and Holly are great people, they got the youth portal off to a great start with some humour...but I am still curious as to why only a picture of Ryan was posted and none of Holly??? Holly had lots of great comments and got us going on some great topics and she did try to save the very sad team #4. I don't think that she could have done anymore; we were just a sad team...
- No
- Il répondait à nos questions au besoin et essayais de nous encourager a participer un peu plus. Il a fait son possible!
- I think that Holly was an awesome moderator! She did an excellent job.
- This really depends on how much I procrastinate. Generally, I do them to pass time. (because I'm always early for everything.) The assignments were all relatively easy.

- Very helpful. Thanks Holly.
- Yup Holly was fun!
- My moderator was helpful, responded to questions promptly.
- I think my moderator was a guy at first, and then Holly. If it was Holly, she was great, she replied to all my questions right away, and you could almost sense that she is a nice person through her emails. Thank a bunch, Holly! You did an awesome job!
- I think the moderators did a great job by answering our questions and concerns and guiding us through the project. I especially enjoyed how some of them participated in the discussion on the message board and really got involved with all the participants.
- Yeah you guys did a great job at trying to get people to participate!
- oui bcp
- Yes the moderator was very helpful. I found if any questions were posted the moderator answered them right away.
- Holly was extremely helpful!!!
- Yes. Holly and Ryan were both very helpful and answered all questions quickly.
- For sure, Holly was great, answered questions well and cleared up the confusion.
- Holly was really great. She was on every day encouraging discussion and participating in the discussions herself. I really liked her.
- Yes, I think that Holly was helpful during the forum. She was always posting new things and was getting conversations going when things were a little stagnant on the forum. She was funny and had lots of good things to say, and I found it interesting to read her posts!!
- Si le modérateur est la personne responsable de l'équipe ou du serveur (je ne savais pas que ça s'appellait comme ça), je trouve que c'est bien parce que ça rajoute une touche très humaine à nos serveurs.
- The moderator, Holly, has been very helpful. She tries to help out and answer any questions we may have.
- J'ai trouvé que Mme Guylaine nous a beaucoup aidé !!!

2) Did you have enough 'fun' activities to keep you entertained (Scavenger Hunt, etc.)? Do you need any? Do you want more? What would you like to see in terms of 'fun' activities?

- I think there were enough, though by the time they started, some people probably weren't coming around anymore
I didn't *need* any, but they were a good reason to check in more often. The scavenger hunt was a great idea, harder questions that take time to answer are good, as they give people who aren't on the board within 10 minutes after it was posted a chance to participate
- Je ne participais pas...
- I am not too crazy about the scavenger hunt-I think that it is fun-but has the potential for people to just have fun on the site and not get assignments done.
- that was fine

- Il aurait fallu ces activités dès le début du projet. Certainement que nous voulons ce genre d'activité. Ça change les idées des tâches régulières. Comme j'ai déjà dit, il faudrait ce genre d'activité dès le début du projet. Et de façon régulière. Des activités où ce n'est pas le premier qui répond qui gagne et où il ne faut pas cumuler les réponses de toutes l'équipe pour gagner car certains sont toujours sur l'ordinateur et d'autres ont moins la chance d'y aller.
- My favorite assignments were the ones where we had to look at an old website and a new web site and tell them what we thought about them. I really enjoyed looking at those assignments.
- You guys were very creative with the fun activities. I loved the scavenger hunt, however it's hard to get it out at a good time for everyone that fits.
- It's a great way to get people involved. But personally, I can live without them.
- Yeah but I found the scavenger hunt not fun cause it was hard for people to run and to participate.
- Didn't get a chance to participate in fun activities this time round. In the future, it would be nice to have competitions e.g who can come up with the most employment websites? Winners picked based on the most corrected answered responses (right now only ONE winner from each team gets prize, limits chances, pick as many winners from all teams regardless of number). The answers from these competition events can be used to check if the Youthpath website has all of them listed.
- Hmmmm, for some reason I do not remember the Scavenger hunt... I thought all the activities were fun in their own way, like I mentioned earlier, learning about new resources, having a say in what happens to some sites, etc. I like doing these kinds of things, so for me the "fun factor" was a 10, on a scale of 1-10
- Honestly I wasn't a big fan of the fun activities because I couldn't really see any ultimate purpose in them. It was fun to compete and try to win the reward but I didn't feel like I was doing anything worthwhile. If it were up to me I would stick to the actual assignments but I realize that some people might want to keep the fun activities so as long as other people like them I don't really have a problem with them.
- Umm, I did not participate in the Scavenger Hunt, along with the assignments within that time frame because it was my crunch time, but I would have liked to maybe during this summer when I have a little more time.
- je n'ai pas d'idée à l'esprit en ce moment
- I didn't participate in any of the fun activities that were posted because most of the time they were answered by the time I got to see them posted! I don't really feel they are necessary but I did enjoy the riddles that were posted.
- I thought the scavenger hunt was really fun. My only problem was that usually I don't have Internet access until I get home in the evenings and by the time I got home most of the questions had already been answered. I enjoy the activities no matter what they are and I can't really think of any "fun" activities at this time.
- I really liked these and I think they got people more involved. But I don't think there were enough of them. I liked the Flinstones activity and the scavenger hunt (although I never got online fast enough to get those).
- I think fun activities are crucial; the scavenger hunts were fun at the beginning.

- My favorite activity was the scavenger hunt question with the painting. That was challenging! I liked those little mini-competitions. I think the flash game scores may have been the most fair in terms of the number of people who could participate though.
- I really did like the activities, although some of them I came onto the site a bit too late such as the Where's Waldo one. I loved the scavenger hunts, those were lots of fun and I had a good time with my team.
- Je suis complètement pour les activités amusantes, il pourrait y en avoir davantage, mais encore une fois pour pouvoir y participer c'est une question de temps...
- The activities were fun. There should be more activities to get more youth online.
- Je n'ai pas tellement aimé les activités amusantes, dans mon cas j'aime mieux des activités constructives qui peuvent servir dans la population.

3) Should there be user-appointed team leaders to oversee their own individual teams? Should they be used for assignments, or to just encourage users to speak more?

- I think it would be useful, though Holly did a great job of posting lots
- they should be used in both ways, that way they'll feel more useful than just randomly posting topics to get people to talk
- Non je crois que chacun décide de sa participation.
- I think that there seemed to be a group of people who responded quickly to postings. I think that a couple of appointed team leaders is a great idea, for keeping things going...
- Undecided
- Je crois que notre modérateur faisait un peu office de chef d'équipe. Par contre il serait intéressant d'avoir un chef d'équipe qui encourage vraiment leur équipe à participer plus (et qui y arrive évidemment)
- There defiantly needs to be more participation in activities, there was always the same people writing stuff. Someone to encourage other youth would be an excellent idea.
- Team leaders would be great :) I don't know whether you can get them to oversee assignments but they should definitely encourage more involvement from group members.
- Encourage others to speak more
- It might be a good idea to get team leaders to encourage team members of each team to hand in assignments etc.
- I don't really think so, I think we did fine on our own. One thing I would encourage us to do is maybe a spotlight each week on a certain member, something about what they do, etc. I think this will make us feel more like a team. As it stands, I don't understand the reason for breaking us into teams, except for maybe some administrative purposes on your end. Either way, I didn't really talk to too many people on the site, but I no sure if a leader could spur me on, either. A good idea, maybe for an Assignment, could be to have each team member interview 2 other team members and create a summary-biography or something.

Maybe even a “get to know someone on your team” assignment. I am not sure how you could do this without invading your privacy things, but I think it may help to feel like more of a team...

- I think an overall leader might give more team spirit to the individual teams and would help in organizing and starting the discussions. However if there is not really an interest from people than I don't think a team leader would make any difference.
 - I don't know if we need user-appointed team leaders because the moderators are doing a good job. I think, if anything, people just need to be reminded, maybe like an e-mail when a new assignment goes up or something, to remind them. I know I forgot about this for a week when I was super busy.
 - pour encourager l'équipe seulement
 - I think that there should be team leaders but they should only be used to encourage people to speak. I think the assignments should be left to the administrators.
 - It doesn't matter to me if we have team leaders.
 - I think it might be a good idea to have team leaders. -The team leaders might be able to find some fun activities for their own team. If it was team based activities you wouldn't have to translate them because the French team could do their own. I don't know what team leaders would do for the assignments. Help their team members with answering it? Or putting everyone's results together into one "team assignment"?
- I think team leaders would be good to encourage everyone else to speak - just by posting more topics for example.
- I liked that idea of team leaders, and the word 'user-appointed' is key, there are several people who I would definitely like to see as team leaders. They would have to encourage us to hand in assignments and keep the morale up and keep us talking on the board.
 - I'm not strongly opposed to this, but I think I prefer the current set-up of the boards.
 - Sure you could have individual team leaders from the youth who are participating. They wouldn't be responsible for too much, but could perhaps help with adding posts or when we have to do assignments and that kind of stuff.
 - Je ne crois pas qu'on a besoin de chefs d'équipes... si les questions et les consignes sont claires on peut très bien se débrouiller seul. Par contre les encouragements c'est toujours le fun :)
 - I think there should be leaders, but maybe just for getting more people online and helping out with some assignments. Too much control of the leader can get really nasty.
 - Je crois que le modérateur joue en même temps le rôle de chef d'équipe donc je trouve que nos questions sont toujours bien répondu.

4) Was one moderator enough?

- more may have been good to help get more discussions going, but Holly did a great job
- oui

- One moderator seemed fine. Holly kept the conversations flowing without dominating the conversations...very good
- Well for my team no, because she was never on and when she was well things were just dead on my team.
- Je pense qu'un modérateur par équipe était pleinement suffisant, mais pour en être sur faudrait demander directement aux modérateurs s'ils étaient trop débordés ou non!
- I think that one moderator is enough.
- It's working so far. Don't know what would happen if all 200 people started posting, although that is very unlikely.
- Yes but two would be nice
- one moderator was enough this time.
- Like I said, Holly answered all my questions efficiently and fully, and I am sure she did the same with the rest of the team. I think one moderator was enough for sure.
- From my experience, I think one moderator was enough because they all did a great job and covered all of our concerns.
- Yeah I thought it was fine
- Oui
- Yes I think that one moderator was enough
- Yes, Holly did an awesome job!
- I thought there was 3. Holly, Ryan and the French speaking moderator. And 3 was enough.
- I don't think that one was enough, especially for the francophone team
- Holly did a great job about being on a lot. I think that one was fine, although perhaps it might make the one moderator's job easier to have a second person to encourage discussion with on those very quiet days.
- I think that one moderator was enough.
- Je crois qu'un modérateur c'est suffisant.
- I think one moderator wasn't enough. The moderator is the one trying to get more youth involved, but I don't think one can handle so many people.
- Il serait intéressant de nommer un assistant pour les fins de semaine, car il arrivait la fin de semaine que je désirais poser des questions ou démarrer une nouvelle discussion et personne ne semblait être présent.

5) In which way would you like to see us incorporate important issues that youth want to talk about that will keep you engaged? i.e. Politics, education, international news etc

- starting discussions as was done, those who care about that topic can add their \$0.02, the rest don't have to.
- Nouvelles internationales, éducation vous pourrez les aborder sous forme de lettre
- I was hoping to learn more about youth and their career futures...What phases people are in and their successes and struggles.
- Music, arts, Travel, politics, International

- Je trouve que ce n'est pas vraiment la lince pour aborder de tels sujets. Nous sommes là pour aider à améliorer le site jeunesse. Si les gens veulent discuter il n'y a pas de problème mais c'est à eux d'y aller selon leur inspiration du moment.
- To incorporate important issues you could have a forum called Issues and then that's what everyone talks about in that forum. It's good for us to talk about these things because there is a lot of youth that don't know what's going on.
- A little bit of everything is nice. Just to make sure everyone is interested. But make sure people don't start arguing too much.
- Use current day affairs. That deal with youth.
- Built assignments around these important topics of education, health etc. and then submit them to government in large numbers so they take us seriously and improve things. i.e. I found out that Quebec students pay less than \$2000 for tuition whereas an Alberta student will pay \$3000 or more for same amount of courses, no fair. Should be the same for all Canadian residents regardless of whether Quebec student or Alberta or other student.
- That's a really good question. I'm not sure I can answer that...HOW do we want you to incorporate the issues, or WOULD we like you to incorporate the issues...I definitely think you should. I think it's important that all youth are aware of things that can affect them. You homelessness issues, choosing careers, traveling, politics, all those things. I think it could be a neat Assignment to have each member identify a youth related problem within their region, I think that once we do this by province, then take a look at the bigger picture as a country, we will notice that most of the issues are the same (teen pregnancy, drugs, employment, etc), and bring us together more as a country. Then you could let the people who are waiting for our opinions what the youth have identified as risks for youth in Canada, and then maybe they could be addressed, if they haven't been on websites (etc) already. One other thing I think is important is that youth know where they can go for community supports (agencies, organizations, etc). Maybe we could even research this to add to the website, because as I have said in many focus groups, there is so much MORE info that is not on there.
- I think the best way is through the assignment so that we feel like we are making an important contribution and sharing our opinions with others.
- humm... the open forum to rant and rave is good. I am not sure how else you can get us engaged... I mean you put the topics out there, but it's up to us to comment.
- danse, nouvelles internationales
- I think to make use of the chat room scheduled chats should be made with certain topics for discussion. This will enable real time interaction between users. Two chats of the same topic should be held each time to make up for time differences. I think the best time to hold a chat would be around 7:00 at night.
- Post topics about current issues?
- Perhaps by encouraging us to post interesting news we've heard or saw on the news. but we should be careful about being too opinionated and offensive.
- I really enjoyed general questions on current events and opinions, etc. Posting them in the general forum seemed to get the most responses and also that way there is a greater range of opinion expressed and I think there is a higher likelihood of (friendly) debates being started.

- I think that by letting the youth post subjects that we could discuss was very good for letting us talk about what we wanted to talk about. It might also be good to have separate sections in the forum for such categories that might be on the youthpath site, this way you would be able to get an idea about what youth in Canada do talk about in these categories and it would be nice and neat so that you wouldn't have to fish through the posts to find something. Folders could be something like: politics, art and culture, health, education, etc.
- Étant étudiante en sciences humaines, mes intérêts sont très variés... politique, autres cultures, nouvelles internationales, etc. On pourrait inviter les membres à s'exprimer sur les événements importants de l'actualité mondiale.
- A chat room or a separate topic on the message boards are helpful.
- J'aimerais bien qu'on aborde des questions au niveau politique tels que l'éducation, la santé, l'enfance. On pourrait faire à partir du forum des débats par équipe.

Reporting Back

1) Was our posting of our reports helpful to you at all? Do you want to see what we write up with your assignment submissions?

- most definitely, its nice to see how our thoughts were being condensed, and it helps us see that our work is actually being put to use
- it's also nice to see what other people said and how it compared to my ideas
- ya.
- Je trouve que c'était une très bonne idée de publier les rapport des différentes tâche. Ça nous permet de voir ce que les autre ont fait pour cette activité. Je crois que ce serait une très bonne idée de publier vos rapports. Comme ça, cela nous permettrai de voir vraiment ce qui se passe avec nos tâches.
- I know that this might be a bit more work but in my on-line course, there's a page called My Grades and it looks just like a report card and it keeps track of our grades. Then when we click on the assignment it gives us what the teacher thought of the assignment.
- The postings were pretty helpful. A full write-up won't be necessary.
- Yes
- The reports were helpful but too long to read. A summary of what was submitted to agencies would be better.
- To be honest I was o aware that you posted your reports. But now I will look for sure.
- I definitely think that we should see the reports because they are the result of our work and a proof of our involvement in the project. We can really see what difference we have made by voicing our opinions.
- Oui
- Yes I think it is very helpful to see the reports on our assignments and I would like to see what is written about our assignment submissions because if I have an idea of what the final out come is going to be it will give me more focus and ambition to do the assignments.

- I read all the reports that were up on the board. I would love to see what is written with our assignment submissions. I think it would be valuable feedback.
- It was nice to see the reports... and see what others had to contribute. It would also be nice if you could tell us when there are results from what we've said
- Definitely! I think it's especially important because we see that our efforts have been taking into consideration and we see that our answers actually amounted to something.
- I really liked that. Please continue to post the results. Those reports are a kind of reward in itself just seeing our thoughts and opinions reflected in them.
- I think that the reporting back was useful, it shows that the information that we submit is being used for something and lets us see what others thought. It would be interesting if we were able to see/hear more about what the information was used for in terms of what decisions were made based on the information.
- Les rapports : je crois que c'est bien d'en avoir, ça nous permet de voir que l'on n'écrit pas dans le vide.
- Yes they were very helpful; I always like to see what other youths think.
- J'ai bien aimé avoir les rapports des tâches envoyés par les membres. Il serait intéressant de faire une portion pour les commentaires des membres, ceux-ci pourrait alors s'exprimer sur le sujet en question. Alors, ce forum de discussion offrira à tous la chance de s'exprimer, dans le cas de se forum, je trouve que tout le monde peut s'exprimer librement.

Recruiting

1) We always seem to need constant recruitment for the message board. How can we improve?

- Oui c'est bien de pouvoir voir les rapports.
- For recruitment, I could be wrong but from some of the comments, it seemed as though the majority of people were in a major centre. I would like to see more of a mix of rural and urban.
- Le meilleur moyen de recruter des gens est de l'annoncer. Il faudrait donc des affiches ainsi que des messages publicitaires. Bien sur le bouche à oreille aide mais ce n'est pas le meilleur moyen.
- Don't know. Maybe a few posters to print out and a few members post at their schools. I don't know the process involved with posters. Don't know whether the schools have to approve them. Be very careful with the filtering process though.
- An easy way to recruit is to have useful promotional items, create awareness because talking to my classmates none of them had heard about youthpath. How can people sign up for message board, e-consultation when they haven't heard about youthpath or recruitment? In addition, my friend wanted to sign up to help but the sign up had been taken off the youthpath site already. Leave sign up page or sign for new members to sign up throughout the year. The more the merrier and the more feedback, responses we will receive for assignments. I would be willing to tell my friends. Also, for motivation could have a contest the three people who are currently in a youthpath team who recruit

the most youths to sign up for youthpath message board win a cool, more expensive reward than now like say a TV, DVD player something like that. First, second, third place winners.

- Talk to teachers. Resource teachers can use this as school assignments perhaps. Send emails to non-profit youth serving agencies across Canada.
- I think the best way is to have small ads or announcements on websites that are in one way or another related to this such as other government websites because then the chances are higher of finding people who have the same interests and are willing to take part in this.
- I would suggest maybe liking to youth sites
- For recruitment, I would be willing to put a link on www.careercruiser.com and possibly on www.careerworx.ca (with permission) to assist in recruiting youth.
- I thought the recruiting was probably fine. But it was a long while from when I signed up until I could actually get on the message board (I almost forgot about it). Reminder emails might work too if people aren't showing up or doing any assignments. Tell them they have 1 week to post something or they are off the team or something.
- Word of mouth is a great way to recruit so you should encourage the people here to get the word out when you're looking for people. Also the way you've already been recruiting seems to work well.
- I personally don't remember how I came here. I think I was looking up job info on the site and the opportunity to volunteer flashed at me. I think site postings are really good, but the person already has to have found the youth page. Word-of-mouth is most effective... so hopefully those on here will spread it. Another idea is to place a note on federal government sites that youth are likely to go to aside from the actual 'youth' page like FSWEF, travel and immigration and Post-Secondary Recruitment.
- I think that having it on the youthpath site was a good idea. Maybe you could have something on the FSWEF website that would ask if people would like to be involved in the forum because then you would also be tapping into the individuals who are interested in the government and working for the government.
- Vous pourriez vous annoncer sur des sites qui sont conçus par et pour les adolescent. J'aimerais bien vous aider à recruter, j'ai déjà parlé à quelques-unes de mes amis du babillard. En effet, celle-ci ont été très intéressées par les récompenses.

Would you be willing to help (tell your friends etc.)?

- Maybe make it clearer that there will be rewards coming... people always like free stuff!
- start the activities earlier, give people a reason to keep coming back right from the beginning.
- use a better message board, I wouldn't be surprised if some people were put off by the fact that the board didn't even function properly, and for those used to other message boards, were probably disappointed by the lack of features they're used to in even free message boards
- Sure, I'd tell people about it, especially now that I've received a couple rewards...

- Oui j'en parlerai bien à mes amis mais je ne sais pas si elles auraient le temps de répondre car c'est parfois long...
- Ya, sure I would.
- I would definitely help; there are some people in my class that would be interested in the Canadian Youth Connection.
- Yea I would be willing to help. The Big Ad on the youth.gc.ca site helped me.
- I am willing to tell my clients and friends for sure.
- Yes I'd be willing to help get some people on it, I really think an e-mail when a new assignment goes up or something to that effect would help. Some people forget or get lazy... this may help!
- j'en ai déjà parlé à mes amis, ils y pensent.
- yes I would defiantly help in any way that I can!
- Also, if you had paper cards that could be handed out I would be able to give them to clients who may be interested in participating. ☺
- I could probably get a couple friends involved in this, yes.
- I already have told my friends!
- I did in fact tell quite a few of my friends about this opportunity to be on the forum. Overall, I had a great time on the forum and although there were a few assignments that I did not submit, and I am sorry about that, overall I found it to be beneficial for me. I hope this information was useful for you.
- Pour le babillard je suis sûre que je pourrais trouver pleins de gens intéressés à en faire partie dans mon entourage..
- It should be made clear in the recruitment page that involvement weekly is a must so that people know if they can or cannot go through with the YouthPath. Advertisement in other government websites also help to bring in more recruits. I would be willing to tell my other friends.