ANAK: Community Youth Solutions to Filling the Cultural Gaps

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Who is the Filipino-Canadian community in Manitoba?

Historical Context

- First wave (late 1950's – early 1960's): Professionals
- Second wave (late 1960's- 1970's): Garment workers and labourers
- Third wave (1980's- mid 1990's): Family members
- Fourth wave (late 1990's- present): Provincial Nominees

Statistics

- Fourth largest visible minority subgroup in Canada (Statistics Canada, 2006)
- 23% increased in the number of Filipinos living in Manitoba from 2001 up to 2006 (Statistic Canada, 2006)
- Change attributed to the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP)
- 31.8% of Filipino immigrants arrived under the PNP program in 2009 (Manitoba Labour Immigration, 2010)

Community Needs Assessments

- Common theme: working with children and youth [Seunarine, I. *et al* (1996) ; FYI (2004); Advincula, R *et al* (2010)]
- Recommendations:
  - provide settlement and integration support for newcomer youth;
  - educate youth about Philippine culture and history;
  - encourage civic participation and leadership.

And now what?

ANAK Inc.

- Aksyon Ng Ating Kabataan (ANAK) Inc.
- Formed in April 2006
- Legally incorporated in 2007
- Comprised of concerned young Filipino-Canadian professionals
- Draws from a gamut of personal experiences as immigrants, students, educators, social workers, researchers, and second-generation Canadians

ANAK Inc.

- Came together to help bridge the cultural, familial, and social gaps found both in and outside of the Filipino-Canadian community
- Envisions a future where all Filipino-Canadians have the opportunity to share, learn, and preserve their culture and heritage through education

How does ANAK address these gaps?

Resource

THIS IS
OUR STORY
from Manila to Manitoba
FILIPINO-CANADIAN ORAL HISTORY EXHIBIT

Education

Mentorship

Where do we fit in?

Challenges

- Core funding
- Government support
- Community support
- Growth

Where do we go from here?

A Sustainable Future

- Advocacy and education
- ANAK Publishing Worker Cooperative Ltd.
- ANAK Filipiniana and Books
- Investment and empowerment

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