



*Renfrew County Youth Network*

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### **What Renfrew County Youth Had to Say**

Join us on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Renfrew County Youth Network (RCYN) will be hosting a presentation, presented by two local youth, on the Renfrew County Youth Needs Assessment Report – “Walking in a Good Way: The Path to A Youth Engagement Strategy” at Carefor Health and Community Services, Madawaska Room, 700 MacKay St., Pembroke, Ontario.

From January 9, 2018 to March 8, 2018, the RCYN engaged 655 youth between the ages of 12 and 24 to share their experiences and ideas through an online survey; where they told us what it is like to grow up in Renfrew County and District. Six Community Sharing Circles were organized, in addition to the survey, where 77 youth explored the positive aspects and challenges they faced.

Key themes will be highlighted in the presentation including:

- what young people enjoy about growing up in Renfrew County,
- their concerns about mental health and wellness, and
- the lack of diversity within the county.

“It is vital to have a Youth Strategy that can guide and foster youth engagement and leadership in the County,” said Zwetlana Rajesh, RCYN Youth Co-Chair. “In order for the strategy to be effective, youth need to be one of the main stakeholders in both the planning and implementation stages”.

Please take time to review the reports at [www.rcdhu.com](http://www.rcdhu.com) . Share with family, friends and colleagues.

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