
Together for Humanity



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On Thursday 16 and Friday 17 October, three schools in North Queensland will host workshops that challenge cultural and religious stereotypes.

Students from Ayr State High School, Djarragun College, Gordonvale and Belgian Gardens State School, Townsville will participate in the innovative workshops.

Together for Humanity (a community non-profit organisation) run the school programs that address discrimination and promote diversity. The Christian, Jewish and Muslim presenters from diverse cultural backgrounds will be in the North for two days engaging students in games and storytelling.

Author, life coach and Together for Humanity presenter Ronit Baras says, "For many students this is the first time they have met a Jewish or Muslim person. The workshops present a wonderful opportunity for students to ask the questions they've never had anyone to ask before."

Presenters will be visiting Gordonvale on Thursday, and Townsville and Ayr on Friday before returning to Brisbane. The workshops are provided at no cost to schools.

Together for Humanity Queensland manager Kathleen Gordon explained that "teachers often invite us to their schools to complement their existing values programs.

"They know that students benefit from real life experiences and love enjoyable activities with important messages – and what could be more important than learning how to live together."

In 2008, Together for Humanity activities in Qld have been funded by Multicultural Affairs Qld and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

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