# What participants have said about Visions & Voices . . .

"Visions and Voices is a great learning opportunity for youth. They learn to facilitate, plan events, gain cultural teachings, and become strong Aboriginal leaders."



"Visions and Voices is meaningful as we don't often get to be with others in the same circumstances. Rarely do we get to share with other children and youth what it is like to be a child in care. It is also great that we can give our feedback and suggestion about how to make the agency better."

For more information about the event or to join this group please contact Xyolhemeylh FVACFSS and ask to speak to your local Community Engagement Worker. Or contact by email at registration@xyolhemeylh.bc.ca

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#### Visions & Voices Youth Mentorship Program



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#### What is Visions and Voices?

Visions and Voices is a comfortable place to share your experiences of being in care, a place where your voice will be heard. You will get to make changes in the system and connect with others like you.

## Who Can Join the Planning Committee?

The Visions and Voices planning committee is for youth ages 14 and older who have been in care or previously in care.





## Visions and Voices Planning Committee Meetings:

- Dinner is provided
- Transportation is provided
- You will receive a small monetary payment for attending the meeting
- We meet the first Thursday of every month
- In September and October we meet the first and third Thursday of the month.
- Each Meeting will have a cultural workshop and/or event planning component.

#### A message from the Visions and Voices Youth Planning Group:

The 4th Visions and Voices 2018 event is scheduled for November 16th and 17th. Last year was our most successful event to date. We are committed to making this year's event even better!

Last year we had approximately 50 youth attend the Friday evening activities. Mike Scott was our keynote and as we expected his message was very powerful. All those in attendance enjoyed his story and messages of hope. We stayed overnight at the Sts'ailis Healing lodge, which was really cool.

On Saturday we had around 150 children and youth. The Talent and Art show were great. Perhaps one of the most memorable activities for those that attended Saturday was the honoring of all of the children and youth in care.

We have moved the event to Camp Charis this year. The site has lots of room and more activities available. We are in the process of developing the agenda for the event. As with last year we are planning a sleep over for the youth on Friday evening.

We would love for you to join the Visions and Voices Planning Committee to help make this year's event even more of a success!