

NO.9 SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE, A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON EQUITY TEACHING AND LEARNING/ LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

How do we reinvent our schools as community hubs where young people are linked to a responsive community? Identify potential leaders? Respond to students problems and behaviours so they remain connected to the school community? Are some of our talented students falling through the cracks? This presentation will describe an innovative school setting where young people who have not succeeded in traditional schools realize their potential and find courage and inspiration to strive towards their goals. Students describe what they like about their school. The Principal will describe underlying philosophy and modus operandi of this democratic school setting. Teachers, counsellors and teacher aides will discuss strategies to engage young people, including our most vulnerable, as active citizens in the school and the wider community, ensuring that young people experiencing trauma are identified and receive care and support to become responsible and empathic adults.

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Short contributions by a cross section of our school community including 5 Students (Drama/Dance Troupe) followed by shared discussion with workshop participants.