

Student Voices on Discrimination Clip 4 Transcript

Speaker 1: I think being in these clubs, you know sometimes is a little hard, because you learn about what's happening around the world, or you learn about certain discriminations and you know when you come in at that school you see everybody together and it's something like, I just feel like it's important to tell people that everybody is the same. We are people, we all are people that want to do something. So, it's important to not discriminate against other people because of their color, their sexual orientation, because of their race. So being in these clubs actually allowed me to realize like, it's important to not have biases toward anybody. You get to meet people with an open mind. You just have to embrace anything that puts, goes at you. Just don't be biased toward anything that's around you.

Speaker 2: I think that social justice clubs, not only do they try to make a change, but they also try to provide information that can clear up questions that anyone might have, such as, some people might stereotype and say that some people of a certain race, they are all like this one way. But then you discover that some people live in poverty because of political standpoints because of things that have happened in their lives. And you can't generalize because of something like that. So the whole idea of social justice that can clear up answers and it kind of makes our world a better place, not through fund raising, but through awareness and through making people aware that everyone is different. So you can't just go through life thinking, well, I was born this way and people born of a different race are lesser than me. You have to think that they have different things that have happened in their lives and that have impacted them. So you can't be racist, you cannot be biased toward that. You have to approach everything with an open mind.

Interviewer: How do you think your peers who are not members of these clubs perceive you and your club?

Speaker 1: Personally, when I see, when I tell, when I'm hanging out with my friends and, Oh, I have to do this, oh, I have to do this for this certain club. They will be telling me like, "Why are you so active in these clubs? You don't have to like, you're just, you just put so much on your plate. Can you handle it all?" And I tell them that it's different because you know that you are trying to do something, make a difference. And, I try to tell my friends like, it's important to, like, high school isn't just education. You don't just learn from a book. It's also about experiences, clubs, just everything. The interaction between peers and your teachers. All those small details contribute to your whole high school experience, it can help you with your future. So, I try to tell them like, being in these clubs actually made me realize what's in this world. Like, you know, in Toronto, you see all these different types of groups of people and it might be different in other places. So I tell them that it is similar to that in that, sometimes how we perceive as a high school students we just see high school, home, that's just our world for now. And I know that if you join these social justice clubs you get the opportunity to see what's in the world, all the opportunities that can arise and I feel like, and I tell them that it's educational, it's also something that is inspirational to you. It can change who you are at the end of the journey.