



Junior 8 Community Hosts Multi-Cultural Event

Nondumiso Nkosi

South Africa

&

Pauline Le Rolland

France

The J8 community gathered on the evening of July 3rd in order to proudly share traditions in their cultures. Some of them were dressed up and ready to showcase in front of a warm and enthusiastic audience. The ceremony was livened up by the cultural group members but we all participated in making it a night we will all never forget. The opportunity to see various cultural outfits was given to us on a silver platter : performances from the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Canada, Russia, Japan, South Africa, Mongolia,

Kyrgyzstan, Barbados, Cote d'Ivoire, Nepal and Iraq were very well prepared and interesting to listen to. We also enjoyed the part where we got free presents from the various countries. We had many ways to discover the different cultures in form of dances, videos and photos, songs, reading of poems and through games. We had a beautiful dance performance from Mongolia, the Russian team presentation was very different with the 'building our world' theme where most of the participants took part, the Canadian team had a short game to share with the J8 community and we all had prizes. The rest of the presentations were based on the background of that particular country so the cultural night was definitely a success and we all had a great time.



Nondumiso Nkosi, (Left)
Munkhjin Sukhbaatar (Right)

The Team

- Editors..... Khalil Kassam (Canada)
- Harry Brooks (UK)
- Writers.....Pauline Le Rolland (France)
-Nondumiso Nkosi (S. Africa)
- Alina Podboronova (Russia)
- Video.....Avani Jay (USA)
- Special Thanks...Wilson Lau (Canada)

Struggling with Stereotypes

Alina Podboronova

Russia

"All Russians live in wooden houses and wear fur hats all year because it's freezing." - Typical Stereotype

"In Russia we only eat caviar and borsch every day"- Misguided Delegate



All the countries of the J8 had to make a presentation to show off their culture. The Russian team started creating our national presentation over two months ago by brain-storming with lots of ideas; however some of these were crazy and unrealistic! We wanted to show that there is more to Russia than the balalaika (national instrument), bears and the Kremlin. We tried to remove the stereotypical views of the countries and for others to realize that there is more to Russia. The cultural evening was a success! Did you know that Germans are so friendly they give out free sweets I'm not complaining because they were delicious! But it did hurt when a pack of sweets hits your head! We had a singing Italian and learnt that they are not as angry as we have been told!

Canadians do more than just play hockey and wear beaver hats. The British are not as conservative as we had been told! Just look at Harry who wore pyjamas during the discussion session!

We did not realize that the calm Japanese people could appear so angry in a traditional dance or that the Americans enjoyed showing the 'melting pot' of their culture or that we must have hired a private jet to transport our equipment safely! We've done everything we can to ruin stereotypes connected with our countries. And we succeeded!!! Yahooo!!!!!!!!!!!!

- JAPAN
- CANADA
- UNITED KINGDOM
- UNITED STATES
- FRANCE
- ITALY
- GERMANY
- RUSSIA
- MONGOLIA
- COTE D'IVOIRE
- KYRGYZSTAN
- NEPAL
- SOUTH AFRICA
- BARBADOS

Hokkaido Heat



TONIGHT	TOMORROW	MON	TUE	WED	6-10 DAY
					Extended Forecast
High: 78° Low: 67°	High: 80° Low: 66°	High: 77° Low: 64°	High: 78° Low: 64°	High: 77° Low: 63°	

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A Toast to the J8 & Chitose City (left)



Yan wears a yukata (above)
The Canadian team presents (left)



The Italian team greets the cameras!



French poetry & traditional Mongolian dance!

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Cote D'Ivoire



Alex at
Chitose Night



Je-meila smiles for
the camera on
Chitose Night
(right)



The German team greets
Chitose! (above)



Japanese Tea
Ceremony

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