

**Immediate Press Release****'Al'ready.....Post 80s**

Some 'post-80s' youths in Hong Kong have protested against the Express Rail Link (ERL)'s construction plan, using unconventional forms of protest including a 26-step one-kowtow march, fasting and camping around the legislative building. While some view it as an innovative social movement led by the young generation, many say what they did is naive and pointless. In fact, the term 'post-80s' emerged in the Mainland China back in 2008. Youths born between 1980-89 is considered “spoiled, materialistic and self-centered”. Those perceptions have been challenged when thousands of youth stepped out and volunteered in the earthquake-hit regions in Sichuan and during the worldwide Olympic torch relay.

While youths in Canada have also been labeled lost, self-centered and indifferent, how do we response? As a “post 80's” youth, do you have a stand on pressing current issues such as natural disasters and environmental crisis?

Across U-hub is hosting a forum to discuss the “post-80s” phenomenon on Sunday, January 31, 2010. This forum invite various guests, including sociologist, business leader, parent, and member of the 'post-80s' generation, to share their thoughts and insight from different angles. We welcome everyone to join in our discussion.

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Date: January 31, 2010

Time: 4 pm to 6 pm

Location: Across U-hub, 160 Gibson Drive, Unit 1, Markham ON

Seats: 50 (Please REGISTER now!)

Target: Youths and Parents of 16 and above

Inquiries and register: 905-944-1944 or [info@acrossuhub.com](mailto:info@acrossuhub.com)

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**Panelist:**

Prof. Eric Fong (Professor, Department of Sociology University of Toronto)

Mr. Larry Law (President of Law Development / Cranberry Resort)

Ms. Flora Chong (Vice-President of Toronto Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WWII in Asia)

**Forum Content:**

What does the "post-80s" mean to you? A generation representing selfishness, materialism, indifferent about victims of disasters and apathetic towards political affairs? When the 'post-80s' step up and shout out their care and concern in life, how do we response? Do they surprise you or make you worry? Do we criticize how absurd they are, or are we glad to see them speak up for political issues with critical thinking? Across U-hub will be hosting the “'Al'ready.....Post 80s” forum on January 31, 2010. An opportunity for the community to discuss and reflect on the recent disaster in Haiti and the “Post 80's” phenomenon.