

BUILDING BRIDGES PARTICIPANTS

Examples of Building Bridges Program Participants in 2004-05 include:

Community Organizations:

Staff of Saint Paul Foundation
Staff of Ramsey Action Programs
Staff of East Metro OIC
Staff of Anoka County Social Services

Corporate Employers:

Best Buy Corporation Diversity Committee
Davon Corporation

K-12 Schools:

Chisago Lakes School District
Cretin-Derham High School
Elk River School District
Forest Lake School District

College and Universities:

North Hennepin Community College
Concordia University, St. Paul
University of Minnesota, Human Rights Center

SCHEDULING A PRESENTATION

Workshops ranging from 1-3 hours in length are given at schools, community organizations and workplaces for a standard fee.

Arranged Presentations are also given free of charge at the Hmong Cultural and Resource Center enhancing the accessibility of the program to organizations and schools with tight budgets.

Presentations must be arranged at least 3-4 weeks ahead of time.

To schedule a Building Bridges Presentation contact Mark Pfeifer or Txongpao Lee at the Hmong Cultural and Resource Center:

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BUILDING BRIDGES: TEACHING ABOUT THE HMONG IN OUR COMMUNITIES

MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Hmong Cultural and Resource Center

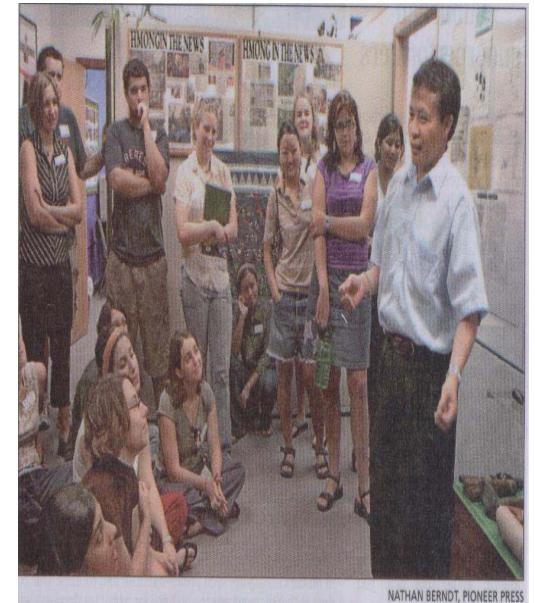


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PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Each year for the purpose of advancing cross-cultural awareness and enhancing the cultural competence of service professionals who work with Hmong Refugees and the Hmong community, the Hmong Cultural and Resource Center provides multicultural education presentations about the Hmong people, their history and culture and contributions to Minnesota to hundreds of people of all ages and walks of life at the center and at schools and workplaces in the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota.

The unique Building Bridges Program was featured in a front page story in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press newspaper on September 3, 2004. The program was a finalist for the 2004 Anti-Racist Programming Initiative Award from the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits. 150 people attended three public Building Bridges Presentations at the Minnesota Humanities Commission in the Fall of 2004.

PRESENTATION CURRICULUM

The Building Bridges Program curriculum is flexible and is adapted to meet the needs and interests of groups. Presentations may range from 1-2 hours with considerable opportunity for participants to ask questions

- Hmong Population Around the World
- Hmong History and the Hmong Role in the CIA's Secret War in Laos,
- The Hmong Refugee Movement to the U.S. 1975-Early 1990s
- Hmong Refugees in Wat Thamkrabok Buddhist Temple in Thailand 1992-2004
- Hmong Refugees from Wat Thamkrabok and how they differ from earlier groups of Hmong refugees who came to Minnesota

PRESENTATION CURRICULUM

(Continued)

- Hmong-American Population and Demographics
- Diversity in the Hmong Minnesota Community
- Hmong Clans
- Traditional Hmong Religion and Shamanism
- Traditional Hmong Beliefs about Health and Medicine
- Hmong Marriages and Funerals
- The Hmong Language
- Cultural Etiquette and Communication Strategies for Service Providers who work with Hmong refugees

The Building Bridges program Curriculum is accompanied by a set of educational handouts.