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# ASAAP

## In Touch

"Parents can only give good advice or put them[children] on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands." - Anne Frank

### Help ASAAP raise funds!

After two strikingly successful outreaches/fundraisers inside TTC subway stations, I am excited to announce that we are back in stations on **Friday May 29, 2009!** The exact stations are still to be determined, but you can begin to sign up for a shift with Mohini at [education@asaap.ca](mailto:education@asaap.ca). There are **two shifts, 10:30-2:00 and 2:00-5:30.**

We are going to be at 4 stations that day, and very much need 2 volunteers per shift, which means a total of 16 volunteers. I know plenty of you work during the day, so if you can't be a part of the fundraiser, please join us on **Thursday May 28 from 4-7** in the office to help pack the bamboo shoots for sale Friday!

Also coming up is the Refugee Rights week Toronto on April. 04.09. We are in need 2

For the pride committee we are looking for 15-20 dancers, 5 Builders, 5 volunteers to assist in taking down the day of the pride. We are also looking for 3-5 fundraisers. Since we had so many of outstanding volunteers work on Pride 2008. We are hoping for more of those helping hands this year as well.

If you are interested please feel free to contact our Education coordinator Mohini Duttaray at [education@asaap.ca](mailto:education@asaap.ca)

And sign up immediately. Come on and support, learn new skills and have fun.

### Pride Committee meets again

There's still plenty of pre-planning work to do for ASAAP's Pride float, and we know there are many more of you out there who want to be a part of this particular project! To that end, there will be a second Pride Committee meeting at the ASAAP office on **Tuesday March 31 from 6:00-8:00.** Please once more e-mail Siva at [tamil.outreach@asaap.ca](mailto:tamil.outreach@asaap.ca) to confirm your attendance!



# Upcoming (and past) events

Several events and other things are coming up at ASAAP especially as the days become warmer. In April, members of the ASAAP team will attend the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) Conference. This year in Vancouver, attendees will meet to share the outcomes of CAHR members' work and to discuss some of the wider issues related to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. All of May, of course, is South Asian Heritage Month, and we end it off with the TTC Fundraiser

on the 29<sup>th</sup> (sign up with Mohini NOW!). June is Pride, and the next Pride Committee is **Tuesday March 31 from 6-8** in the ASAAP office. On March 14, ASAAP held the first in a series of workshops funded by Abbott Virology. According to reports about 20 women came to hear HIV specialist Dr. Mahin Baqi speak on issues related to women's health, including cervical cancer, regular pap smears and ways to maintain bone density. Watch for more in the coming weeks!

The days are longer and warmer all the time. Isn't it great?

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