

# #savePMAA

## A JANE-FINCH YOUTH-LED RALLY CALLS FOR ACTION AND AWARENESS TO SAVE A VALUED COMMUNITY PROGRAM

**FRIDAY JUNE 27th 2014 (3:30-6:30pm) at 15 San Romanoway, Jane-Finch**

Questions swirl around the **sudden closure of a successful and valued youth program in Jane-Finch by a local organization, resulting in a cry from youth in the community calling for transparency, accountability, and dialogue.** The organization has not responded to requests from the youth for communication around the closure of a space that is supposed to be "youth-led and youth-driven". After more than a month with multiple requests for a meeting and not receiving any responses from the Executive Director and the Board of Directors, and **having exhausted all other possibilities the youth are now publicly calling for support from media, politicians, community leaders, residents and allies to bring attention to this issue to try and bring back this valuable resource for youth in the community.**

### THE FACTS:

- On April 30th 2014, the San Romanoway Revitalization Association (SRRA) located on the North-East corner of Jane-Finch, suddenly closed the Youth 'N' Charge Studio located at 15 San Romanoway and ended a popular youth music program called the Palisades Media Arts Academy (PMAA).
- In June 2011 the SRRA was APPROVED for \$344,500.00 IN FUNDING from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to run the Palisades Media Arts Academy Program (PMAA) for THREE YEARS
- The program did NOT begin until 2012, and ONLY 2 YEARS of ACTUAL PROGRAMMING WAS DELIVERED before the program was abruptly shut down on April 30, 2014.
- The PMAA Program was being operated out of the Youth 'N' Charge a space at 15 San Romanoway defined by the SRRA as a "youth-led, youth-driven initiative"
- The youth participants approached the SRRA for dialogue around closure but after over a month, have still received no response.
- The youth, are taking action to raise awareness around the issue, and have started a PETITION and WEBSITE/BLOG found at WWW.SAVEPMAA.CA
- ON JUNE 27TH, 2014 FROM 3:30-6:30 OUTSIDE OF 15 SAN ROMANOWAY, THE YOUTH ARE ORGANIZING A RALLY, THE PLACE WHERE THEIR BELOVED YOUTH SPACE USED TO BE.

**A CALL TO ACTION!  
by the YOUTH of  
JANE-FINCH**

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On April 30th, 2014 the San Romanoway Revitalization Association (SRRA) abruptly ended the Palisades Media Arts Academy (PMAA) Program and closed the Youth 'N' Charge a "youth-led youth-driven initiative of the SRRA" The Youth were not given any notice, and deeply affected by the closure of an important space for youth located in the heart of the Jane-Finch community in Toronto.

**Please Sign our Petition  
Online and help us to  
Reclaim our Space!**

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