

Beyond Ourselves: Girls and Young Women project launched

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[Project coordinators from right: Noreen Sibanda, Daniet Kidane, Ubah Mohamoud and Lynda Bulimo](#)

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Edmonton Multicultural Coalition has launched a two-year program to empower girls and young women from ethnocultural communities integrate fully in all aspects of life in the City of



[Laurie Hawn, Edmonton Center MP launching Beyond Ourselves project](#)

Edmonton. Dubbed “Beyond Ourselves”, the two-year project is a partnership between the government of Canada and Edmonton Multicultural Coalition. The project was launched on February 9th 2013 at the Grant MacEwan University by Hon. Laurie Hawn, MP for Edmonton Center who represented the guest of honor, Hon. Rona Ambrose, federal minister for Public Works and Government Services. Mrs. Lynn Mandel (wife of City of Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel) and Multicultural Coalition president, Rosslyn Zulla graced the occasion.

Prof Philomena Okeke of the University of Alberta gave a motivational presentation entitled: *“The importance of working with and supporting girls and young women as a process of promoting their integration and social inclusion.”*

“This project will help many girls overcome barriers of culture, language or gender inequality to fully take part in the socio-economic development of Edmonton,” said Mrs. Dianna Mbari-Fondo, the Executive Director of Edmonton Multicultural Coalition.

After official speeches delegates participated in an exciting rhythmic cultural dance. The launch event is one of the activities in the Girls and Young women project funded by the Status of Women Canada grant. The hugely successful launch event was coordinated by Daniet Kidane, Lynda Bulimo, Ubah Mohamoud and Noreen Sibanda.



[Girls and young women engaged in group discussions during the launch of "Beyond Ourselves" project.](#)