The comments that follow were prepared and presented by four young people at an event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child that the Landon Pearson Resource Centre hosted at Carleton University on May 15, 2014. This event was designed to raise awareness of the Convention and to showcase a number of national and local organizations that share a common concern for children and youth. Melinda, Steven, Zak and Megan were asked to bring the voices of their peers to a wide-ranging audience that included two politicians, Dr. Carolyn Bennett, MP, and Matthieu Fleury, a municipal councilor, both of whom responded sensitively and with interest to their presentations. Article 12 of the Convention guarantees children and youth the right to be heard on issues that concern them and imposes upon the rest of us the duty to listen and to pay attention. Please read what they had to say.

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