

REFLECT

When you volunteer you meet so many different people with so many different stories and backgrounds. Kids teach you something new every time. It is nice to watch people break out of their shell and form into something else" - Mustfah Madlol

I look at charitable organizations and the amount of hours that people put in towards a cause. I find it very heartening. Having my own business, working lots of hours, and raising a kid creates barriers, but once you get to a place in your life where barriers fade away, that is the time you are able to help out the most with your time or money and it feels good" - Jeffrey Robb

Growing partnerships is how we have been able to survive so many years as a non-for-profit. Our partnerships are ongoing. We have new partnerships with King's College and we have partnerships with the Thames Valley District School Board. The way we nurture partnerships is ongoing - Bev Robinson, Senior Achievement



Another look at your finalists

SHARE
INSPIRE
CELEBRATE

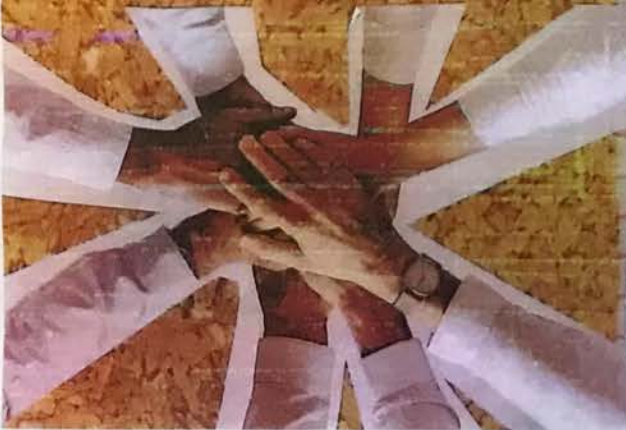


Each year Pillar Non Profit Network holds the Pillar Community Innovation Awards which honor and recognize the contribution organizations and individuals make in the London community. Pillar had the opportunity to speak with the 2018 finalists and learn more about developments in their initiatives. A number of similar topics were discussed by the finalists such as connection and support between the finalists, the importance of a united community, sustaining the non-profit sector, the positive changes when initiatives and communities grow, and the importance of making all individuals in the community feel included. This zine celebrates these themes and the finalists.

Connection



"My Sister's Place is always here and everyone is always welcome back. Anyone that identifies as a woman can come in at any point and get the help they need. If we can't provide it, we will always connect them to someone who can such as the other finalists" - Kristy Bell, My Sister's Place



COMMUNITY AT ITS CORE.

PARTNERSHIP

INNOVATION

INFLUENCE



"One thing I am really happy about is our Lifting The Silence Walk. There are lots of different people coming. They are reaching out and want to support other people. We have had Indigenous people come and do many presentations and smudging, we have had politicians come, and we had the Police Chief speak. It's really about growing and connecting people" - Marion Whitfield, London-Middlesex Suicide Prevention

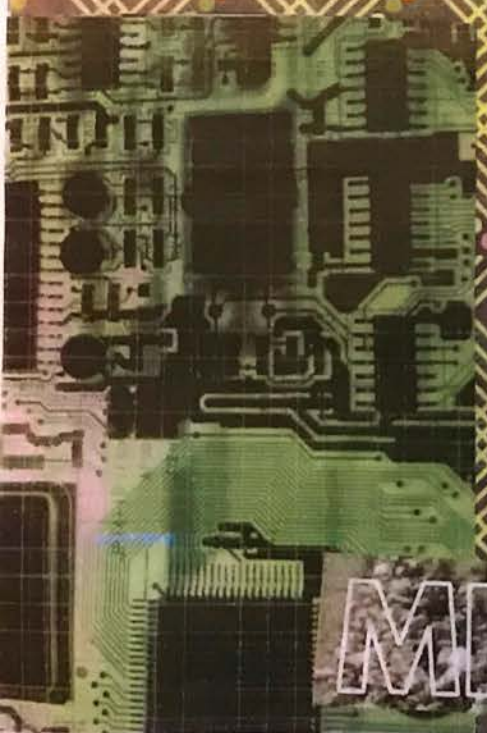


Growth

Lifelong Learning

"School Within a School is a new style of teaching and learning that can adapt to the needs of a particular student in a particular school. It has reinvigorated teachers" - Rick Pardo, School Within a School

OPEN-MINDED



Good times



Let Us

LEARN

CHANGE

CARE

together

"Pillar creates such a beautiful opportunity for story-telling and connecting with the community through stories. For us, it was beyond that. Pillar created a forum for recognition that did not exist before. Our project reaches out to a population that is marginalized and sometimes deliberately so by our culture. There was a cathartic moment at the Pillar Community Innovation Awards where the audience, and through them the general public, was interested in this issue. And finally, we as a community could let go of the resentment towards this population and say being prejudice is not us as a community" - Dr. Chris Mackie London Temporary Overdose Prevention Site



FUTURE

Community



transformation

YOU ARE

SO ARE WE

"I am proud of a group of people with nothing in common except a desire to learn and can create a community among themselves with people from different walks of life; some are new Canadians and some have been in Canada for all their life, and some more economically disadvantaged than others and somehow they all make it safe for each other. The fact they are there and want to learn makes a place for everybody"
- Doreen Vautour, Liberal Arts 101



Sustainability



"Pillar's nomination strengthened our position. This kind of work is vulnerable because there are so many values at play beyond the science. As so, having Pillar's endorsement strengthens the case that this is a crucial service" - Dr. Chris Mackie, London Temporary Overdose Prevention Site

TOGETHER

strength

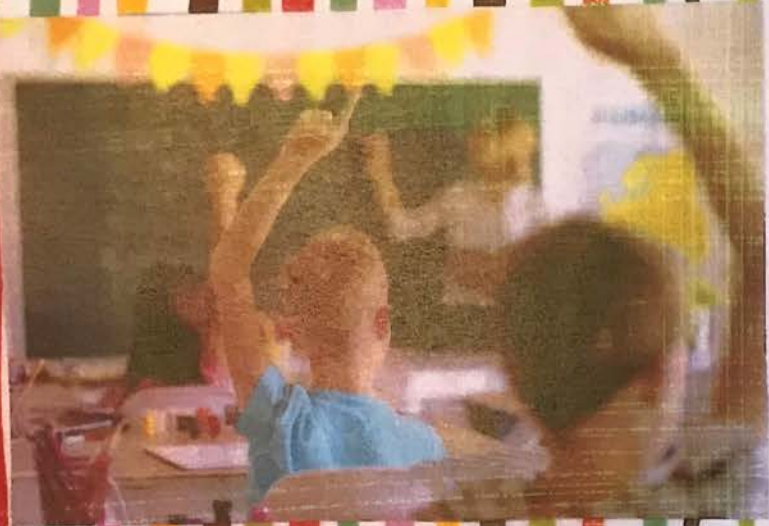
FIGHT

PROTECT

determined

UNITE





"When you experience art at a young age it stays with you. It allows you to look at your world in an imaginative and creative way. It allows you to see art and creativity as a potential aspect of your life. Allowing all young people to experience this is amazing and important" - Meghan O'Hara, 100 Schools Project

Inclusion



There was so much awareness which was huge or Here For Her in terms of menstrual equity. If students don't have menstrual products they won't go to school, try out for the band, or go play volleyball after school. We don't want them to miss out on education or other opportunities. It is an equity issue that we can improve on in the community" - Rachel Attinger, Here For Her

OUR
VOICE



LIVE

learn

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PERIOD

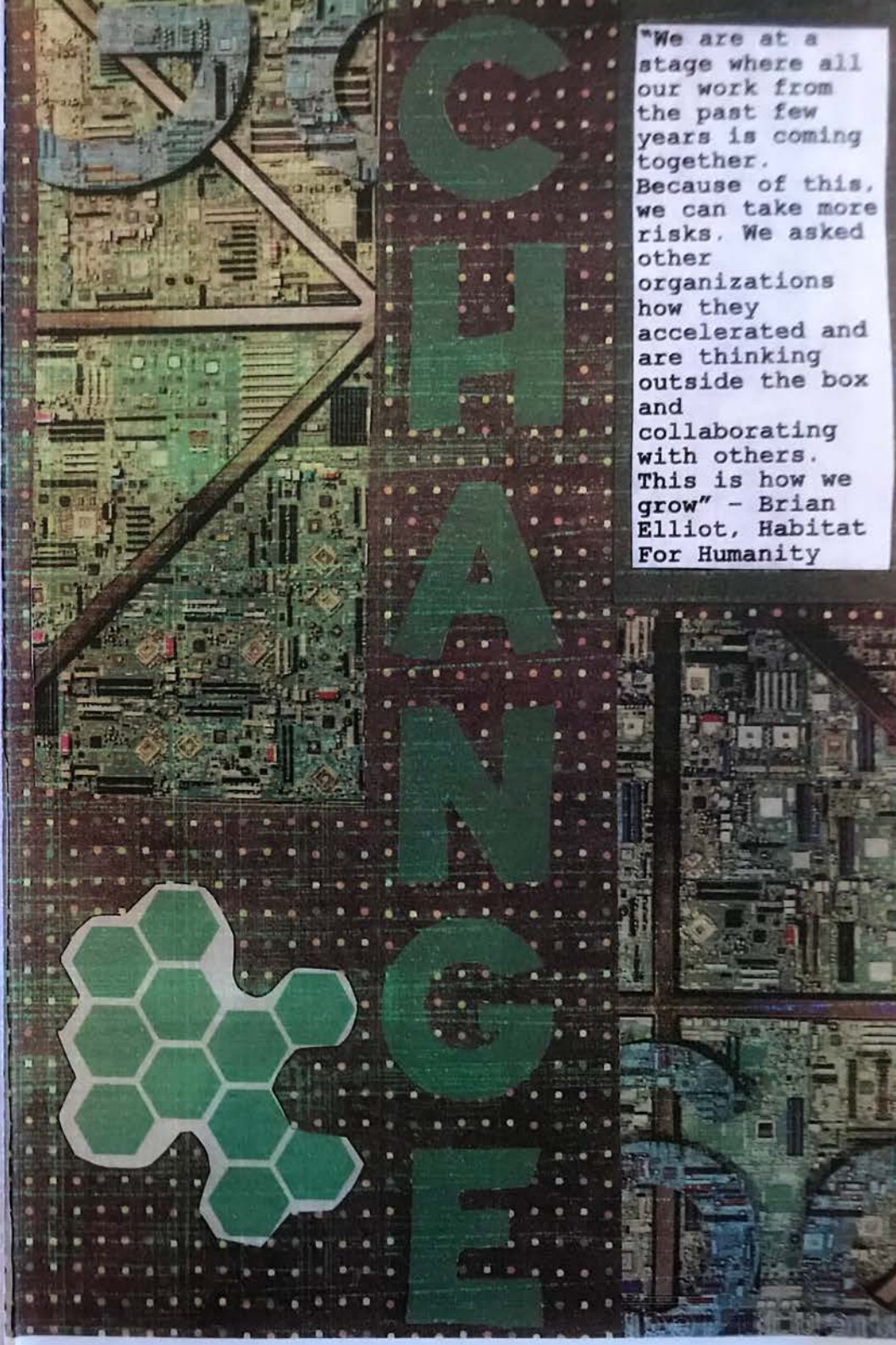
"We have very bright people who have had barriers to education and didn't see themselves as someone who could understand a university lecture or have a conversation with a professor. They can experience these things and will view themselves in a slightly different way" - Doreen Vautour, Liberal Arts 101

"We need resistance
and strength to defend
our communities"



RESIST

KEEP FIGHTING



"We are at a stage where all our work from the past few years is coming together. Because of this, we can take more risks. We asked other organizations how they accelerated and are thinking outside the box and collaborating with others. This is how we grow" - Brian Elliot, Habitat For Humanity