

Institute at Havergal launches the Connectors Circle

The Institute is proud to announce the launch of a social media platform for students, faculty and members of the extended Havergal community to develop connections, mentorship and support for student-driven initiatives and action projects.

Students Act Now is a program of the Institute at Havergal that enables and provides support for students to act on issues that they care about. Successful projects include Athletes in Motion, LamStock, Labour of Love Angola, Sole Mates and more!

To support students involved in Students Act Now initiatives, and to connect all our students to mentors and supports in our community, the Institute has launched an online social media tool called the **Connectors Circle**. The Connectors Circle is a site open only to our community and invited individuals. It will be monitored by Ann Peel, Director, Institute at Havergal and Paul Shuebrook. All external invited participants will be required to agree to Havergal's Acceptable Use of Technology policy, which includes provisions against private communications or meetings with students.

Through this online tool, students will be invited to communicate directly with invited leaders and innovators in our community. Individuals will be invited to join the Connectors Circle who are involved with Havergal . These include workshop leaders at the Institute's annual day of learning and action, "The World...It's Our School", which will be held on January 18, 2011.

In using social media effectively to support collaboration, it is the aim of the **Connectors Circle** to provide ongoing and relevant encouragement and mentorship to students. Through this online platform, students will be able to post questions to the online group and receive responses and further assistance and mentorship.

In recognizing the increasingly important and prevalent use of social media, the Institute is actively presenting the necessary tools and education to students so that they may learn to use the technology effectively, safely and to great success. If you do not want your daughter to participate in the Connectors Circle, please notify me immediately.

Should you wish to discuss this initiative further, please contact me at apeel@havergal.on.ca