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DESIGN PORTFOLIO



**Having the ability to create,
gives the craziest ideas wings
to become reality**

Independent Project
But Not Because | March 2017

I am homeless,
but not because...

The homeless live not under a roof,
but under stigma, assumptions,
and insignificance.

But Not Because is a project centred around the homeless, and constructed by a series of conversations between the homeless community and the sheltered.

Regardless of the reasons or factors that individuals become homeless, we want to explore their side of the narrative through their voice.

For once, we are asking participants to try to see their world and journey through their shoes.

Ours goals are simple, but far:
1. To break down stigma and disassociation towards homelessness.
2. To remove barriers of communication and prompt humanizing and meaningful interactions between the communities.

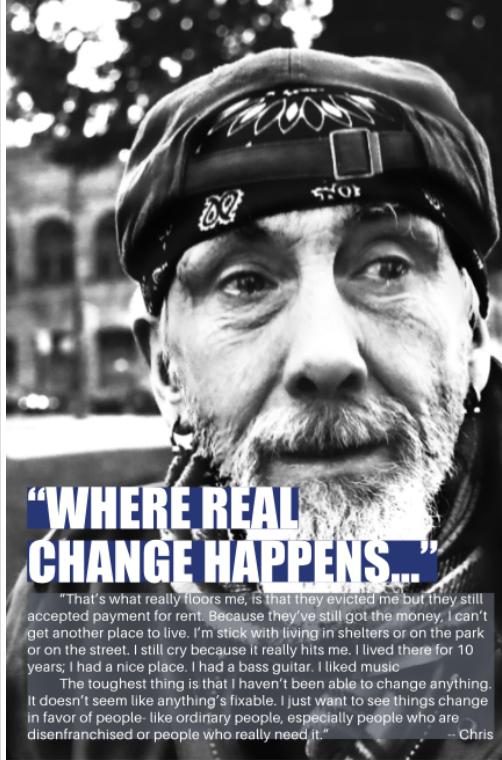
We challenge you to feel, to live, and to experience these narratives and emotions with critical empathy.

These photographs and quotes are only snippets of their individuality, visit our site to see their full stories.

Please recognize the respect required of being able to take part in these moments of sharing and vulnerability.

BUT NOT BECAUSE

ABOUT THE VOICELESS
AND HOMELESS
BUTNOTBECAUSE.COM



"That's what really floors me, is that they evicted me but they still accepted payment for rent. Because they've still got the money, I can't get another place to live. I'm stuck with living in shelters or on the park or on the street. I still cry because it really hits me. I lived there for 10 years; I had a nice place. I had a bass guitar. I liked music."

The toughest thing is that I haven't been able to change anything. It doesn't seem like anything's fixable. I just want to see things change in favor of people- like ordinary people, especially people who are disenfranchised or people who really need it." - Chris



"YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE ANYMORE"

"All along there, there's drugs, drugs, drugs guys next to me, selling stolen drugs, selling stuff, doing stupid things. So how do you deal with it, you're trying to live, rest, and there's always something going on, you don't feel safe anymore."

For now, I'm in the corner by myself away from them, but they're still there eh, that presence is always there. When you come home, it's always that look, you can tell these people in their eyes. It's out of habit, they get so into this thing- they want to sell their soul for this, to get their next fix. I never get involved with that stuff." - Anonymous



"On the streets, I think about five years now, since I moved up to this place, five years. I have to more or less come out to make up for [it], because I get a thousand dollars a month from the pension and (some of that goes to) the rent, and then I got my [...] bills."

I should have saved up more money when I was younger, and worked a bit harder to get some money ahead for your time when you're not going to be able to work. [The] best thing of a person, in my predicament, is to save up a lot more than what I did. It is hard, if you keep dipping into it all the time. You need something; you always need something." - Christine

A photo exhibition

But Not Because

Media | Black and white photography

Tech | Adobe Photoshop, Indesign

Awards | UBC Connect to Community Grant

- The photo exhibition, titled, *But Not Because*, is constructed by conversations with individuals who are struggling, or had struggled with poverty and shelter.
- The goal was to remove stigma and blame on homelessness and to build a levelled understanding between communities.

A digital platform at

butnotbecause.com

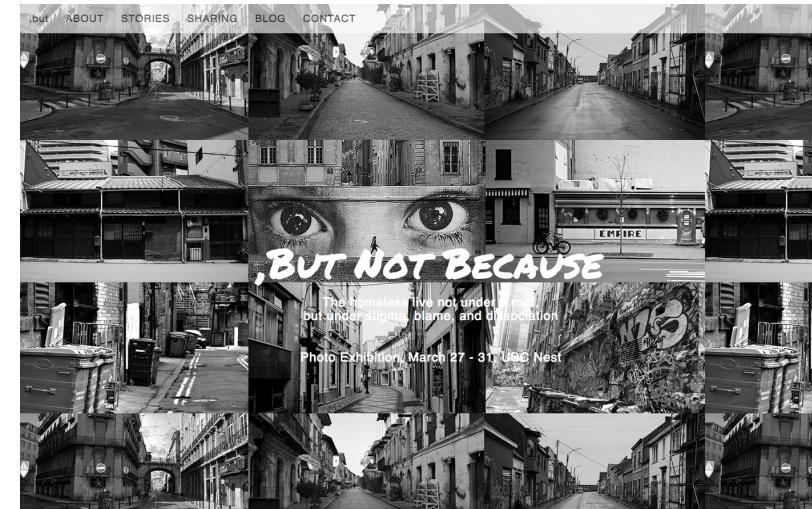
Media: Website design and development

Tech: HTML, CSS, Wordpress (for blog)

Right 1 | Landing page

Right 2 | Snapshot of individuals' stories

Right 3 | Blog for interviewer's reflection
at butnotbecause.wordpress.com



,but ABOUT STORIES SHARING BLOG CONTACT

STORIES

These are the stories collected through conversations on the streets. Thank you to those who were willing to share and those who were willing to listen. Following the photo exhibition, this section will be updated daily to encourage communication and empathy in our communities.



Voices *A blog for But Not Because*

Welcome Blog Contact

About

This is a blog for the homeless project But Not Because. If you follow our lens and words, and listen carefully, you may be able to hear voices from the homeless community, stories that you have often ignored.

Recent Reflections

[Between He and My Reality](#)
[Quiet Invasion: The First Steps](#)

Search ...



Welcome

Every conversation is a transformative experience – big or small.

Some make you wince, make you feel for the story teller, others push you to think further and deeper.



**The greatest gift
is to be able to give and to help,
all that you can**

Pro Bono Website Development
Kenya Chanukeni Nursery | May 2017



A web dev project

Chanukeni Nursery

Media | Photography, Videography, Web Tech | Wordpress, Camtasia, Adobe Photoshop

The biggest obstacle for Chanukeni Nursery is that lack of consistent funds. The school is not government funded and many parents cannot afford to pay tuition.

Upon learning about the school, I set up an easy-to-manage Wordpress website and a Gofundme page, to fundraise.





Empowering young pupils
through the first steps of
education

[WAYS TO HELP](#)

Founded by a women's group *Chanukeni* in 2006, Chanukeni Nursery School supports, guides, and teaches pupils in the Ukunda area from ages three to eight years old.

[Ways to help](#)

Gallery

Welcome to Chanukeni Nursery School. We believe in our pupils and the power of education.

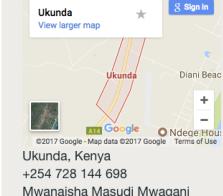
Join us through this photo gallery on our journey of early education with our most beloved pupils and teachers.



Ways to help

The biggest obstacle for Chanukeni Nursery School is that lack of consistent funds. Please visit our donate page to learn more.

Contact & Info



chanukeninursery.
wordpress.com

Gofundmepage | gofundme.com/chanukeni
Video | [youtube.com/watch?v=x_JoqAnRoPc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_JoqAnRoPc)





**Finding the identity
and human connection of a brand
is the meaning of design**

Graphic Design
NTGx Exchange | 2017



JAN 18- FEB 14, 2017 | VANCOUVER

NTGx EXCHANGE

"GO BIG OR GO HOME"



1/23 - 2/19, 2018

DISCOVER WITH NTGx



NTGx INTERNAL ICEBREAKER | OCT 21 5:30 - 8:30 PM | LOCATION TBA

DO SOMETHING

A graphic design series

NTGx Exchange

- NTGx is an student-run exchange program that invites 16 students to UBC for a four-week cross-cultural and academic learning experience every year.
- NTGx focuses on intellectual curiosity and discovery, two themes that are the core of all of its graphic design.

NTGx | Three Fold Brochure



NTGx | Business Card

招生條件

台灣大學生 (含畢業生)
19歲到25歲
基本英文口語能力
一顆願意改變自己和改變未來的心

聯絡方式

上臉書搜尋 Today's Generation
<https://facebook.com/todaygen>
Website: ntgx.todaygen.com
Email: ntgxchange@gmail.com
Instagram: [ntgx_program](https://www.instagram.com/ntgx_program)

協助單位

台灣駐溫哥華經濟文化辦事處教育 (TECO)
卑斯大學英文語言中心 (UBC ELI)
卑斯大學台灣新新人類社團 (UBC NTG)
卑斯大學台灣靜心社 (UBC RC)

報名時間
2017/08/01 - 10/16

早鳥報名
2017/09/30之前

費用：加幣 \$ 6000
早鳥優惠：加幣 \$ 130 的折扣

NTGx
2017 - 2018

去探索吧！

準備好了嗎？

關於NTGx

宗旨

幫助開拓新一代台灣學生的國際視野、增廣見聞，同時 跟本地加拿大人與華僑做文化交流，彼此了解兩地的生活習慣與思維模式。本計畫通過短期的文化交流來幫助參與的兩方彼此成長，同時促進台灣更具國際競爭力。

任務

- 提供台灣學生一個出國學習國際觀念與生活體驗的機會。
- 幫助本地加拿大人認識台灣學生，並了解台灣文化。
- 建立國際人脈，促進溫哥華與台灣的交流。

主辦單位

Today's Generation (T-Gen) 創立於加拿大溫哥華，是一個由青年獨立創建營運的平台，提供來自不同背景的年輕人們一個將對社會有益的想法實踐的機會。<http://www.ubc.ca>

相識介紹

計劃簡介

NTGx 將會在台灣寒假期間 1/23-2/19日 帶著16位台灣大學生來到溫哥華—加拿大卑詩省英屬哥倫比亞大學 (The University of British Columbia UBC) 做三個星期的文化交流，學生們會參與由UBC 所提供為期三個星期的英文課程，以及參加不同活動 (活動包含：迎新會、結業式、與當地專業人士和華僑的社交活動、與UBC不同文化社團的社交活動、北美生活與就職研討會、溫哥華景點旅遊)。

我們希望這個計畫能給參與的學生們帶來新的啟發、新的動力、新的知識，以及不同的視野與想法。每個參加的學生都會經過我們嚴密的篩選，我們將會透過學生的價值觀、個人願景和人生規劃來判斷報名的學生是否適合我們的計畫。

UBC

UBC 成立於1908年，是加拿大領先的研究大學，在世界大學的排名上一直是高居於前40名，近年來皆在30名以內，2012年甚至位於第22名。 UBC擁有超過五萬名從加拿大各地跟140個國家的學生。UBC坐落於溫哥華西岸，擁有14平方公里的土地，校園包含原始森林、學院、教學樓、學生宿舍、社區建築、休閒場所、餐廳和購物商場，彷彿小型城市般完善的設施。

溫哥華

溫哥華是加拿大西部最大最多元化的城市，被長期評為世界上最美麗、最適合旅遊與居住的城市，環繞在海洋與山岳之間的溫哥華，既有一望無際的黃金海灘，翠綠的原始森林，也有都市的繁華與便利。一年四季都有適合各個年齡層的室內與室外活動，同時因為有來自各國的居民，所以在溫哥華可以體驗到世界各國的文化與飲食。

UBC英文語文中心

UBC English Language Institute (ELI) 自1969年以來一直進行ESL教學，位於卑詩大學校園內，學生不但可以和其他來自各地的國際學生進行活動，也同時可以與本地大學生進行會話與社交活動。透過ELI的國際公民英文課程，學生可以提高口語流利度，同時學習與社會文明、國際公民和可持續性相關的問題。<http://el.ubc.ca>

住宿 交通

為了讓學生能夠更加深入體驗不同文化，進行文化交流與增強英文能力，在行程期間，學生將會住在寄宿家庭。有些住宿家庭將會有同樣是UBC的學生，有些家長雙方皆在本地就職。所有住宿家庭都會用英文做日常溝通，每個住宿家庭會有一到兩位學生。

學生將會以公共交通設施為主要交通方式，依據住宿家庭的地方，交通工具可能會包含巴士、捷運、跟短程遊艇。



Thank you.

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