

# Global Ed student targets media gap

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A Fulton Secondary student is working to bridge the media gap between adults and youth with a revolutionary project.

Seventeen-year-old Loren Romei has been working since January to create broadcast news clips that revolve around issues important to teenagers in the community. These clips are then posted on You Tube.

"Television news and newspapers are geared towards an older audience," said Romei.

"My friends and I don't watch the news. We go to the Internet for everything we need."

She added that her research showed that within the next 10 years, her generation will rely entirely on the World Wide Web for information and news sources.

Romei has posted two clips, one about the Gardasil, a new vaccination for HPV, and another regarding B.C.'s graduated licensing program.

"It is important for teens to be informed about these issues that affect and frustrate them," she said. "That is the only way we can make

informed decisions."

Romei created the project as part of the independent directed studies for her Global Education class. The students were asked to create a project that benefits the community and Romei's aspirations to become a broadcast journalist inspired Bridging the Gap.

"Adults and teenagers need to communicate more," said Romei. She found that because of her age it was difficult to be taken seriously by some of the people that she worked with for her project.

"Teenagers have a lot to say and a lot of passion. There is so much we can do but we need to work with adults and in order to do that we have to bridge the gap between us," Romei said.

"Let's forget about age and concentrate on turning our ideas into actions."

She also wanted to concentrate on the posi-

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tive things that teenagers can do instead of the youth vandalism and crimes that most media outlets broadcast.

Romei's news broadcasts will be presented at the Global Education Wind Up Gala tonight. If you would like to view the clips, visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in "Loren Romei."