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Douglas College Faculty of Language Literature and Performing Arts Call for Proposals: Woodlands Project

In March 2009 the Douglas College Faculty of Language, Literature and Performing Arts will present a month-long artistic exploration of the former Woodlands School. This project will consist of two concurrent presentations in the Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre and in the Amelia Douglas Gallery. An original play has been commissioned to be written by former Creative Writing Chair Mary Burns, which is inspired by the research she has done over the past 18 months. Although not a literal depiction of events that took place at Woodlands, it will deal with a variety of themes and subjects that are relevant to Woodlands and similar institutions. At the same time a photographic exhibition and installation by New Westminster artist Michael de Courcy will be presented in the Amelia Douglas Gallery. Michael has spent a significant amount of time photographing the former Woodlands site over the years. His work for this project will address the cemetery and Memorial Gardens on the institution grounds.

These arts events are produced by a team of creative individuals and are designed to challenge and question rather than analyze and answer. In an attempt to present as full and diverse a picture as possible we are inviting other academics, community groups and individuals to participate in our project by approaching the subject in their own ways. We welcome proposals for lectures, forums, discussions and other artistic and academic activities in any subject related to our project. The scope of subjects can range from Woodlands-specific to institutionalization in general, developmental disabilities and self advocacy and so on. Activities do not need to be strictly academic, and we encourage all community groups and interested individuals to participate.

Interested groups and individuals should submit a brief proposal no longer than 500 words outlining their intended activities no later than December 15, 2008. Submissions will be reviewed by a project committee. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than January 5, 2009. All approved projects will be listed in an online and printed calendar of events, and may also be given a \$200 honouraria upon completion of their project to compensate for a portion of their time and expenses incurred.*

Submissions should be sent via email to huberta@douglas.bc.ca no later than 4pm December 15, 2008. Please contact Angela Hubert for more information at 604-527-5723 or huberta@douglas.bc.ca

*Pending final funding approval. We will be able to confirm this by December 15, 2008.