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**Refugee Youth in Boston:  
Negotiating School and Community Relations  
Workshop Sponsored by the Feinstein International Famine Center  
and Tufts University Children's Center.  
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In March 2002 Tufts University Feinstein International Famine Center together with the Tufts University Children's Center hosted a two day workshop to review issues faced by refugees and refugee community organizations in the greater Boston area. One of the recommendations that came out of these discussions was the need to focus more on home school relationships. Refugee families face many obstacles in understanding and communicating with the school system and in finding ways to be involved with and support the learning process of their children. At the same time it was felt that refugee youth themselves face a number of issues in negotiating the different elements of their home culture and the different cultures found within their school and host community.

We are inviting you to a one day workshop to be held in the **Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Goddard Room 113, 160 Packard Ave. Medford Campus**. We are encouraging teachers, program officers from refugee resettlement agencies, community organizers, youth leaders, and others involved in researching educational aspects of refugee re-settlement to join us. Topics for discussion will cover:

- Enhancing community school dialogue: lessons learnt from parent-teacher interactions.
- Reconciling different educational methodologies: The U.S. and international systems.
- Attitudes towards discipline: school and community perspectives.
- Negotiating culture and identity: home, school and host community.
- Inter-generational tensions and challenges.
- Maintaining home language and culture: lessons from community run after-school programs.
- Violence and Memory. The special needs of youth from war affected societies.

Participants are invited to suggest other topics of their own choosing.

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