Show 'you care' about voting, volunteering at event tonight

Do you care, Stouffville?

Our attendance at the polls may say otherwise.

Uruguay has a 96 per voter turnout. France is at 70 per cent.

Whitchurch-Stouffville had a 45-per-cent turnout in the last municipal election, in 2010.

You can help change that during a public event tonight.

It's part of WS YOU 177, in collaboration with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, the Stouffville Sun-Tribune/yorkregion.com and the Legacy Project.

"Our town isn't about politicians, but about us. If we don't get involved, we give our power away," says Susan V. Bosak, head of the Legacy Project, a local research and education group.

You can take part in a spirited discussion about all kinds of civic engagement, from voting to volunteering, and the innovations that are possible to make our community stronger.

Sun-Tribune Editor Jim Mason and library CEO Carolyn Nordheimer James will lead a big-picture dialogue across generations.

A TEDxToronto video will help you reframe the issues around civic engagement.

Bosak will speak and round-table discussions will ensue.

"Do You Care?" is a free community event open to all ages, teens to elders. It's a WS YOU

177 event as part of The Sun-Tribune's Big 5-0 challenge — aimed at getting out at least 50 per cent of eligible voters Oct. 27.

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WS YOU 177 is a broad-based community collaborative that includes the library, Legacy Project, local media, service clubs, faith-based groups, schools and seniors groups. It's been made possible through grants from United Way York Region and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

YOU 177 is a social innovation initiative that empowers YOU to make a difference in a big-picture context – 1 World with 7 Generations and 7 Billion People. Based on a decade of research, it's a community process that taps into what matters to transform everything we do, from the way we live with each other and our planet to how we learn, do business, grow up and grow older.

The "Do You Care?" civic innovation event takes place tonight from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre, 2 Park Drive. Refreshments will be provided. To register, visit www.wsyou177.org or call 905-640-8914.

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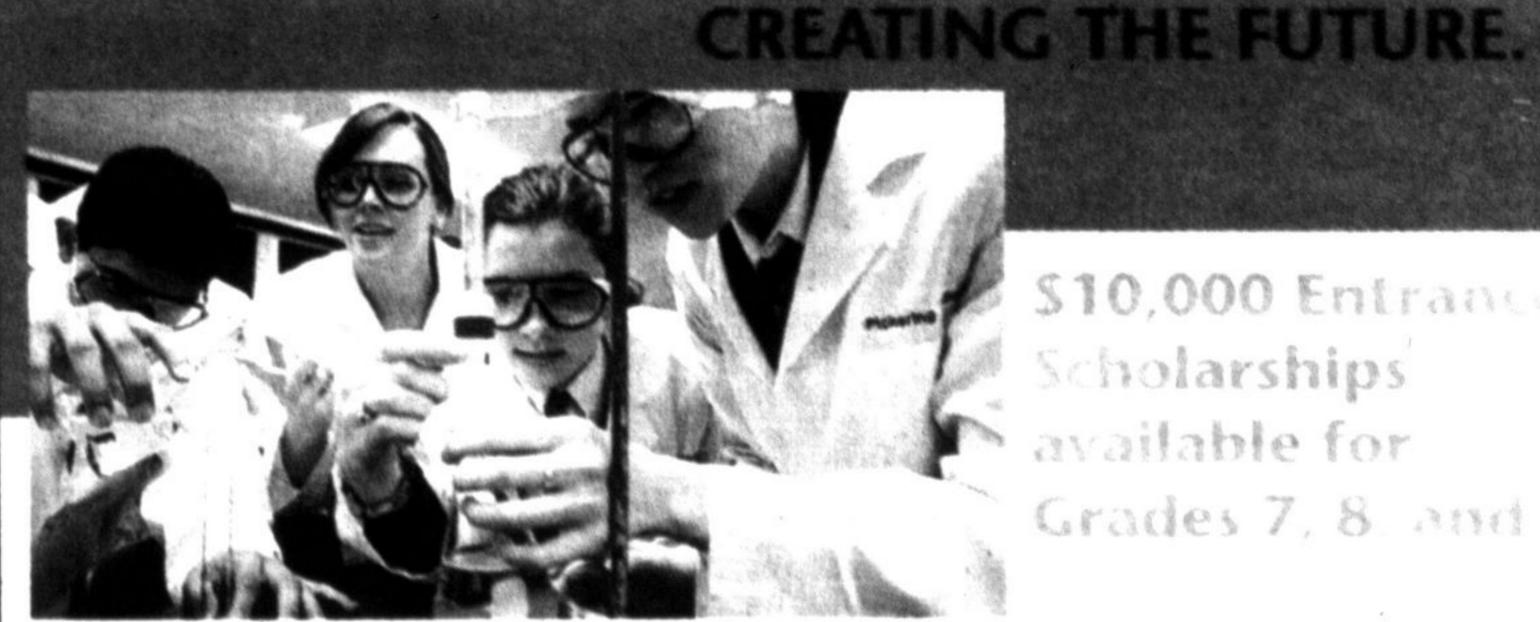
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