

**Projects that arose out of
Let's Talk, Melrose: Citywide Conversation about Our Changing Community
held in May 2008
as reported by the Melrose Human Rights Commission in February 2009:**

- a much-expanded International Welcome Reception in the fall;
- a global education certificate program at the high school that has been accepted by the school committee and is scheduled to start accepting students next year;
- new English conversation groups for immigrants with 13 people showing up recently to offer their services and receive training;
- a diversity column to appear regularly in the local paper, featuring the stories of new residents who represent the growing diversity of our population;
- a city-wide gathering to celebrate the increasing diversity of Melrose, planned for next August.

In addition, a number of other activities were proposed and are being pursued, most notably efforts to provide diversity training for law enforcement and educational personnel.

So, as you can see, our work last year has given rise to some very exciting efforts on the part of a large number of people, and the Human Rights Commission is flourishing. The Commission itself has come back to full membership, as well. Since last May, we have gained four new members... and we are attracting a lot of interest from people in the city.