



Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence
Damian Wilmann
Biography

Damian Wilmann teaches at King George Secondary School in Vancouver.

Damian immigrated from England to Canada in 1987 and has worked with the Vancouver School Board since 1989. After completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Leicester, Damian completed his Education Certificate at Simon Fraser University. In 2007, Damian completed his graduate degree in Liberal Studies, also at SFU.

In order to encourage a strong school relationship in the community, Damian collaborates with community leaders to educate students on numerous social issues. He also encourages his school to be active in community betterment by bringing his students to places such as the Carnegie Centre and East Hastings in Vancouver. As a result, students take a role in revitalizing the area by starting food drives and volunteering in the neighbourhood.

For example, Damian has promoted a sock drive among students to collect blankets for the inhabitants of the Strathcona neighbourhood of the Lower East Side. Importantly, Damian works to incorporate this learning into his classroom teaching, and finds innovative ways for senior students to teach those in lower grades.

Damian has also lead and collaborated in many community projects, such as Massive Change and Politics of Space at the Vancouver Art Gallery, cross cultural exchanges with the University of Santiago de Cuba, Parkside School in England and the Foreign Language School in Xiaman China. Damian is also working on a student exchange to Cambridge, England for April 2008.