



**ALIENATION**  
a world of difference  
**TESTIMONIALS**

Below are just a few testimonials from some of our happy clients!

**Father James Whelihan School**

*Our students continued to talk about the presentation in the days following Russ and Kevin's visit! The presentation built on our school's focus of resiliency-building through stories the presenters shared about how they were able to overcome difficulties from their youth. It was empowering for students to hear that they too hold the power within themselves to make positive changes in their own life. While they may not be able to control the actions/decisions of others, or the hardships they encounter in life, they always have control about how they respond to it. Russ and Kevin connected with students in a real way!*  
Jennifer Moynihan, School Counsellor

**Monsignor J.S. Smith**

*These gentlemen were inspirational and thought provoking. A wonderful experience.*  
Mrs. P. Perizzolo, Grade 9 Teacher at Monsignor J.S. Smith School, Calgary

*This was a heartfelt, enjoyable presentation. We enjoyed the real stories and the varied backgrounds. A "thumbs-up" performance!*  
Staff at Monsignor J.S. Smith School, Calgary

*Presenters personal experiences were moving and inspiring. The topic of alienation was widely addressed in a variety of themes and stories.*  
Teacher Grades 7-9 at Monsignor J.S. Smith School, Calgary

**St. Gregory School**

*The Alienation presentation was an engaging performance that connected with our students. Throughout, Kevin, Larry & Russ shared their life experiences of how one can hit a very low point in their life. While the stories were different, the message was about resiliency and perseverance. When we hit rock bottom, how do we bounce back. In all, the presentation was entertaining, powerful and hit a chord with all staff and students at St. Gregory School.*  
Vice Principal, St. Gregory School

## **Holy Cross School**

*The Alienation presentation was very powerful. Russ, Kevin and Larry shared the lows and the highs of their personal life stories in a manner that teaches students about making good choices and surrounding themselves with people who care about them.*

Gord MacDonald, Principal

## **St Paul's Anglican Youth Group**

*A moving and eye-opening presentation by three men who have made lemonade from lemons. Life lessons learned and shared with passion.*

Allison Pierce, Warden at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

## **Rimbey Victim Services**

*The Board of Directors of the Rimbey & District Victim Services Society wholeheartedly thank the Alienation Speaking Group for coming to our small town. We would recommend your presentation to any group - adults need to hear your message too! You're the real deal - warm, friendly, down-to-earth folks who share your powerful stories to encourage positive change.*

*Once again - thanks!*

Sandy Bell

## **Ian Bazalgette Junior High School**

*Russ, Larry and Kevin (each within their own right) are courageous, powerful speakers.*

*It is one thing to privately take ownership of tough and sometimes ugly experiences from our past but when those experiences are shared honestly and publicly with strangers – that is a true sign of courage.*

*Students rarely get the opportunity to see adults as vulnerable people who are willing to be open to harsh judgment. Adolescents are one of the toughest audiences an adult can be in front of ~ as students can smell insecurity, fear and insincerity.*

*Russ, Kevin and Larry's stories are as varied as their physical appearance. Their presentation touches hearts and opens minds.*

*I would highly recommend any administrator to bring Alienation to their school, as they will personalize their presentation and message to suit your school needs. We were impressed with their pre and post -follow up to provide the best opportunity to capitalize on their message."*

Sheilagh O'Dwyer B.Ed., M.Ed. Principal, Ian Bazalgette School

## **Simon Fraser School**

*We had the pleasure of hosting Alienation at our school on Pink Shirt Day this year and they put on a great show. Russ, Kevin and Larry reach deep down and present personal vignettes of their lives that strike a chord with everyone. Their message of resilience, acceptance and community is timely. With great intention we had also invited them back to My World Conference this year to meet with students from across the city. They were once again a huge hit.*

Bruce Johnston, Simon Fraser School