

Carley and Jessica are mad, not going to take it any more



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Vanessa Gastaldo from Echo Bay, and Carley Ingle and Jessica Rawcliffe from Elliot Lake, are among more than 30 young people from the Algoma and Sudbury areas who are learning how to protest.

Well, that's just a small part of the extensive [leadership training](#) being provided by the Ontario Lung Association's Youth Tobacco Team and its Nicoteen program.

SooToday.com caught up with Vanessa and Carley Ingle and Jessica during a role-playing session for a mock protest they organized as part of their workshop at Algoma's Water Tower Inn.

Participants are learning how to problem-solve and to organize and promote events aimed at preventing their peers from starting smoking.

They also set up a means to communicate among themselves so they can start practising what they learned at the workshop.

"This is only the beginning," said Vanessa.

The Nicoteen program trains young peer leaders to identify and solve problems, particularly the problem of teen smoking.

It continues Saturday and Sunday at Algoma's Water Tower Inn.

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