



TODAY'S YOUTH, TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Canada World Youth's
MISSION is to
increase the ability
of people, and especially
youth, to participate
actively in the development
of just, harmonious,
and sustainable societies.

ABOUT US

Founded in 1971 by the late Honourable Jacques Hébert (1923-2007), Canada World Youth (CWY) is a world leader in developing international educational programs for young people aged 15 to 29. A non-profit organisation, CWY is dedicated to enriching the lives of young people who have a desire to become informed and active global citizens. Programs are designed to help youth experience the world for themselves, learn about other cultures and diverse Canadian communities while developing leadership and communication skills. Mainly focused on health and environment, the educational experience instils a long-lasting sense of global social responsibility.

Over the years, more than 33,000 youth have completed a CWY program. We rely on this important network for their continued support, to help promote the organization, to be a part of our volunteer network and embody our vision in their personal and professional lives.

Our success owes much to the strengths of our partners. Guided by mutual respect and equity, we collaborate with more than 150 Canadian and international partners to provide outstanding international youth educational programs.

ACCOUNTABILITY
RESPECT
INTEGRITY
EMPOWERMENT



VALUES

INTEGRITY in all our relationships, partnerships and business dealings, through honest, transparent and equitable interactions.

EMPOWERMENT in providing all our constituents with the space and the ability to be innovative and facilitate the implementation of new initiatives that will promote our mission and vision.

RESPECT in ensuring equity for all peoples of diverse backgrounds, realities and cultures, in learning to understand and respect one another, in understanding that all humanity is interdependent on the natural environment.

ACCOUNTABILITY in ensuring responsible actions and behaviours, while being true to our values in all our relationships, policies and decisions.

COMMITTED TO THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ENVIRONMENT In association with our partner organizations, we design projects that will enable youth to help frame solutions and responses to important environmental sustainability challenges in local communities. Youth volunteers might work on municipal campaigns to inform the population of new sustainability projects, contribute to local reforestation efforts or work to help initiate a community compost program. These are just a few examples of how our volunteers actively participate in promoting a sustainable future.

HEALTH Our youth volunteers work with our partner organizations to facilitate local health services and to ensure that community members are well informed on the best practices for maintaining healthy lives, either through basic nutrition or hygiene programs or by educating local populations on the best ways of reducing the spread of infectious diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, etc. CWY volunteers and partners play a vital role in helping to encourage better health practices among host community populations, in Canada and abroad.

GENDER EQUITY As a part of all programs, an important focus is the promotion of gender equity within Canada and in overseas communities. Gender equity is a key element in the creation of just and harmonious societies. All programs integrate learning on how to think about gender equity on a daily basis to ensure that future leaders help guarantee equal opportunities for all.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

YOUTH LEADERS IN ACTION (YLA)

The YLA program uses a unique bi-lateral approach, whereas youth from Canada are joined by youth from an overseas country to volunteer, live together and learn from each other for six months. It allows participants to truly observe the differences and the commonalities that exist in both countries, thus becoming more culturally literate and flexible. Designed for youth aged 17 to 24, the program fosters the development of a wide set of personal and professional competencies.

- Community volunteering projects are established in partnership with partner organizations in Canada and in overseas countries to ensure long-term positive results for local communities.
- Group size: 18 youth volunteers (9 from Canada / 9 from an international community)
- Duration: 3 months in a Canadian community / 3 months in a community in Africa, Latin America, Asia or Eastern Europe. UNIQUE TO CWY!



DEVELOPMENT

VOLUNTEER WORK COMMUNITY



GLOBAL LEARNERS

The Global Learners program offers educators and community youth leaders the opportunity to organize international educational programs for groups of youth aged 15 and up. We offer a wide range of educational material and personalized guidance to educators to prepare youth for their overseas experience. The program is designed to provide hands-on education on global issues. The goal is to challenge youth with direct civic engagement in the host communities.

- Community work projects are assigned by a local partner organisation based on the needs of the host community.
- Group size: 12-25 participants
- Duration: 2-12 weeks

INTERACTION

The InterAction program offers 4-6 week educational projects located in an overseas community where participants live with a local host family and are actively engaged in development projects. InterAction is a short but intense introduction to international development for anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering overseas without committing to a lengthy program.

- Community work projects are developed for the team of youth volunteers by a local partner organisation based on the needs of the host community.
- Group size: maximum of 18 youth aged 18 to 29
- Duration : 4-6 weeks

All our programs are comprised of the following elements to provide a life-changing experience:

- Pre-departure training and orientation sessions
- Fundraising events and activities
- Volunteer work placements
- Highly motivated and qualified project supervisors
- Weekly educational activities organized by and for the group
- Living in host families *
- Post-program debriefing and support
- Public engagement activities upon return to home community

* Participants' families are not asked to host participants; Canada World Youth selects host families within the community where our programs take place.

TRAINING THE LEADERS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Canada World Youth offers a unique approach to international educational experiences. We promote learning through active engagement and direct incorporation into the host community. The CWY experience allows youth to hone valuable personal and professional skills and gain an international experience that could have a positive impact on their future career.

- Leadership skills
- Communication skills
- Problem solving skills
- Life-long connections
- New outlook of the world
- National and international work experience



HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST

The goal of all CWY programs is to offer real world educational experiences for youth, but the health and safety of all youth participants is of paramount importance. CWY carefully chooses its overseas partners and countries based on their ability to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for youth. The organization consults with Canadian and international government agencies to ensure that the program destinations are safe for participants and that our partner organizations are known and respected locally.

HANDS-ON EDUCATION

Perhaps the most important aspect of all CWY programs is that youth participants don't simply learn theory; they are removed from the classroom and brought into real-life experiences that help shape the way they see and interpret the world. Canada World Youth is dedicated to a hands-on approach to education; we believe that direct and concrete experiences in international development are an integral part of the training of active and involved global citizens.

Public engagement: A major part of being a leader of tomorrow is getting involved today. That is why Canada World Youth puts an emphasis on promoting and encouraging our youth volunteers and alumni to be actively involved in their community either by working with local groups and organizations or launching a personal initiative to increase the general public's awareness of major global issues.



EXPERIENCE



LEADERSHIP COMMUNICATION

AN OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE

FOR YOUTH

Youth Participants in CWY programs benefit from an out of the classroom experience that allows them to discover themselves while discovering the world. Youth gain an advanced perspective of another community, culture and language which challenge them to become active global citizens.

While volunteering in meaningful development projects built in partnership with local organizations to meet the needs of the community; they are immersed in new cultures and explore issues that may be different from their reality at home.

FOR EDUCATORS

Through CWY Global Learners program, educators can offer their students a chance to discover the world through a unique experience that challenges their individual perception of 'normal'. This real world adventure complements the school curriculum to instill a greater sense of civic responsibility and leadership and intercultural communication skills. The Global Learners program is not a school trip; it is hands-on education on global issues.

FOR COMMUNITIES IN CANADA AND ABROAD

The host communities that welcome CWY participants also benefit from the energy and enthusiasm of the youth that arrive seeking to make a lasting impact on the quality of life for people who call the host communities their home. CWY participants contribute to helping realize sustainable projects within the community, educate the public about issues around environment, health and gender equity, as well as offering the community an opportunity to engage young people from other parts of Canada and from other countries who many of the locals would normally not have the chance to interact with.

SUPPORT CANADA WORLD YOUTH

Canada World Youth depends on your generous donations. Every year, our young volunteers carry out fundraising activities to support our programs, but we still need your help!

WHY DONATE TO CANADA WORLD YOUTH?

- We are creating the next generation of global leaders.
- Our international educational programs have a remarkable impact on youth in Canada and abroad.
- CWY is internationally renowned and many countries have implemented programs based on our model and expertise.
- The CWY educational model is innovative and unique.
- CWY can issue tax receipts for your donation.
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Canada World Youth offers attractive sponsorship opportunities to businesses who are interested in youth education and leadership.

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