

## Hébert nominated for the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize



Jacques Hébert, Canada World Youth's founder, is in the news again, this time as a candidate for the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

Well-known for his hunger strike in 1986 to prevent government cuts to youth programs and his moving eulogy for his long-time friend, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the retired senator's nomination for the prestigious world prize was made public in October, coinciding with Canada World Youth's 30th anniversary celebrations.

The official letters of nomination came from the Honourable Dan Hays, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, and the Honourable Sharon Carstairs, Government Leader in the Senate. Additional letters of support were received from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Maria Minna, the former Minister of International Cooperation, embassies around the world, *Cité Libre* magazine and Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in Great Britain.

Newspapers across Canada carried news of the nomination — *The Toronto Sun*, *Times-Colonist* in Victoria, B.C., *The Windsor Star*, *The Vancouver Sun*, and *La Presse* and *Le Devoir* in Quebec, to name a few. In addition, several radio and television stations carried the story.

"Jacques' nomination is a testament to his vision and passion for youth engagement in our communities at home and around the world. That vision, manifested through Canada World Youth programs, has helped to build bridges of understanding among youth at a critical stage in their lives — and for this, he has played a tremendous role in fostering peace on this planet," said Matthew Pearce, President of Canada World Youth.

Jacques' nomination is a testament to his vision and passion for youth engagement

- Matthew Pearce

## A year of celebration



For most of us, a birthday lasts just one day, but here at Canada World Youth, we felt our 30th birthday warranted a year-long celebration. And celebrate we did!

2001 was jam-packed with various activities to mark this milestone, including a dinner to recognize outstanding alumni with our founder Jacques Hébert; alumni reunions that brought participants from across Canada

and abroad together to reminisce and reconnect; a media campaign to help spread the message of our outstanding programs; and a meet-and-greet on Parliament Hill hosted by Mr. Hébert with participants, MPs, Senators and invited guests.



**Svend Robinson, MP (Burnaby-Douglas) with participants, Aaron Kinakin (Burnaby, B.C.) and Phicet Klamak (Thailand) at a gathering of MPs and Senators in Ottawa.**

The year culminated on Oct. 19 — our actual birthday — when we launched an online retrospective that includes photos of alumni (then and now), an audio greeting from our founder and a guest book for alumni.

Our anniversary year may be over, but we hope to continue the celebration into 2002. So, please visit the gala section of our website at <http://www.cwy-jcm.org/gala/GalaTopE.html> and sign our guest book.

## What's happening in the field ...

### **Project: Fair Trade Youth Internship**

**Partners: VanCity (Vancouver City Savings Credit Union), Small Potatoes Urban Delivery, Café Etico, Oxfam, RAIN (Real Alternative Information Network), Choosethical.com, Local Global, Ten Thousand Villages**

For a group of eight young people taking part in Canada World Youth's first fair trade internship, a trip to the grocery store many never be the same.

These young people have spent 10 weeks learning that decisions they make as consumers may have implications for people in our local and global community. In fact, the simple act of buying one type of coffee (from a producer that ensures the coffee grower gets a fair price) versus another, can have an impact on creating a more equitable world.



The project was divided into two phases, with interns spending six weeks in Vancouver working with local fair trade organizations (named above). The second phase took them to Pancasan, Nicaragua — a community that boasts a large number of coffee farmers who produce fair trade coffee, which is sold in British Columbia by Café Etico. Interns studied Café Etico's long-term relationship with the farming community and the effects on the community.

*Canada World Youth would like to extend our thanks to VanCity (Vancouver City Savings Credit Union) for funding for this project.*

### **Project: Canada-Mongolia Child Protection Partner: Mongolian Youth Development Centre (MYDC)**

After a highly successful trip to China and Mongolia last spring by Canada World Youth President Matthew Pearce, CWY worked with the Mongolian Youth Development Centre to design a unique project that will focus on the plight of street youth in Canada and Mongolia.

A new project in Mongolia will focus on street youth

experience with various service models and the techniques being used to address the needs of this vulnerable population.

The project will likely begin this autumn. Watch for updates in future issues of the *bulletin*.

A team of youth, with a background or a specific interest in child protection issues, will have an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the problems faced by street youth in both countries.

Participants will also gain hands-on

### **Project: Toronto-New Delhi HIV/AIDS Program**

**Partner: Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM)**

While many of the recent discussions on the global AIDS crisis have focused on the ravaging effects of the disease in sub-Saharan Africa, researchers and AIDS workers are pointing to what may be the next big trouble spot — India.

With a population of more than one billion, India already accounts for almost 20 per cent of all infections worldwide, including the largest number of HIV infections of any one country.

It's in this context that Canada World Youth and the Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses — a national HIV/AIDS non-governmental organization in India — came together to undertake an innovative educational program with the objective of creating an HIV/AIDS intervention model that could be implemented throughout India.

Eight Canadians and eight Indians spent three months in Toronto volunteering

Interns volunteered in Toronto AIDS service organizations

in AIDS service organizations, training in specific care models, and sharing their skills and expertise. The team is now in India taking part in the second phase of the program, which ends in March.

Here are the thoughts of one intern:

"The Toronto phase was very enriching and comprehensive. Not only did it enhance my knowledge about HIV/AIDS, but also enlightened me about people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Apart from one's work placement, each counterpart pair had the chance to job-shadow with dedicated staff of St. Michael's Hospital and Casey House (a hospice for HIV/AIDS patients) for

a week each. The dedication and generosity with which health care professionals work with people of the community is a great learning experience and will go a long way in helping to develop care and support models in India."

Suruchi Pant, Indian intern

**Project: Red Deer/Lviv Young Women's International Exchange**  
**Partners: Lviv Board of Education (Ukraine), Canadian Red Cross (Central and Northern Alberta Region)**

Participants in the Young Women's International Exchange between Canada and Ukraine had an opportunity last year to tell our principal donor exactly what the program has done for them.

Through a dynamic presentation, participants spoke to members of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Eastern European Branch about the benefits of the program which saw nine Ukrainian and nine Canadian young women living and volunteering for three months in Red Deer, Alberta, followed by another three months in Lviv in western Ukraine.

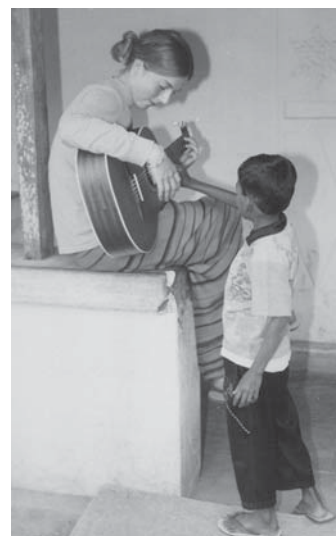
The women described the challenges of the exchange, which allowed them to reflect on their lives and to improve themselves. They highlighted the skills they have gained including team-building, group work, patience, leadership, cooperation and tolerance. They also learned about networking, public speaking and research, as well as developing creativity and motivation for new projects — with the ultimate goal of becoming agents of change in their own communities after the program.

*The Young Women's International Exchange is funded by Canada World Youth, Canadian Red Cross (Central and Northern Alberta Region) and the Lviv Board of Education with generous assistance from CIDA and the Alberta Wild Rose Foundation.*

## Canada World Youth and Fujifilm team up for photo contest

Canada World Youth participants had a unique opportunity last year to see their program from another perspective — through the lens of a camera — thanks to a new partnership with Fujifilm Canada.

The Canada World Youth-Fujifilm 2001 Photo Contest was designed to encourage participants to capture images of their program experiences and to submit photos that best depicted the themes, "community involvement" and "working in partnership." Each participant was given a Fujifilm Quicksnap camera and Fuji film.



**Robin Stamm (B.C./India 2000/2001) with Indian boy**  
**Photo: Morgan Sinclair**

### Working in Partnership category

Grand prize (Fuji digital camera and \$1,000)

- Michael Vander Lee (Ardrossan, Alberta) Quebec-Burkina Faso
- Second prize (Fuji compact camera)
- Dominique Bouchard (Greenfield Park, Quebec) Manitoba-Cuba
- Third prize (Fuji multimedia gift bag)
- Tricia Sharpe (Victoria, British Columbia) British Columbia-Sri Lanka

### Community Involvement category

Grand prize (Fuji digital camera and \$1,000)

- Morgan Sinclair (Belfountain, Ontario) British Columbia-India
- Second prize (Fuji compact camera)
- Alison Maddaugh (Vancouver, British Columbia) Nova Scotia-Sri Lanka
- Third prize (Fuji multimedia gift bag)
- Micheline Boisclair (Normandin, Quebec) Quebec-Benin

"Canada World Youth and photography are the perfect fit. Both are premised on exploring new boundaries and sharing fresh discoveries with others," said Tim Berry, vice-president and general manager of marketing, Fujifilm Canada, in a press release announcing the contest winners. "By hosting and featuring these unique photographs of youth working, living and learning side by side with other cultures, more youth will get involved in the mutually enriching experience of community development, and Canadians will get the opportunity to witness the results via the online photo gallery."

To view our online photo gallery and the winning photos, visit <http://www.cwy-jcm.org/FujiGalleryE.html>. And check back later this year for the 2002 photo contest winners!

## Letter from Sri Lanka...

Okay...we are supposed to describe a typical day. Well, there is no such thing as "typical" or "normal" when you are a stranger in a far-away land. Your ears start buzzing when you wake up in the middle of the night. Weird dreams fill your sleep. And still, you have to take those terrible anti-malarial pills.

Early in the morning, hot sweet tea is served. Then it is time to wash. There is a bucket to pull water out of the well beside the house. Because the shower is outside, we keep our sarongs on...you never know who is watching! Breakfast is always vegetables with rice or bread, and always tiny bananas the size of your thumb.

We live in a small village. Everyone is close to each other, knows each other, cares about each other. We walk or bike everywhere. We spend the days meeting leaders of small groups of farmers and fishermen. We discuss their realities and their problems. The NGO we work for is trying to help generate funds and alternatives for these people. We are often in the fields, gardens or homes to collect information about living conditions and health problems created by poverty. With this information, we will propose projects and write reports to try and secure them funding...

The days slowly pass. In Sri Lanka, time takes on a different meaning. We take tea breaks and often eat supper late into the night. There is no electricity in our home, so we pass the time playing cards, reading books, chatting, letter-writing. We often have visitors. We do have a radio, powered by a large battery, so we can listen to some music. It gets dark early here, so we go to bed much sooner than in Canada. We think that this is probably a good thing.

Participants Charles Laberge and Sarath Kumara  
Sri Lanka Community Research Program 2001

## We appreciate your support!

Thanks to all of you who made a donation in the last year — your support will help to ensure we continue making a lasting difference in the lives of young people. If you would like to make a donation, please see the enclosed response card or visit us online at <http://www.cwy-jcm.org/investE.html>.

## We want to be in touch...

Last year, in a special campaign to mark our 30th anniversary, Canada World Youth alumni spent several nights on the telephone trying to re-connect with our "lost" alumni. We'd love to get back in touch with as many past participants as possible. If you know of a past participant who would like to get back in touch, encourage them to contact [bwhittaker@cwy-jcm.org](mailto:bwhittaker@cwy-jcm.org), or visit our website and leave a message in the alumni guest book. We're also attempting to gather e-mail addresses of all alumni in an effort to reduce mailing costs, so please send us yours at [bwhittaker@cwy-jcm.org](mailto:bwhittaker@cwy-jcm.org). Thanks!

For more information on these articles and to read other submissions, visit our online bulletin at [www.cwy-jcm.org](http://www.cwy-jcm.org)

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