



ABOUT US

ORGANISATION

Canada World Youth (CWY) is a world leader in developing international educational programs for young people **aged 15 to 25**. Since 1971, close to **32,000** people from Canada and around the world have participated in CWY programs in **67 countries**.

In 2009-2010, CWY will enable 1,000 young people to participate in 35 youth exchanges part of the Youth Leaders in Action and 21 projects part of the Global Learner and InterAction programs, in Canada and 17 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

MISSION

CWY's mission is to increase the ability of people, and especially young people, to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies.

PROGRAMS

With the program **Youth Leaders in action**, groups of **18 young people** from different cultures live with host families and work together on volunteer projects for a total of **six months**—three in a Canadian community and three in a community in one of our partner countries.

CWY stands apart from other organizations of the same type through the **reciprocal nature** of this program – this is what makes us unique!

The **Global Learner** program is aimed at teachers, educators and youth groups to organize shorter international projects for young people.

Young volunteers have an opportunity to enjoy a fulfilling international experience, discover other cultures and contribute to the well-being of their community.

Canada World Youth also offers the **InterAction** program for youth to participate in short international projects with themes in various fields.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE

The CWY programs are **educational programs** that complement studies and are recognized by many educational institutions.

Among our partners which offer academic credits to CWY participants are CÉGEP Marie-Victorin (Quebec), Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia), the University of Alberta's Augustana Faculty and Capilano College (British Columbia).

HISTORY

Canada World Youth officially established:
October 19, 1971

Founder: The Honourable Jacques Hébert (1923-2007), an ex senator who was profoundly dedicated to youth and to greater intercultural understanding.

PARTNERS

CWY receives funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Industry Canada, and thousands of individuals, companies and foundations across the country, and from its participants, through their fund-raising activities.

CWY works in association with a wide range of youth groups, schools, and government and community organizations.

OPERATING BUDGET

\$22.5 million (2006-2007)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2006: CWY Founding President Jacques Hébert receives the President's Award from the Canadian Society for Training and Development (CSTD), in recognition of his significant contribution to the education and training of Canadian youth.

2005: The Canadian Excellence Award of EECOM (Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication), international category, goes to CWY's Africa-Canada Eco-Leadership program. This program sensitizes young people aged 17 to 24 to environmental, biodiversity-conservation and community-development issues.

2003: CWY wins the Huguette-Labelle Award for excellence in youth programming at the annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation.

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