



YMCA Youth Peace Network 2008 Application

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The purpose of the Youth Peace Network (YPN) is to build peace locally and globally by training youth leaders in peace, conflict resolution and social justice, developing leadership skills and fostering regional and international networks. This is based on a belief in the empowerment of youth and children, and of their capacity to create change.

Please type in the following information, if possible. A copy should be sent electronically or faxed by no later than January 4. A hard copy, with photo attached, must arrive in Vancouver by January 31. Applications must be accompanied by a completed Reference Form from a senior staff person from your local YMCA or YWCA. This form must be filled in directly by the applicant. Should you require additional space for responses, please feel free to add more pages.

Contact Information

Family Name:

Given Name:

Female: Male:

Date of Birth (no earlier than September 5, 1977):

Mailing Address:

Phone Number (with country code):

Fax Number (with country code):

E-mail Address:

Nationality:

Passport #:

Languages:

Level of English (basic, intermediate or fluent):

Your YMCA

Name of YMCA:

Name of YMCA Contact Person:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number (with country code):

Fax Number (with country code):

E-mail Address:

Your relationship with the YMCA (e.g. volunteer, staff):

Emergency Contact Person

Name:

Relationship with contact person:

Address:

Phone Number (with country code):

Fax Number (with country code):

E-mail Address:

Medical History

The YPN program is a wonderful learning opportunity, but it is an experience that is challenging physically, mentally and emotionally. It is very important that you carefully and honestly assess your capacity to deal with the inherent stresses of international travel and cross-cultural training and volunteer work. You may wish to consult with your doctor about this.

Do you have any illness or condition that would affect your full participation in this program?

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever had emotional or mental illness?

If yes, please explain:

Do you take regular medication for any reason?

If yes, please explain:

Do you have any allergies or dietary restrictions?

If yes, please explain:

Do you smoke?

If yes, are you able to abstain from smoking while at camp?

Any other medical or health concerns or comments:

Education

Are you currently a student?

If yes, which educational institution:

Highest level of education:

Work History (list detailed description of the position, employer and dates of employment)

Volunteer History (list detailed description of the position, organization/group and dates you volunteered)

Camp Volunteer Work Experience

Indicate your ability to teach or participate in the following areas according to the numbered scale. List any additional skills in which you excel under "Other" and indicate your skill level.

1=Experience in leading and teaching the activity 2=Able to assist in teaching 3=Experience in participating in the activity

Water Skills ↓	Pioneering ↓	Sports ↓	Performing Arts ↓	Arts & Crafts ↓	Special skills ↓
Life guarding	Hiking/Backpacking	Archery	Guitar Playing	Jewelry Making	First Aid
Swimming	Outdoor Camping	Volleyball	Piano Playing	Candle Making	Group Games
Fishing	Rock Climbing	Soccer	Singing	Nature Craft	Work with physically/mentally challenged
Kayaking	Orienteering	American Football	Skits	Leather Working	Environmental Education
Canoeing	High Ropes	Basketball	Puppetry	Graphic arts	Global education
Water Skiing	Low Ropes	Baseball	Acting	Painting	Conflict resolution
Row Boating			Folk Dancing		
Sailing			Acting		
Windsurfing			Costume Design		
			Tumbling/Circus Acts		
Other:					

YPN participants spend 8 weeks at a YMCA Camp, volunteering in various aspects of the camp programming and operations. With reference to other skills or experience you may have, what do you think that you have to offer to the children and youth campers – and to other staff? (Please note if you have worked with children or youth.)

What do you wish to learn about peace and leadership from the camp volunteer experience?

Peace and Social Justice

Please explain what **you** believe to be the cause of conflict in the world.

If you are selected for the YPN, what would be your 3 main learning objectives?

The YPN program is intended to be an investment in the development of communities and societies, and capacity building for YMCA's around the world. This is done through training of youth. Please describe how you will apply what you have learned in your YMCA and your community.

Other Information

Have you ever been convicted of child abuse?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

(If your application is accepted, you may need to provide proof of having no criminal record.)

Confirmation and Signature

I, personally, have completed this application fully and honestly. I have not had another person complete this application for me. If any details change regarding information I have provided in this application, I will immediately notify the YMCA of Greater Vancouver.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send an electronic copy of your application to internationaldevelopment@vanymca.org or a faxed copy to 604-684-3255 by January 4, 2008. A mailed copy, with an attached photo and a letter of support, must be received in Vancouver by no later than January 31, 2008. It should be mailed to:

Program Coordinator
YMCA Youth Peace Network
YMCA of Greater Vancouver
Suite 201 – 1166 Alberni Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada, V6E 3Z3

Please note that it is very challenging now to obtain a Canadian visa. Upon selection, participants are expected to immediately start the visa application process.