



## **YMCA Youth Peace Network 2012 Application**

The following items must be included to make your application complete. We will not consider your application until we have received all four items.



Application Form



Reference Form



Criminal Record Check



Letter of Reference from General Secretary (On YMCA letterhead)

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Please type in the following information, if possible. A copy of the completed form should be sent electronically or faxed no later than December 31, 2011. A hard copy, with photo attached, must arrive in Vancouver by January 31, 2012. This form must be filled in directly by the applicant. Applications must be accompanied by a completed Reference Form from a Senior YMCA staff person at your local YMCA along with a letter of support written by your General Manager/General Secretary on official YMCA letterhead.

### Contact Information

Family Name:

Given Name:

Female:    Male:

Date of Birth (between 19 and 30 years old):

Month	Day	Year

Personal Postal Address:

Phone Number (with country code):

Personal E-mail Address:

Nationality:

Valid Passport #:

Languages you speak:

Languages you read:

Your Level of English, we do not provide translation (basic, intermediate, or fluent):

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

**Your YMCA**

**Name of YMCA:**  
**Name of YMCA Contact Person:**  
**Position Title:**  
**Mailing Address:**

**Phone Number (with country code):**  
**Contact Person's E-mail Address:**

**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, cross-cultural training and volunteer work.

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

**If yes, please explain:**

**Do you have any illness or condition that requires regular doctor check ups?**

**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 not smoke 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:**

**YMCA History:** *(Should you require more space, please attach another piece of paper)*

**What are you currently doing with your YMCA?**

**What have you done with your YMCA?**

**Work History:** Please list detailed descriptions of the position, employer, duties and dates of employment. *(Should you require more space, please attach another piece of paper)*

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>

**Volunteer History:** Please list detailed descriptions of the position, organization/group, duties and dates you volunteered. *(Should you require more space, please attach another piece of paper)*

Dates	Organization	Position Title	Duties

**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=Experienced in leading and teaching the activity    2=Able to assist in teaching    3=Participated in the activity

Water Skills	↓	Pioneering	↓	Sports	↓	Performing Arts	↓	Arts & Crafts	↓	Special skills	↓
Sailing		Hiking/Backpacking		Archery		Guitar Playing		Jewelry Making		First Aid	
Swimming		Outdoor Camping		Volleyball		Piano Playing		Crafts		Group Games	
Kayaking		High or Low Ropes/ Challenge Courses		Soccer		Singing		Nature Craft		Work with physically/mentally challenged	
Canoeing		Orienteering		Basketball		Skits		Painting		Environmental Education	
						Costume Design				Global education	
						Acting				Conflict resolution	
						Traditional Dancing					
						Drumming					
<b>Other:</b>											

YPN participants spend six weeks at a YMCA Camp as a camp counselor and one week as a Global facilitator. What do you think you have to offer to the children and youth campers – and to other staff? (Please mention if you have or haven't worked with children or youth.)

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

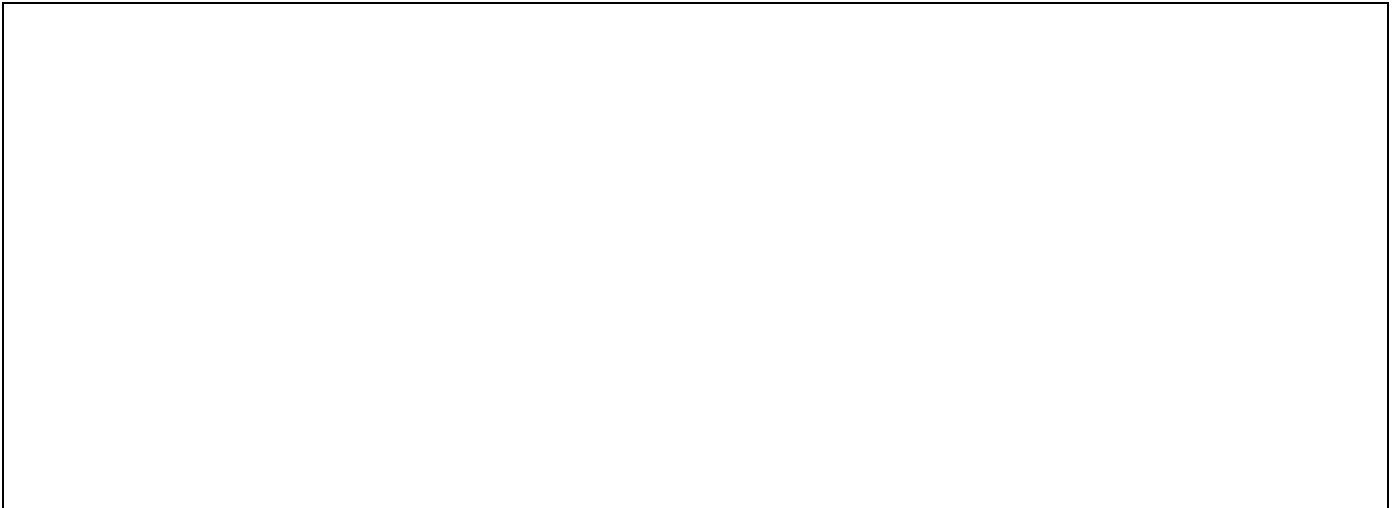
In what way do you think you will inspire peace through your leadership role within the group and at camp with the youth?

What is an example of an activity that you would like to lead for a group of youth to broaden their Global perspective?

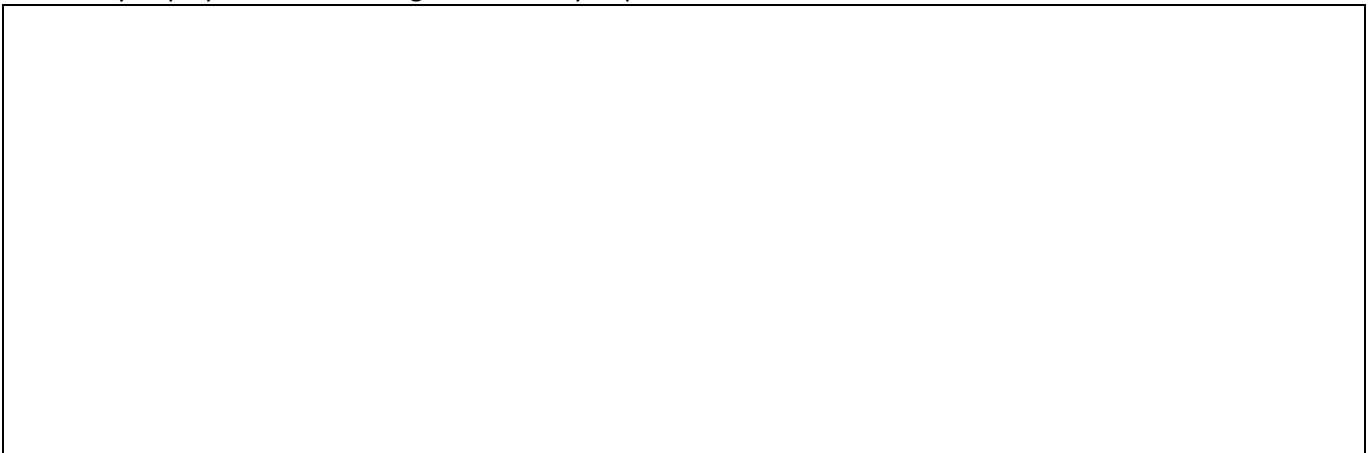
Why are you interested in making kids more globally aware?

At times throughout the program, you will be living in cabins with other camp staff and kids. What are some challenges you think you might face?

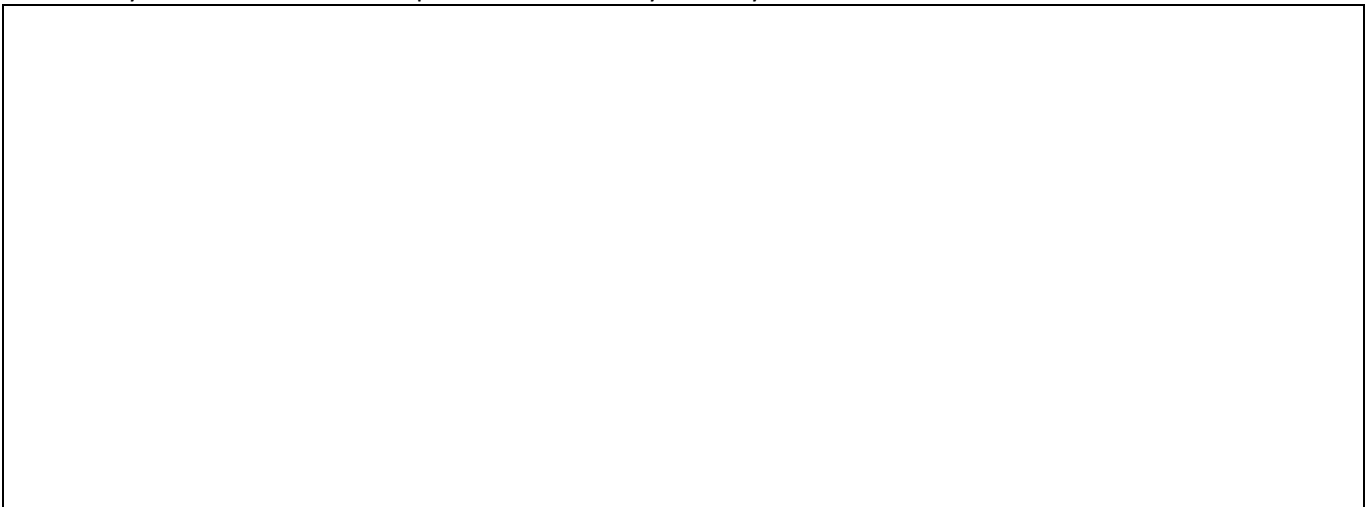
What do you think are the main conflicts in your community/country?



How do you play a role in creating a community of peace?



What do you envision for a more peaceful community where you live?



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:** In Canada, all people need to have a criminal record check done to be able to work with children. Please include a copy of your current criminal record check.

**Have you ever been convicted of child abuse?**

**Have you ever been convicted of a crime?**

## 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](mailto:internationaldevelopment@vanymca.org) or a faxed copy to 604-688-0220 by December 31, 2011. A mailed copy, with an attached photo, a letter of support on letterhead and completed reference form, must be received in Vancouver by no later than January 31, 2012. It should be mailed to:

YMCA Youth Peace Network  
YMCA of Greater Vancouver  
Suite 200 – 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. Your YMCA shall not request payment of any charge or fee from you for your participation in the YMCA Youth Peace Network Program.***



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Any applicant for the Youth Peace Network (YPN) program must be recommended by a senior staff person from her/his YMCA or YWCA. A signed hard copy of this form must accompany the hard copy of the application form.

**Name of Applicant:**

**Name of Referee:**

**Position Held:**

**Name of YMCA/YWCA:**

**Country:**

**Referee's Telephone Number (including country code):**

**Referee's E-mail Address:**

**Part I.** The YPN program is intended to be an investment in peace building for the YMCA's/YWCA's and communities that the participants come from, as well as for the YMCA of Greater Vancouver.

**Please comment on how this applicant has demonstrated a commitment toward the YMCA, and creating change within her/his community.**

**What role do you want this person to take on in your YMCA once they return from the YPN program?**

**Other Information:** In Canada, all people need to have a criminal record check done to be able to work with children.

**Do you have any knowledge of this participant being convicted of or involved in child abuse?**

**Do you have any knowledge of this participant being convicted of or involved in a crime?**

**(If their application is accepted, they may need to provide proof of having no criminal record.)**

**Part II.** Please rank the applicant in the following areas according to the scale below.

1 = Very Good    2 = Good    3 = Satisfactory    4 = Needs Improvement

Skills and Attitudes	Ranking
Leadership	
Communication	
Organization and Planning	
Group Work	
Human Relations / Interpersonal Skills	
Problem Solving	
Creativity	
Adaptability	
Stress Tolerance (psychological and physical)	
Spoken English	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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