



DID YOU KNOW?

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Celebrating Youth Volunteerism

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DID YOU KNOW that during the International Year of the Volunteer (IYV) St. John Ambulance youth members have a unique opportunity to celebrate the contributions they make to Canadian communities?

The IYV National Youth Summit (April 26-29, 2001) will connect youth from all regions, diverse cultural backgrounds and wide spectrum of volunteer involvement. The Summit is sponsored by Canadian Heritage in collaboration with National Youth Serving Agencies (NYSAs) and will take place at Slemon Park, Summerside, PEI.

Intended for participants between the ages 15 to 24, it will include action-oriented and skill-building workshops on leadership, technology, social awareness and other areas of interest. There will also be community service displays (a type of volunteer fair) geared towards increasing awareness of the youth volunteer voice in Canada and their contributions to their communities. In addition, there will also be a series of gala events to celebrate these accomplishments.

To apply, candidates must obtain and complete an application form (available through your St. John Ambulance Council or on-line at www.nvo-onb.ca) and submit this, together with a description of their volunteer experience and its impact on others. Applications must be sent before February 15, 2001 to NVO. A selection committee will review all applications based on the question about their volunteer experience and create a pool of candidates. A database will then randomly select 200 participants representative of all parts of Canadian youth. Successful candidates will be notified by March 1, 2001. Funding will be provided by Canadian Heritage.

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The National Youth Summit is a much-deserved celebration of youth volunteers during the United Nations International Year of the Volunteer (refer to the November 2000 DID YOU KNOW? On the International Year of the Volunteer). It will put youth volunteerism in Canada in the spotlight! Visit their website at <http://www.iyvcanada.org/>

Celebrating IYV with a focus on youth volunteers –
The National Youth Summit

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