

long-term success of Agenda 21. (Agenda 21, Chapter 25, Youth and Children)

Social Justice Issues and Initiatives

Many Canadian youths are involved in social justice issues and movements. They are educating society to combat problems such as discrimination and marginalization based on factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, class, differences in physical or intellectual abilities, and sexual orientation. Young people are encouraging the understanding, appreciation, and acceptance of people's differences, and overcoming ignorance, stereotyping, and fear. They are promoting a culture of peace and are trying to ensure inclusion of youth on all levels. Numerous Canadian youth organizations are working with education systems and the public to educate the general population on different cultures and lifestyles, as well as on other social justice issues.

We try to convince youth of their ability to change the world (by example) and illustrate the importance of doing so soon. I see Youth for Social Justice as a way of showing people they can change things. Empowerment through action. (Youth for Social Justice, Newfoundland)

We do a lot of action: anti-racism/discrimination workshops, an annual youth camp on human rights, anti-racism, gender and sexuality, skill-building in video and radio. We do panels at conferences and homophobia workshops in high schools, network meetings, a maritime newsletter called "What's Up?", and "The Link" for our partner group in the Caribbean. We're involved in a library project and we make a World Food Day campaign. (Youth for Social Justice Maritimes)

We're trying to inspire youth, sharing our ideas and strategies, supporting the work of our groups and getting the word out about them. (Newfoundland Environmental Network Youth Caucus)