

"This conference allows youth to come across the seas that keep us apart, to the issues that link us together."

Aman Dhaliwal, 17, Surrey

The delegates then formed three groups, with five participants in each group. They discussed within their group what they felt about APEC. Ekraj Sabur, a delegate from Thailand, commented that "the APEC countries should be working together and helping each other." Then, in two or three sentences, youth in the workshop paraphrased what everyone in the group had said and presented it to the other groups, showing how difficult it is to include everyone's opinions in just a few sentences.

Lastly, delegates were split into two groups, one trying to communicate their belief individually and the other working in a group. Media, unions, and education were all sighted as possibilities. It was concluded that good education and good listening skills are essential for you to understand and communicate beliefs on APEC.

What's up with the People's Summit?

The launch of the Youth Forum marks the official opening of the 1997 People's Summit on APEC. The next summit event will occur with the 4th Annual INTERCEDE Domestic Workers Conference, on November 14 and 15, followed by the Women's Conference Against APEC taking place November 17 to 18. The opening ceremonies for the People's Summit will take place November 19, with daily events such as poverty, public education, sustainability, labour and the arms trade, running through to November 24. To register for the People's Summit on APEC, contact the Secretariat at The 1997 People's Summit on APEC, 910 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6B 1H7, tel: (604) 682-1952, fax: (604) 682-1931, e-mail: popsum97@bc.sympatico.ca

Other APEC events in Vancouver

The No to APEC! Coalition is holding a People's Conference Against Imperialist Globalization from November 21 to 23, and a Mobilization Against Imperialist Globalization on November 25. Contact No to APEC! at 215-9190.

APEC Alert will hold an APEC Free Zone City November 23 - 25, and a Lunch with Dictators on November 25. Contact APEC Alert at 251-9914.

Langara College's Corporate Butt Kick Week: Exposing Unethical Business, will run November 18 to 20. Contact the Langara Students Union at 324-3881.

A Cultural Survival Music Festival will be held November 20 - 22. Contact Under the Volcano at 644-4349.

What's up with the Daily Communiqué?

The 1997 People's Summit on APEC will produce daily communiqués on the proceedings of the various events at the Summit. It appears as a printed version for delegates on-site, and allows people from around the world to follow the Summit on the Internet — www.vcn.bc.ca/summit. Those with net access can also visit the Youth Forum website at www.islandnet.com/vglobe/codev/codev1.html

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