

### WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Applications are accepted from December each year.

Trainees are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

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# Canada World Youth (CWY)

### WHAT IS IT?

Canada World Youth is a Canadian organization dedicated to international development for the benefit of young people from Canada and abroad. Since 1971, some 55 countries have participated with CWY in international exchanges.

The programs offered by CWY foster the advancement of young people from participating countries through the pursuit of five objectives:

- to stimulate greater interest in, and understanding of, their own countries among young people in Canada and abroad;
- to foster greater awareness and understanding of people and cultures with values different from their own;
- to enable young people to observe and experience the realities of development in Canada and abroad;

- to encourage and strengthen the desire of young people to solve development problems in their own countries through the use of their own resources and traditions; and
- to lead young people to understand and accept the interdependence of peoples and nations.

Each Canadian volunteer is paired with a volunteer from another country for a six- to eight-month period.

In addition to the exchanges described, Canada World Youth organizes specialized programs, including:

- a work partner program to give young people from 21 to 29 years of age practical work experience in international co-operation;
- programs combining non-formal studies with technical training in educational institutions;
- customized exchanges designed to meet the needs of a specific clientele; and
- exchanges for schools or other organizations.

## How long is it?

The program is six to eight months long: three to four months in Canada, and three to four months in developing countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America.