

Identity

YPI participants from all pillars have represented Canada in 1,580 host organizations in 144 countries. As the world struggles with the changing nature of conflict, Canada offers an example of stability within a federalist framework with an increasingly heterogeneous population. Our youth offer an image of Canadians as talented, energetic, dynamic and willing to learn. Specific to the Identity pillar, over the past seven years the department has implemented 783 placements related to cultural industries and Canadian values, cultural media, distance and international education, indigenous issues, journalism, la Francophonie, multicultural/intercultural relations, museums, performing arts, film and television.

→ A few Identity projects



The Canadian Film and Television Production Association facilitated opportunities for youth to acquire experience in international film

productions. It provided hands-on training in technical, marketing, production, distribution and networking aspects of the industry.



Jennifer Smith from Alberta was placed by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada with the Association of Commonwealth Universities in London, England where she participated in policy and research activities. She continues in London with Neil Stewart Associates, which runs social policy conferences.



The Canadian National Institute for the Blind The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) developed placements for visually impaired or

blind youth with organizations in Europe, Africa and the Americas. Activities have focused on access technology and education.



→ Jennifer Ellison from Ontario was placed by the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) as a research assistant in Sydney, Australia on a project entitled Exhibitions As Contested Sites: The Role of Museums in Contemporary Society. She was awarded a scholarship by the CMA to continue work on this project from a Canadian perspective, and has recently started her PhD at Carleton University.



The Commonwealth of Learning developed placements for participants

in open learning and distance education technologies to help improve access to quality education and training in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.