

Report on The National Forum 2000 and National Forum Youth during and after the Conference on War-Affected Children

- Linda Dale, from The Children as Peacebuilders Project, has been in touch with almost all of the international delegates, who are all extremely pleased with the promise of the \$1,000 educational scholarship for each of the international delegates announced by Minister Axworthy during the conference.
- Activity of the international delegates will continue under the Children as Peacebuilders Project. For example, the Sierra Leonean delegate has set up a youth group to work on gender issues.
- Otunnu's office has been in frequent contact, with The Students Commission office, providing updated material to forward to youth delegates and following their progress.
- Several youth delegates met with Minister Minna to follow up on her promises.
- A meeting has been held with Save the Children re the UNGAS process, and they will be mailing to youth delegates ways to get involved in the process.
- A mailing reporting on what's been happening is planned for everyone.
- The Students Commission is just finishing a video of the entire event, which will outline youth participation, and will be circulated to youth for them to continue to use in their presentations and workshops.
- The Students Commission, with its new Centre of Excellence on Youth Engagement, is committed to researching, describing, and disseminating information about youth participation, both in Canada and internationally and through the Centre will follow the progress of the youth delegates in their future endeavours.



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