

**CULTURAL CONSULTATIONS - THE NETHERLANDS/CANADA
CONSULTATIONS CULTURELLES - PAYS-BAS/CANADA**

Secteur de coopération Programme:	Domaine d'activité Field of Activity:
Academic Relations	Teacher Exchange

Description:

The Ontario Ministry of Education arranges exchanges for teachers at the elementary and secondary school levels between Ontario and the Netherlands. This is a one-year program, based on post-to-post exchange and exchange of accommodation. Time of employment is September to June.

Origine/Background:

Although a working knowledge of Dutch is a definite asset, the Netherlands Ministry of Education has offered exchanges to Ontario teachers who have only a minimal or no background in the Dutch language. The Ontario teacher would be expected to teach English as a second language from the Grade 7 level to the final year of secondary school. Over the past ten years, only two exchanges have been negotiated.

Objectifs/Objectives:

This could be a more productive program. Over the past ten years, only two exchanges have been negotiated. The Ontario Ministry of Education has received up to six applications per year from Ontario teachers interested in an exchange to Holland. Although the Dutch are very flexible about the language requirement, it still seems to be a matter of concern to Ontario teachers, few of whom have a working knowledge of Dutch.

Décision et mise en oeuvre/Decision and Implementation:

During the past ten years, the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Netherlands Ministry of Education and Science have arranged only two one-year teacher exchanges at the elementary/secondary school level. Both sides expressed an interest in reviewing the arrangements and increasing the level of participation in this program. It might e.g. be helpful if the Canadian teachers in the secondary level were qualified to teach another language in addition to English (as a second language) such as German, French, Greek or Latin.

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Financement**Financing:**

Exchanges retain all conditions of employment with their home jurisdiction, including salary. The Ontario Ministry of Education provides a travel subsidy for its exchange teachers and additional allowances depending on family size.

Calendrier, suivi**Schedule, follow-up:**