

Youth Service Program

Canada World Youth will manage a one year, \$800 000 youth exchange program for young people between the ages of 17 and 21 from Poland, Hungary and Canada. Beginning in November 1994, 70 young volunteers will undertake four-month community development projects in Canada to be followed by additional four-month placements in either Poland or Hungary. The community projects will focus on small business, health, environment and agricultural co-operatives. Under the program, Polish participants will be concentrated in the three prairie provinces and the youth from Hungary will work on projects in British Columbia. Together, Canada World Youth, Poland's National Water Foundation, a major non-governmental organization specializing in community development, and the Youth Affairs Council of Hungary will co-ordinate the exchange. The project results from Canada's commitment to develop a pilot youth service initiative made during Mr. Ouellet's visit to Poland in March 1994.