

# World Youth

For its twelfth consecutive year, Canada World Youth, a private, non-profit organization, is offering young Canadians between the ages of 17 and 20 the opportunity to learn about development through work projects in Canada and a Third World country. The six month exchange program aims at helping these young people, along with their exchange country counterparts, explore their role and place in the world today and in their society in particular.

Costs for food, lodging and transportation during the program, as well as some pocket money, are covered by Canada World Youth, purposely making this experience available to young people from all backgrounds. For this reason, we are asking you to help us reach as many interested candidates as possible from your area. If you would like to have a poster and application forms on hand, please do not hesitate to contact us. Perhaps you already know someone who is looking for this type of experience. Ask them to drop us a line and we will promptly send them an application.

The deadline for applications is February 18, 1983, so please all candidates apply before then. Late applicants can only be considered on a reserve or back-up basis.

## Why embark?

Development is not an abstract concept. Events which take place here or elsewhere have repercussions on everyone's lives, whether it be in "rich" countries such as Canada or "poor" countries as those of the Third World. The energy crisis, the insufficient food production, military confrontations, unemployment and under-employment clearly illustrate the interdependence of the peoples of the world. It is in this context that CWY allows participants to learn to play a role, as modest as that may be, in seeking solutions to serious questions which face humanity.

In allowing young people to experience and analyze the realities of development both in Canada and abroad, CWY seeks to elicit from them 1) an awareness of their own values, 2) an understanding of cultural differences, 3) a desire to participate in the development of their country, 4) a will to work in the sense of cooperations between Canada and the Third World founded on dignity and respect.

## Living in and discovering a community

The village or town where the participants stay constitutes the main focus of the experience. In Canada first of all, then overseas, the young people are called upon to live in a milieu which is often very different from the one they are used to. They must get to know and respect it, to give as much as they receive from the people of the community, to have those around them gain from their experience and to participate fully in community life.

## 5 days a week

The work projects give the quality to the experience. They facilitate integration into the community and foster the learning of technical and social knowledge. They further illustrate the value of volunteer work applied to service for everyone.

In Canada most of the activities are directed to the following sectors:

- agriculture
- cooperatives
- small enterprises
- social services and community groups
- environment

Overseas this varies with circumstances, but, even if the work projects or the techniques that are used are different, the learning experience is still demanding and worthwhile.