

Security

Assuring Canada's security remains a fundamental responsibility of government and a key foreign policy pillar. Recent events, including 9/11, SARS and Iraq, have illustrated how complex our security requirements are, how widespread the consequences, and how important it is to have skilled and experienced people in all areas of prevention and reaction. Over the past seven years 1,322 YPI participants have worked in areas related to security, such as conflict prevention and resolution, children's rights, demining, democratic development, elections, human rights, health, international law, migration and population, small arms proliferation, weapons of mass destruction, terrorism and women's rights. YPI has also worked closely with other programs in the department such as the Human Security Fund to develop placements.

→ A few Security projects



The Atlantic Council of Canada developed placements in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Placements focused on the relationship between Canada and NATO members, and country-specific foreign security and

defence as well as economics. Placements were in Europe, the United States, and countries of the former Soviet Union.



→ Rob Ayasse from Alberta was placed by the Atlantic Council of Canada at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. He is currently back at NATO Headquarters where he is a member of the Operations Division working on KFOR (Kosovo Force) SFOR (Stabilisation Force, in Bosnia and Herzegovina) and ISAF (International Security and Assistance Force) in Afghanistan.

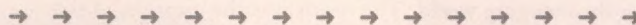


Project Ploughshares created placements for participants to conduct research and analysis on regional conflict, military and social expenditures, arms transfer (including

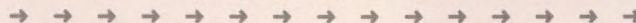
small arms control) and war-affected children. Placements were in Africa, Europe and Central America.



→ Yodit Abdisa from Ontario was placed by the United Nations Association in Canada with UNICEF in New York City, where she focused on the trafficking of women and children. She is now an associate project officer with UNICEF.



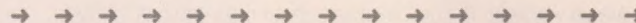
Acadia University developed placements in democratic institution building, including support for human rights education, promotional activities with NGOs and international governmental organizations. Placements have been in Africa, the Middle East and Europe.



→ Sarah Estabrooks from New Brunswick was placed by Project Ploughshares at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, focusing on peacebuilding and disarmament issues. She is currently working at Project Ploughshares in Waterloo, Ontario on solutions to weapons of mass destruction, and weapons in space.



CANADEM CANADEM furthered Canadian foreign policy initiatives related to peace and global and human security by placing youth with international organizations in post-conflict societies.



→ John Main from Nunavut was assigned by the Native Law Centre at the University of Saskatchewan to the Muséum national d'histoire naturelle in Paris, France. His main project was the development of a documentary film relating to Inuit traditional knowledge. He is currently tutoring at the high school in Arviat, Nunavut and is the manager of Arviat Film.