What can I do to help?

Government and NGO representatives working on the landmines issue hear one question from Canadians more often than any other – What can I do to help? Mines Action Canada (MAC) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) think they have an answer. Working together, MAC and DFAIT have established a fund to accept donations from Canadians who want to support Canadian Mine Action programs. The Canadian Landmine Action Fund is jointly managed by MAC and DFAIT. Donations directly support the delivery of Canadian Mine Action programs in the field such as mine clearance and mine victim assistance. **All donations are tax deductible.**

What Can You Do to Help?

Give generously to the Canadian Landmine Action Fund. Please send to:

The Canadian Landmine Action Fund
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Cashiers Office
125 Sussex Dr., Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2

I'd like to donate $ _____

Method of payment (please check one)

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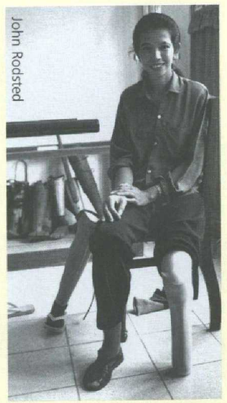
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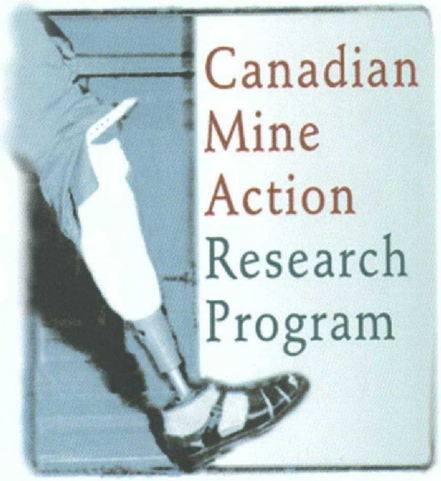

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Mine Action Research Program

A new initiative launched in September is challenging Canadian university students to apply their ideas to the issues surrounding the implementation of the Ottawa Convention.

The *Mine Action Research Program*, a joint initiative of York University's Centre for International and Security Studies and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, is designed to encourage policy relevant academic research in support of Canada's efforts to ensure the universalization and full implementation of the Ottawa Convention.

In mid-November, 10 graduate and senior undergraduate students from Canadian universities were selected to write policy-oriented research papers on key themes related to the Ottawa Convention and the landmine problem. In return, these students will receive cash awards and an invitation to attend a mine action colloquium in Ottawa in May 2000.

Watch for news on the *Mine Action Research Program* in future editions of *SafeLane* and on the *SafeLane* Web site at www.mines.gc.ca

Survive the Peace takes flight

No, no, don't look at the sky, they cannot do you any harm any more from above. Lower your head, because the danger is in your mother earth. If you have survived the war, try to survive the peace!

– *Melisa Dzanovic, Grade 7, Gracania, Bosnia-Herzegovina*

These opening lines to Melisa Dzanovic's 1997 award-winning essay are both poignant and shocking. They reveal the creativity of a wounded soul and the truth that indeed, for some, peace is far more dangerous than war. It is especially dangerous if you are young and full of hope. Melisa has touched the truth.

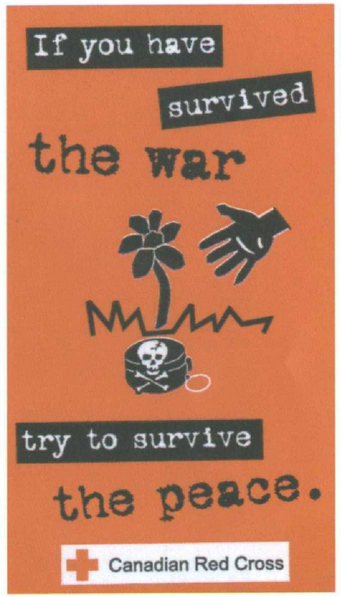
These lines also form the basis of the Canadian Red Cross community education campaign *Survive the Peace*, now available in communities across Canada.

The campaign's goals are to keep the landmine issue front and centre on the list of global concerns for Canadians – especially young people – and to provide a focus for humanitarian action here and abroad.

The campaign, designed to run at least two years, includes a variety of materials including posters, postcards, stickers, magnets, a newsletter and a community awareness guide, entitled *Surviving Landmines*. More than just a collection of materials, it opens the door to volunteers to make a significant contribution to public understanding of the landmine crisis by coordinating community and school presentations, organizing awareness activities and promoting overseas projects.

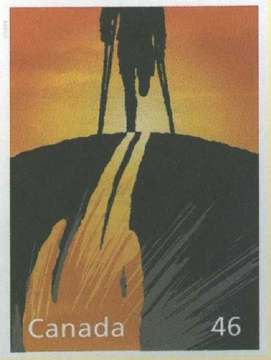
Materials are available at Red Cross offices throughout the country. In larger centres volunteers and staff have been trained as presenters and facilitators. The Red Cross Web site *(www.redcross.ca)* will soon be revised to have a complete *Survive the Peace* section.

– *David Pardoe, National Education Coordinator Canadian Red Cross*



Canadian Red Cross

Canada Post launches mine ban stamp



Canada Post

One of 68 stamps launched September 15 as part of Canada Post's Millennium Collection, this mine ban stamp is one of the starkest images in a collection intended to represent, according to Canada Post, "a snapshot of what Canada is and how we're seen nationally and around the world." These special stamps are available at Canada Post outlets or by calling 1-800-565-4362.