

Partnerships for human security

Involving youth

In Canada, youth can help promote human security through the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Youth International Internship Program. One-third of the program's interns work on projects dealing with human security and peacebuilding issues. For more information on the program, visit www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/interns.

Enfants d'ici ou d'ailleurs



With support from the Human Security Program, Canadian NGO Enfants d'ici ou d'ailleurs (EIA) teaches children throughout La Francophonie about human security. Here, EIA intern Véronique Côté works with a group of children in Tunisia. (2002)

In October 2002, DFAIT launched the Youth Zone (www.humansecurity.gc.ca/youth), a section of Canada's Human Security web site aimed at engaging high school and early university-aged students on human security issues. It includes a photo gallery of human security in action, stories from young people engaged in peacebuilding and human security work, and resources for teachers who want to bring human security issues into the classroom.

Canada actively supports engaging young people in discussions and decision-making, particularly on youth-related issues. Young people participated substantially in policy discussions at the International Conference on War-Affected Children in Winnipeg in September 2000 and, with support from Canada's Human Security Program, at the UN Special Session on Children in May 2002.

Through the Human Security Program, Canada's International Criminal Court Campaign provided funding to Warchild Canada to organize a youth conference entitled "Take the Stand: Youth Forum on International Criminal Justice," held in Ottawa in March 2002. The event was attended by 50 high school and university students from across Canada and focussed on issues related to the International Criminal Court and international justice.