

Report on The National Forum 2000 and National Forum Youth during and after the Conference on War-Affected Children

What emerged was a 7-part program for Gimli and Winnipeg:

- Sept.6-9: The National Forum in Gimli, Manitoba, where 50 youth who live in Canada met with each other, and during part of the time also met with 25 youth from other countries, and with their international chaperones.
- Sept.6-9: The International Youth Delegates Meeting in Gimli, Manitoba, where 25 youth from war-affected countries met with each other and the Canadian youth. They were selected through a process that focussed on criteria such as analytical ability, actively working on the issues and experience speaking in public.
- Sept 10-12: The Youth Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Sept 10-17: The Communications Youth Program in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Sept. 13-15: The Experts Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where youth integrated with Experts.
- Sept 16-17 The Ministerial-level Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where youth integrated with the officials at the Meeting.
- The Beyond Phase, which continues, where youth continue their actions and activities all over the world.

Clearly the synergies, linkages, and impact of the events went well beyond the imagined initial scope of the project. We have, therefore, in this report touched on all 7 parts of the program. For us, as well as the youth involved, the Beyond Phase is the most significant, and we hope that this report will serve as a useful tool to fuel continued and increased youth action in improving the lives of war affected children, whether in Canada or internationally.

