



**Canadian Roots Exchange  
Toronto Youth Reconciliation Initiative (TYRI) Leaders 2016-17**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH FACILITATORS IN TORONTO!**

Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE) is a youth organization that promotes youth playing a lead role in redefining and strengthening existing relationships between all peoples in Canada. CRE works to bring together groups of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to engage in meaningful dialogue in order to dispel stereotypes and break down walls that divide communities. CRE programming is directly coordinated and led by youth, for youth, in partnership with cultural and community resources and support from Elders and adult allies.

CRE is excited to announce that we are **expanding** our Youth Reconciliation Initiative in Toronto. Our Youth Reconciliation Initiative program began in 2012 and this new and more intensive version of the initiative will engage young leaders between the ages of 17 and 29 to co-facilitate workshops. The **Toronto Youth Reconciliation Initiative (TYRI)** program will train 12 youth in facilitation skills and other employable skills. They will be invited to attend and actively participate in three training sessions per year, with possibility of extension up until 2 years. This project is generously funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The TYRI team will organize and lead interactive educational programming pertaining to treaties, colonization past and present, and solidarity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

**Phase 1 - Leadership Development:** The Youth Reconciliation Initiative leaders will participate in a mandatory orientation retreat from July 27 until July 30, 2017, 1-2 hours outside of Toronto. There, the selected TYRI will learn from each other and strengthen their skills and knowledge about the processes of reconciliation and decolonization. They will also receive training in facilitation, cross-cultural education, Indigenous histories, cultures and worldviews.

**Phase 2 – Community Engagement:** The TYRI team will be equipped with tools to deliver workshops connected to the theme of reconciliation. This phase of the project will put into action the skills acquired at the training retreat. Many of the workshops will be facilitated within the school systems and community organizations.

**Each facilitator will be required to complete two workshops per month and attend weekly team meetings from July 2017 to May 2018.**

**Phase 3 – Mid-way Training:** There will be a scheduled mid-way training in order to evaluate lessons learned from the project and where we can improve. This training will occur in November 2017 and it is a way for the leaders to reconnect and discuss how the project is going as well as participate in further training activities based on the needs of the group.

**Phase 4 – Final Training Retreat:** Facilitators will participate in a final training retreat to complete a final evaluation of the program in May 2018.

***Who are we looking for?***

This program takes place between July 2017 and May 2018 with the hope that some youth will continue to be involved for up to 2 years.

The TYRI Team will be comprised of 12 to 14 leaders living in Toronto. We are inviting active youth leaders who would like to strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and who can serve as positive role models to youth to participate in this initiative in the future.

***What is involved? Do I get paid?***

This project requires a time commitment of 5 hours a week. **All project expenses will be covered.** This includes food, lodging and transportation to participate in the three training retreats in July 2017, November 2017 and May 2018. It includes a budget for activities associated with your activities during the community engagement stage of the project (such as transportation and activity costs).

**In addition, all TYRI team members will receive a monthly stipend of \$200.**

***Interested in becoming a Canadian Roots Exchange – Toronto Youth Reconciliation Leader?***

***Checklist and Eligibility:***

- I am youth between 17 and 29 years of age;
- I am a resident of the City of Toronto;
- I am excited to work as a team with a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth;
- I am motivated to challenge myself and others to learn more about Indigenous history, culture and issues – and I want to dispel harmful stereotypes and myths;
- I am comfortable facilitating workshops, giving presentations and organizing activities with youth in Toronto and would like to improve my skills in these areas;
- I identify as First Nations, Inuit or Métis OR I have some knowledge about First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities in my region and I have a strong interest in learning more;
- I am able to dedicate approximately 5 hours of volunteer work per week between September 2017 and May 2018 for which upon completion I will receive a \$200 monthly stipend;
- I am available to participate in a training retreat in the Toronto area from July 27 until the 30, 2017; a mid-way training in November 2017; and a final evaluation training in May 2018

***I am INTERESTED! How do I apply?***

To be considered to be a Canadian Roots Exchange Toronto Youth Reconciliation Leader, you will need to send a resume and cover letter explaining why you would like to be part of this project.

Please talk about what skills and experiences you feel that you can offer to the team, as well as what skills and knowledge you would like to improve. Feel free to include any links to blogs, websites, videos, or other creative projects you have been involved with.

Please note that all selected youth will be part of the TYRI team. The team of 12-14 facilitators will include a balance of youth from First Nations, Inuit or Métis and non-Indigenous communities.

**Please send your application to: [toronto@canadianroots.ca](mailto:toronto@canadianroots.ca)**

All applications must be in MS Word or pdf format. If you have any questions about this project feel free to contact us at the same email address.

**Application deadline is Friday, June 16, 2017 by 12:00 PM (EST)**

Interviews and selections will be concluded before July 15, 2017. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

**Canadian Roots Exchange is committed to ensuring that our Toronto Youth Reconciliation Initiative leaders reflect the diversity of Canada.** In your letter please let us know if you identify as Inuit, First Nations, Métis or if you identify with an ethno-racial minority community.