



## National Youth Reconciliation Initiative (YRI) 2018-2019

Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE) is a non-profit organization that believes youth play a lead role in strengthening intergenerational relations and redefining existing relationships between the diverse peoples of this land. From coast to coast to coast, CRE brings together teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to break down stereotypes that divide communities. CRE programming is led by youth in partnership with community resources and adult allies.

CRE is excited to roll out the **7th annual Youth Reconciliation Initiative (YRI)**, established in 2012. This project engages young leaders aged 18 to 29 years from across the country, building a national network of young leaders realizing their own transformative visions of community building.

### Phase 1 - Training and Development in August 2018

YRI leaders will participate in an intensive orientation, learning, and training retreat. The training takes place from **August 26 to September 1, 2018** just outside of Toronto. It is mandatory for all leaders to attend this training.

The retreat will provide training on reconciliation, decolonization, facilitation, cross-cultural education, as well as Indigenous history, cultures and worldviews. YRI leaders will work together to develop tools and action plans for the second phase of the project.

### Phase 2 - Community Engagement from September 2018 to April 2019

YRI leaders will return to their regions equipped with the tools to deliver workshops based on themes pertaining to solidarity and reconciliation. This phase of the project will put into action the skills and knowledge developed during the learning retreat.

Each team will work together to lead approximately **seven youth-driven activities** between September 2018 and April 2019 for youth in their community. Activities include interactive educational workshops, arts-based sessions, film screenings, spoken word events, and other initiatives based on the team's vision.

### Annual Conference in November 2018

CRE's annual conference will take place in Saskatoon, SK from **November 15-17, 2018**. YRI leaders will play a lead role in supporting the conference and leading workshops. This is also an exciting opportunity to connect with YRI and meet youth leaders from all over the country.

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## Who are we looking for?

We are inviting youth leaders who can serve as positive role models and who are interested in strengthening relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to apply for this project. Each team will be comprised of 2 to 4 youth leaders living in close geographic proximity. Teams will be comprised of a balance of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth.

## Interested in becoming a YRI leader?

### Eligibility Checklist:

- I am between 18 and 29 years of age;
- I am a permanent resident or citizen of Canada (a requirement of the project funder);
- I am excited to work in a team of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth;
- **I can commit to organising seven community events with my team from Sept 2018 – April 2019;**
- **I can dedicate approximately 10 to 15 hours of volunteer work per month between Aug. 2018 and Apr. 2019 to develop and implement the above events;**
- I am motivated to challenge myself and others to learn more about diverse Indigenous histories, cultures and topics as well as the realities of non-Indigenous communities in Canada;
- I want to dispel harmful stereotypes and myths that divide communities on these lands;
- I am comfortable facilitating workshops, giving presentations, and organizing activities with youth in my region 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, with a strong interest in learning more;
- I am available to attend the mandatory training outside of Toronto from Aug. 26 to Sept. 1, 2018;
- If I am selected, I take full responsibility to obtain and submit a Vulnerable Sector Check (expenses covered by CRE);
- I will be residing in one of the following communities between Aug. 2018 - Apr. 2019:
  - Whitehorse                                      → Saskatoon                                      → Manitoulin Island
  - Vancouver                                        → Regina    → Montreal
  - Edmonton                                        → Winnipeg                                        → Halifax
  - Calgary    → Thunder Bay

## I live in Toronto, Sudbury, or Ottawa. Is there a program for me?

Yes! There are expanded YRI programs for those communities. Please visit our website for specific details on these expanded-YRI programs: <http://canadianroots.ca/>

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Sudbury/Ottawa: Please fill out the National YRI form  
Toronto: Please fill out the Toronto-specific YRI form

## What is involved? Do I get paid?

While this is a volunteer project (involving an approximate time commitment of 10-15 hours per month), **all project expenses will be covered. This includes food, lodging and transportation to participate in the orientation retreat in August 2018.** It also includes a modest budget for costs associated with Stage 2 activities (e.g. transportation, materials). All team members who successfully complete the entire project will receive a year-end stipend of **\$400 for their participation.**

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## I am interested! How do I apply?

To be considered, please **fill out the online application form**: <https://goo.gl/forms/pEK8wizjFShu8dLI2>. Explain why you would like to be part of this project. Discuss the skills and experiences you can offer to the team and areas where you would like to improve your knowledge and skills. Although it is not a requirement, please feel free to include links to blogs, videos or other projects you have been involved with.

Please note that all participants work with a regional team that has a balance of Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) and non-Indigenous members.

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact us at [volunteer@canadianroots.ca](mailto:volunteer@canadianroots.ca).

## Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis!

We review applications on an ongoing basis and we encourage applicants to **apply before the official deadline of May 30, 2018 at midnight, Eastern Standard Time.**

Interviews and selections will be concluded by mid-June 2018. **Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

Canadian Roots Exchange is committed to equitable representation and access that reflects the full diversity of Canada. Candidates from Indigenous, racialized, newcomer, 2SLGBTQ+, and other marginalized communities are **encouraged to self-identify in the online application form.**

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