



## Rural Youth Reconciliation Initiative (R-YRI) 2020

Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE) is a charitable 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 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 its **Rural Youth Reconciliation Initiative (R-YRI)**. This project engages rural 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 January 2020

Youth leaders will participate in an intensive orientation, learning, and training retreat. The training takes place from **January 9-11, 2020** (not including travel days). The location of the training is to be determined. The travel dates for participants are on **January 8th and 12th, 2020**. Participants can expect to be away for approximately five days. In order to fully participate in the R-YRI program, it is **mandatory** for all leaders to attend this training. If you are interested but you are concerned you could not attend the training, please reach out to us to discuss the barriers you might be facing in attending this training.

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

### Phase 2 - Community Engagement from January 2020 to March 31st, 2020

R-YRI leaders will return to their home communities with tools to help them deliver programming based on themes pertaining to solidarity and reconciliation. We encourage youth to deliver programming that feels appropriate and necessary in their community. This phase of the project will put into action the skills, knowledge and ideas developed during the training.

Each team or individual participant will work with their coordinator over three months to plan and implement a rural engagement community project within their respective communities. The purpose of these projects is to engage with community members on the subject of the role and future of reconciliation in rural Canada. With support from the CRE staff, your local team will design the framework of the project. Through this program, funding is available for these community projects.

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## Annual Gathering in February 2020 (not mandatory)

CRE's annual gathering will take place at Concordia University, in Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC) on **February 22-24, 2020**. R-YRI leaders will play a lead role in supporting the gathering and leading workshops. This is also an exciting opportunity to connect and meet with YRI youth leaders from all over the country.

In addition to this gathering, we are inviting R-YRI leaders to participate in a pre-gathering event on **February 21st, 2020**. This event will bring R-YRI, N-YRI, and speakers together for activities previous to the gathering. We also invite Indigenous RYRI leaders to join the National Indigenous Youth Network and participate in a post-gathering event on **February 25th, 2020**.

### Who are we looking for?

We are inviting youth leaders living in rural communities, 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 5-10 youth leaders living in close geographic proximity.

In addition, the successful candidates chosen should display high motivation in providing community education programming along with having experience in facilitation, public speaking, community connections, time management, conflict resolution and open to working with a variety of personalities.

### 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 can commit to organizing a community action project from January 2020 – March 2020;**
- **I can dedicate approximately 6-10 hours of volunteer work per week between January 2020 and March 2020 to develop and implement community projects;**
- 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 dialogue, 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 **January 8th-12th, 2020**
- If I am selected, I take full responsibility to obtain and submit a Vulnerable Sector Check (expenses covered by CRE);

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## What is involved?

While this is a volunteer project (involving an approximate time commitment of 6-10hrs/week), **project expenses will be covered. This includes food, lodging and transportation to participate in the training in January 2020.** It also includes a budget for costs associated with the community project (e.g. transportation, materials, venue rentals, etc.).

Honorariums will be provided to participants on completion of their respective projects.

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## I am interested! How do I apply?

To be considered, please **fill out the online application form:** <https://forms.gle/YoonymR2k8hefPb4A>

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, feel free to include links to blogs, videos or other projects you have been involved with.

## 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 November 1st, 2019 at 11:59PM, Eastern Standard Time.**

Interviews and selections will be conducted in the following weeks. **Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.**

CRE 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.**

## Questions?

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

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