

YMCA International Services:

- ▶ The YMCA's international program has been active in Canada for over 100 years
- ▶ A vision of "being a leader in enhancing civil society where people are respectful and supportive of one another within Canada's most diverse community".
- ▶ Promotes a positive change in the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours of participants based on three separate stages: awareness-raising, analysis and informed action
- ▶ Aims to prepare youth for a positive future

A program for Grades 9 through 12 Students will:

- ▶ Explore their role as global citizens
- ▶ Learn about global issues
- ▶ Pass on their knowledge to others

Where? Downtown Toronto
When? March Break 2005

Produced with the support of the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).



MISSION The YMCA is a charity offering opportunities for personal growth through participation and service to the community.

inclusiveness · health · respect
responsibility · caring · honesty

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**Building a global perspective
in a learner-centred classroom**

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The program:

- ▶ A two tiered approach to encourage the integration of a global perspective in teaching
- ▶ To provide students with the opportunity to explore their role as global citizens by enabling them as peer educators
- ▶ To provide teachers with meaningful collaborative learning models and tools for classroom application in the form of a Teacher's Kit
- ▶ To provide teachers with resource activities and tools for "building a global perspective in a learner-centred classroom"

The objectives:

- ▶ To enable students to explore citizenship in a global context
- ▶ To raise awareness of global issues through peer-to-peer learning; and to raise awareness of peer-to-peer learning through global education

- ▶ To support teachers in providing learner-centred opportunities for a global perspective in the classroom



The details:

- ▶ The GoGlobal program will train 30, grades 10 and 11 students from high schools across the GTA for five days
- ▶ Training will occur over March Break of 2005 at the YMCA of Greater Toronto in downtown Toronto
- ▶ Students will then go on to create and deliver workshops to three different groups from their school with students from grades 9 through 12 as peer educators
- ▶ This exciting new pilot project is a joint partnership between the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the YMCA



The benefits:

- ▶ The Teacher's Kit will compliment the mandated Ontario curriculum
- ▶ The GoGlobal program will enable teachers to foster greater learner-centred teaching in the classroom
- ▶ The program will provide teachers with an experiential model of peer-to-peer education
- ▶ Students will be empowered as they become self-reliant and begin to use each other as sources of knowledge
- ▶ Taking a learner-centred approach to global education will lead students to action

Topics:

- ▶ Ecology
- ▶ Fair Trade/Free Trade
- ▶ Globalization
- ▶ Women & Development
- ▶ Global Citizenship
- ▶ Canadian International Development
- ▶ War & Peace

