

Mission Statement



The mission of the National Youth Anti Racism Network is to unite a critical national anti-racism youth voice in Canada. We encourage young people to mobilize to fight the roots of racism and related forms of systemic oppression in their communities, with a particular emphasis on youth affected by racism, namely Aboriginal youth and youth of colour.



Be part of the network!!

If you are a youth in Canada between the ages of 15-29 & are interested in or already doing anti-racism/anti-oppression work, you can be a part of NYAN!

- Sign up to the Listserv (Interactive Group Email List)! You'll get up-to-date info on news and opportunities in anti-racism/anti-oppression, and dialogue with youth across Canada. Leave your email below!
- Sign up to the Newsletter! Stay updated on NYAN and get tons of resources and tools. Leave your email below!
- Participate in one of our upcoming projects or conferences.
- Join the National Steering Committee; callouts happen once a year.
- Access all the cool resources at nyan.ca.

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What NYAN's All About!!



The National Youth Anti-Racism Network will provide youth anti-racism organizers across Canada with the tools to build effective partnerships with one another; to share resources; and to do local, regional, national and international advocacy. We will also support and encourage processes of critical youth engagement in the anti-racism field.



The goal of the NYAN is to build a long-term, national movement of young people in Canada to eliminate racism and other forms of systemic oppression.

NYAN's Core Activities

- 1 *Creating and promoting opportunities to participate in national and international programs, projects and initiatives on anti-racism, anti-oppression, human rights, social justice and other related issues.*
- 2 *Increasing engagement of youth in anti-racism through promotion of NYAN on online networks, e-bulletins, conferences/events and other youth spaces.*
- 3 *Promoting and facilitating meaningful participation in anti-racism organizations*
- 4 *Collecting and distributing resources related to youth and anti-racism.*
- 5 *Facilitating efforts to nationally and regionally mobilize youth to take action on issues related to racism and related forms of systemic oppression.*
- 6 *Fostering and supporting the leadership development of Aboriginal youth and youth of colour by promoting awareness of the issues faced by these communities.*



NYAN's History

2001 Many youth from Canada at the UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) in Durban, South Africa identify the lack of a strong, unified youth voice as a serious hindrance to their work in representing Canadian youth on the international level.

At a post-WCAR symposium organized **2002** by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation in Edmonton, a group of youth convene, many of whom had been involved in WCAR. This youth caucus makes six recommendations to the Canadian government. One of these recommendations is for the creation of a NYAN.

2003 Shortly after the Edmonton meeting, a follow-up gathering is organized at CRRF's Awards of Excellence in Toronto. At this meeting, youth develop a vision for a national network.

Following the 2003 meeting, the CRRF provides funds towards a part-time youth coordinator to oversee the network, a website, a national youth advisory committee, and a youth anti-racism database. The advisory committee meets via teleconference, has a working meeting in the summer, and organizes the 2005 Launch Conference. **2004**

2005 NYAN is successfully launched and endorsed by 100 youth from across Canada at its inaugural conference, *Educate! Mobilize! Resist!* Youth express their support for NYAN, and their interest in having NYAN as a space for critical, independent action and dialogue for young anti-racism organizers.

A new steering committee is convened shortly after the conference and embarks on strategic planning process to continue the work of their predecessors. A national listserv (Interactive group email list) and newsletter are launched.