



Greetings!

Youth STRIDES is looking for applicants! Youth STRIDES is a week long summer immersion camp, training and sharing camp for immigrant and refugee youth.

When: July 27th-August 3rd, 2007
Where: Thetis Island, BC
Youth: Aged 13-20 years old

Youth STRIDES is a week long summer camp for refugee and immigrant youth. Throughout the week, youth will be immersed in workshops and activities about social justice issues. Important World issues will be explored such as racism, religion, media, cultural differences, and many more. Youth will learn skills and techniques to further enable them in leadership capacities within the community. The skills will include public speaking, conflict resolution, critical thinking, time management, goal setting, combating racism and others. It will be powerful, profound and unforgettable. Youth STRIDES will equip applicants with hands-on skills and experience, with plenty of time for friendship, conversation, and laughter.

Last year 12 youth from seven different countries were able to participate in this free training for immigrant and refugee youth. This cross cultural living experience is transformative for many. One youth from last year remarks:

“Because everyone is so different I don’t feel different, I feel like no one is judging me for how I look, instead liking me for who I am. I feel like I can be myself. This is the first time I’ve felt community since I’ve left my country.” Aged 17, from Sudan, living in Canada for two years.

10-15 youth will be selected to participate that are passionate about social justice issues. Please share the attached poster and application with youth in your networks that would benefit from this project.

If you are interested in finding out more about this project please contact Meghan Mergaert ENABLE Coordinator at 361-9433 ext.203, or by e-mail enable@vircs.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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