

**Young Adult Solidarity Trip
LEBANON
JUNE 2011**



We are excited to hear you are interested in this trip!

The Youth Solidarity Trip thus represents an excellent opportunity to better understand what is at stake in this part of the world, as well as to learn more about our partners and the local communities they work with. The Solidarity Trip will strengthen ties of solidarity between our members in Canada and our partners in Lebanon, with the chance to share our experiences and reflections with Canadians on Development and Peace programs in the Middle East.

The application form below is to help us get to know you and your goals for the trip. Fill it out in a word doc or write it by hand and send it to us via email or by mail. Use as much space as you need. All information shared with us will be held in confidence.

NOTE: Travel Costs for the Solidarity Trip to Lebanon

The cost for this trip is \$1,200. Development and Peace contributes to the cost of this trip so you have a manageable amount to fundraise. Your amount helps with the costs of flights, accommodations, food, visas and insurance. Fundraising for the trip is also a way to promote the project before and after the trip. We can help you with ideas and contacts for fundraising in your local area.

The orientation sessions, and thus travel from Canada to Lebanon, will happen in Montreal or Toronto. The location will depend on flights and the make-up of the group members. We will help guide you in all parts of the trip preparation.

Remember: Each person is responsible for the costs of vaccines and health care visits prior to the trip, and to bring your own necessary medical supplies etc. with you. You will need very little spending money in Lebanon.

**If you have any questions at all about this process or about the trip, call
Genevieve Gallant at 1-800-494-1401 (or 416-922-1592) ext 230.**

**NOTE: All applications are due Fri Dec 3, to assure a space please apply ASAP.
We look forward to your application!**

APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Full Address:

Tel:

Email:

Citizenship:

Passport #:

Sex:

Date of Birth:

Emergency contact:

Phone & email:

University/School/Parish and Diocese:

AVAILABILITY

1. In June 2011, our trip will be about 20 days, with 15 days in Lebanon and 2 days of preparation before we depart. Are you available between June 9 and July 10, 2010? Do you have any restrictions on your depart or return date?

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

2. In what ways have you been involved with Development and Peace, and faith and social justice work?
3. Are you currently connected to, and have support from, a local D&P group in a parish, school or campus? (If you are not presently in a parish or school group but have been in the past, please indicate where and with whom.)

4. Have you traveled to countries in the Global South before? If so, in what context? If not, what experience have you had with people from cultures other than your own?
5. What are a few of the major issues facing Lebanon and the Middle East right now?
6. Why do you want to participate in this solidarity trip to Lebanon?

GROUP DYNAMICS

Our group will be composed of 5 French-speaking and 5 English-speaking young adults, and lead by our 2 bilingual Youth Program staff. An important part of the solidarity trip experience is working as a group and building relationships with your fellow group members. Trip participants must demonstrate openness to living a bilingual and cross-cultural experience on this trip.

7. What challenges might you encounter in a multicultural and mixed language group?
8. Do you speak and/or understand any other languages than English?

NB: The official language in Lebanon is Arabic, but French and English are also spoken (with English being spoken more and more by young Lebanese). This Youth Solidarity Trip is a new joint program with francophone youth members of Development and Peace. Speaking French is not a requirement for participation in the Solidarity trip, but each participant must demonstrate a desire to learn and/or improve their French speaking skills before the trip and to be open to exchanges with the participants of the other linguistic group (just like the French participants will be practicing their English). All participants must also demonstrate openness to participating in meetings in French as best they can. Development and Peace put in place translation services when available, but cannot guarantee all meetings will be translated. We plan on having some meetings separately by language, and for meetings with communities where the common language is Arabic the partners of Development and Peace will interpret in one of the two languages to facilitate your participation.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & GROUP BUILDING

9. Have you had experience volunteering with other organizations?

10. This trip will include team building and will be an intensive group experience. Please share with us any personal qualities, gifts or skills which you can contribute to the group.

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

A primary objective of our solidarity trip is to motivate and train D&P members by offering a chance to see and experience the work of our partners on the ground. It is hoped that participants who return from a solidarity trip can enrich, strengthen and inspire the work of D&P at the individual, parish, school and/or diocesan level. Especially for this trip to Lebanon, one of the trip objectives is to be able to share the Middle Eastern programs with other members and the public.

11. In what ways do you think you will be able to use this solidarity experience towards building the Development and Peace movement as mentioned above?

12. What would you like to do upon your return so you can share your experiences and new knowledge (with other youth, with the public, with D&P members)?

LOGISTICS

Exposure Trips are physically demanding. Thoughtfully assess your health in light of the potential challenges of the trip. For example: long flights, heat and humidity, altitude change, exposure to unfamiliar bacteria with a change in water and/or diet, bug bites, long days and intense schedules, travel in cramped vehicles with rough roads.

13. How do you consider your health?

Excellent-----Good-----Fair-----Poor

14. Do you have any physical disabilities, allergies or conditions that you can share with us, so that we might ensure your full participation in the exposure tour (for example: allergies, asthma, diabetes, depression etc.)? Please describe.

PARTICIPANT'S COMMITMENT

15. Are you willing to participate in planning by email, group phone calls, 2 day orientation session prior to the trip and a day long debriefing session after the trip?

16. Will you be able to participate in fundraising for the \$1200 for the trip? If yes, what are some of the activities you might plan for fundraising?

17. Are you willing to prepare to share your experiences with others through newspaper articles, reports, videos, blogging and/or and aid in the planning and preparations of future solidarity trips? Which of these most appeal to you?

18. Are you committed to actively being involved in our education and fundraising campaigns with Development and Peace in your parish/school/diocese for a year after your trip?

Any final comments or any questions for us?

CCODP has extensive experience leading Solidarity Trips to countries throughout the developing world. In Lebanon, we will be hosted by CCODP partners who are absolutely prepared to ensure our safety and wellbeing. This is a tremendous learning opportunity. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in participating in this trip.

APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY DECEMBER 3rd, 2010

There is a selection process for the 5 English applicants, and participants will be notified the week of Dec 13th, 2010. Send in your application form to Genevieve Gallant, Youth Programs at Development and Peace: ggallant@devp.org 1-800-494-1401 (416-922-1592) ext 230

Upon acceptance as a program participant, a deposit of \$150.00 needs to be received within 14 days. Cheques can be made out to:

Development and Peace (CCODP) and sent to: Youth Programs at Development and Peace, 10 St. Mary St. #420, Toronto, ON, M4Y 1P9 1-800-494-1401 416-922-1592 ext 230