

Young Adult Solidarity Trip LEBANON JUNE 2011



The goals of this Solidarity Trip are:

- ✓ To provide young members with a personal experience of the reality of people in the Global South, and to strengthen their motivation for social justice.
- ✓ To learn first-hand about the processes of development which D&P is supporting, particularly in the Middle East, and to gain a perspective on what 'sustainable development' looks like on the ground.
- ✓ To strengthen the links between young members of Development and Peace across Canada, as French and English Canadians, and as a small Christian community.
- ✓ Empower young people for increased participation in the Development and Peace movement, and to build awareness in your region, upon your return, about the key issues and work of our partners in Lebanon.

Solidarity Trip in the Middle East:

While the Middle East has been part of the regular Development and Peace programming for the past few years, so far we have not had the opportunity to organize a Solidarity Trip in the region. Lebanon is currently a strategic country in our Middle East programs, particularly in its efforts in conflict resolution and peace building. 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, and strengthen ties of solidarity between our members in Canada and our partners in Lebanon with post-trip presentations.

With the Development and Peace partners in Lebanon we will learn more about:

- democracy-building and citizen participation
- conflict resolution and peace-building
- defending the rights of minorities
- the empowerment of women and supporting women's groups
- strengthening civil society organisations

Details:

Dates: JUNE 2011, for about 20 days, with 15 days in Lebanon and 2 days of pre-trip preparation.

Cost to participants: \$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. Each person is responsible for the costs of vaccines and health care prior to the trip. Fundraising is also a way to promote the project both before and after the trip, and we can help you with fundraising ideas in your region. We will help guide you in all parts of the trip preparation.

Participant requirements:

- ✓ age 18-30, and in good health
- ✓ Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ Has been involved in Development and Peace for minimum one year, or has been regularly or intensively involved this past year

Before the trip:

- ✓ Participate in pre-trip telephone conference calls (once a month)
- ✓ Participate in fundraising
- ✓ Participate in 2 day pre-trip training (in June 2011)

Upon your return:

- ✓ Participate in debriefing and evaluation session at end of trip
- ✓ Participate in developing solidarity trip group report and articles for the youth blog
- ✓ Participate in education and awareness raising activities in your area to share your trip experiences
- ✓ Commitment to continue active participation in D& P's campaigns and youth programs in your region

Please send in your application by Fri DECEMBER 3, 2010.

There is a selection process for the 5 English applicants, and participants will be notified the week of Dec 13th, 2010.

**To receive an application form, or for more information contact
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