



November 21, 2011

**2012 YOUTH EXPOSURE TOUR  
YOUTH DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLES SUMMIT IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

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Greetings!

The United Nations is hosting an important conference on sustainable development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 20-22, 2012. This conference, *Rio+20*, takes place twenty years after the first historic summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and ten years after the 2002 Johannesburg summit. It will coincide with the *Peoples Summit*, which will bring together diverse social movements and organizations, members of civil society and many DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners to discuss alternatives to the decisions facing world leaders in the coming years concerning sustainable development, and particularly the environment.

Considering the theme of this summit, which directly relates to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE'S program theme for 2011-2016 on ecological justice, we see immense opportunity for formation for our youth members and **will be sending a pan-Canadian, youth delegation** to the summit!

The delegation, comprised of youth leaders from within our organization, will have the chance to participate in the activities surrounding the *Peoples Summit* and will remain in Rio for a few days in order to meet with DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners and hear about their work in Latin America.

Attached, you will find a description of the application criteria, and a Participant Application form. Interested youth leaders must complete the form and send it to Shelley Burgoyne no later than **December 11, 2011** by email or mail.

Applications will be evaluated by the Youth Working Group. Three Anglophone and three Francophone youth will be selected and contacted before Christmas.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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**OBJECTIVES:**

**General objectives:**

- To enable young people to participate in an international movement for social justice and participate in an advocacy action as part of such a meeting.
- To enable young people to visit a country in the Global South where they will gain concrete understanding of more complex social issues that they can then bring back to their communities.
- Reinforcing participants' motivation for social justice and encourage youth participation in DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.
- To promote better understanding of the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners in the South.
- To strengthen links between the young members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE at the national level.

**Specific objectives:**

Considering the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE on the theme of environmental justice for the next five years:

- Enable young leaders of the organization to experience training on global issues related to environment and sustainable development, thereby promoting a better understanding of the theme of environmental justice.
- Enable participants to better understand the role of different interest groups on this issue (states, social movements, civil society organizations, multinational companies, citizens).

**Rio+20:**

Rio+20 is the name of the conference on sustainable development hosted by the United Nations in June. Why Rio+20? This meeting marks the 20th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, called the Earth Summit, which took place in Rio in 1992.

The main topics planned for the Rio+20 meeting are, firstly, to reflect on an institutional structure that would promote sustainable development, and secondly, to develop a green economy in the context of poverty eradication. The green economy is seen as a key concept to establish a bridge between the environment, economy and sustainable development.

## **The Peoples Summit:**

Alongside Rio+20, the organizations of civil society and social movements organize a Peoples Summit (<http://rio20.net/en/>) to reflect and to propose sustainable solutions to various issues concerning the environment.

Three key issues are being discussed, parallel to those being considered by the United Nations.

- What ethics are needed to lay the foundations for a new civilization that faces the dangers of today's world?
- How do we build a new global governance structure?
- How do we build a sustainable economy capable of coping with poverty and concentration of wealth?

## **The partners of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE in Brazil:**

The group will also have the opportunity to visit a few partners in the field. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE in Brazil supports NGOs, pastoral and social movements.

- NGOs and pastoral organizations: working to strengthen social movements through the networking of political and popular education.
- Social Movements: working on mobilizing and organizing for land reform, including through advocacy.

Here are some other areas of activity in which partners work:

- Social issues
- Gender relations
- The strengthening of women's groups
- The environment
- Youth and citizenship
- Economic solidarity
- The rights of peasants and indigenous peoples
- Citizen participation in municipal budgets

## **Dates of Tour:**

The tour to Rio will take place between June 9 and June 29th, 2012. Exact dates will be determined once the date for the Peoples Summit has been finalized by its organizers. Two days of orientation will be held immediately prior to our departure to Brazil (location to be determined), and the tour will last approximately 15 days.

## **Location:**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## **Financial Information:**

Each participant will have to contribute **\$1,200** toward the cost of their trip to be amassed through fundraising in their local community (hosting fundraising events, applying for grants, sales of fair trade products, etc). Look for ways to fundraise that will provide educational opportunities for those in your community and give better visibility to your journey and its purpose. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE animation staff and the Youth Programs Officer can provide you with ideas and support you along the way. The amount you contribute will be used to defray some costs of the tour including international and local transportation, accommodation and food, visa, insurance, etc.

## **NOTE:**

- Each participant is responsible for the cost of vaccinations prior to travel. You should consult a physician in a travel health clinic to inform you of recommended vaccines, both highly recommended and required ones.
- The successful candidates will have to submit a first deposit of \$150 to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE on or before February 1, 2012 to secure their place.

## **Eligibility:**

- Be between 18 and 30 years (18 years old at the start of the tour, or 30 at the time of application).
- Have been an active youth leader of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE for at least one year and your involvement must have been consistent and notable throughout the year.
- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Be available for travel between June 9 and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## **IMPORTANT:**

The young leaders who have previously participated in an immersion trip are invited to submit their applications. This tour is unique and its objectives differ from those of an immersion tour, so we want all young leaders to be eligible to participate.

## **Who:**

The group will be comprised of 12 people:

- Three Anglophone and three Francophone youth leaders
- The two Youth representatives on the National Council
- The two Youth representatives on the Education Program Committee
- The two Youth Program Officer staff persons from DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

## **INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED**

### **Prior to Departure:**

- Participate in preparatory meetings by phone (approximately one call per month beginning in January).
- Be able to participate in self-study before departure, specifically doing research and reading related to the Peoples Summit and Rio+20.
- Participate in fundraising activities to contribute financially to the project.
- Participate in a two-day pre-departure training session (June 2012).

### **During the Trip:**

- Actively participate in conferences and activities surrounding the Summit as well as activities organized by DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (visiting partners and projects, etc).
- Be able and willing to write articles and testimonials for the Youth Blog during the Summit.
- Participate in daily debriefing sessions to share thoughts and learnings in connection with the day's activities and involvement in the Summit.
- Participate in an evaluation at the end of the tour prior to leaving for Canada.

### **Upon Return Home:**

- Participate in the drafting of a group report and articles for the Youth Blog and other media.
- Organize and lead educational activities or events to raise awareness in your community about the issues raised at the Summit and in relation to the campaign themes of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.
  - Share your experiences with members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE during certain events: the National Youth Conference, Diocesan Council meetings, etc.
  - Share your experiences outside the framework of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE to encourage other youth to join the movement and educate others about the work of the organization worldwide.
- Continue your involvement in the general activities of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE in your region or group. Participate in campaigns in connection to ecological justice and share your knowledge on the subject.

**If you would like to be a member of the delegation to attend this international summit on the environment, read and complete the registration form!**



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## PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

### YOUTH SOLIDARITY TOUR 2012- DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLES SUMMIT IN RIO

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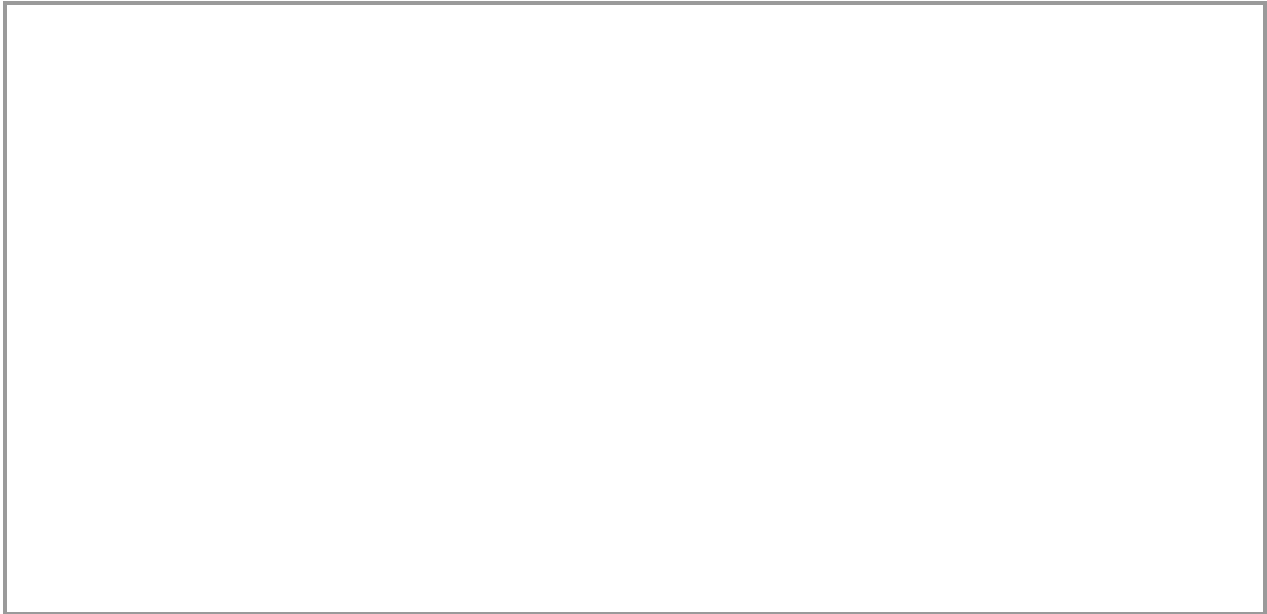
This form is used to better understand your goals and your motivation to participate in the DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE Youth Delegation to the Peoples Summit in Rio. Use plenty of room to respond. The information will remain confidential, only the Youth Working Group will review your application for consideration.

<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	<b>Province:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<b>Name of group or Parish:</b>
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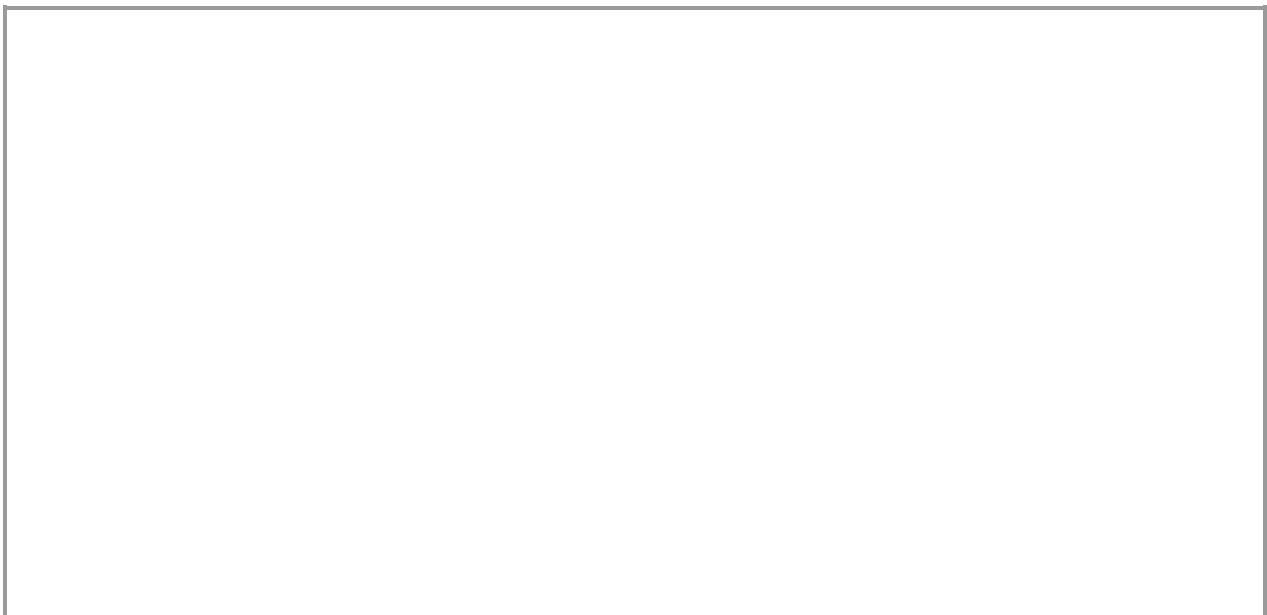
#### COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND MOTIVATION FOR ATTENDING

The main objective of this tour to the Peoples Summit is to enable young leaders to experience a unique training opportunity related to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE'S five-year campaign on environmental justice. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE wishes to encourage youth involvement in public education and awareness by equipping them with more information on the subject and allowing them to experience advocacy in the South with partners. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE also hopes that those participating can pass their experience and learning on to other members, including youth, upon their return.

1- Why do you wish to be a part of the delegation to the Peoples Summit and Rio+20 with DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE?



2- What are, in your opinion, the major challenges and current global issues of environmental and ecological justice?



3- Describe the different activities or events that you have participated in with DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE in recent years and what impact your involvement has had.

4- How would you participate in the preparation for this international summit, individually and with the delegation?

5- In what way will you be of benefit to the delegation and to local members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE before, during and after this tour?

6- How will your participation in this delegation assist you in continuing your involvement with DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE?

7- Upon your return, what will you do to share your experiences and to promote the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and its partners?

**EXPERIENCES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

8- Have you ever been to a country in the Global South? If so, in what context?

9- What are your experiences interacting with people of other cultures and backgrounds?

**GROUP DYNAMICS**

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An important aspect of this tour will be your interactions with the group and learning and exchange between participants.

10- What do you think are the challenges and opportunities of travelling with a group?

11- Other than English, are there other languages that you feel comfortable using in conversation with others?

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**Important:**

The trip will take place in conjunction with young French-speaking members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. Mastery of French is not a prerequisite for participation in the tour. However, all participants, French and English, must demonstrate a desire to improve their second language before departure and an openness to share with the people participating in the other language group. Some group meetings will be held simultaneously in both languages.

Moreover, at the Peoples Summit held in Brazil, most conferences will be held in Portuguese, English and perhaps Spanish, without translation. Strategies will be implemented as necessary to ensure wherever possible that everyone can understand most of the information.

In the case of meetings with partners of the organization, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will attempt to provide translation when necessary and where possible.

**HEALTH**

For various reasons, travelling in a developing country can be physically demanding: long journeys by air, humidity and heat, dietary change and exposure to unusual bacteria, culture shock, etc.. The following questions will help the organization determine adequate precautions regarding the health of each applicant.

12 - How would you describe your general health?

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

Comments:

13- Do you have a medical condition of which the Youth Working Group should be made aware (allergies, asthma, diabetes, depression, etc)?

**PRE-DEPARTURE PARTICIPATION AND AVAILABILITY**

14- Telephone meetings will be held in the months leading up to the tour. Will you be available to participate in these meetings?

15- What is your level of commitment to organize fundraising activities to raise the \$1,200? And what kinds of activities or events will you organize to share your experiences and raise awareness about ecological justice?

16- The Peoples Summit begins a few days before the UN Conference Rio +20. The trip will last about three weeks in total, including two days of pre-departure orientation, international travel and 15 days in the field. Are you available between June 9 and 29, 2012?

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form before December 11<sup>th</sup> through one of the following methods:**

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**Looking forward to your application!**