

RESOLVE IT! 2006

The International
Youth Symposium
on Peacebuilding &
Conflict Resolution

“SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW”

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YOUCAN's VISION:

"To train 15,000 Canadian youth by 2009 with conflict resolution skills while encouraging these youth to share these skills to help others in building peaceful homes, schools and communities."



YOUCAN's By-Youth-For Youth Philosophy:

- Youth have particular ways of expressing themselves and particular ways of viewing the world that is different from adults; consequently YOUCAN's "for-youth-by-youth" governance model is the most effective in our efforts to achieve a relevant, effective and sustainable organization for Canadian youth.

- The for-youth-by-youth components of YOUCAN's programs are essential to our approach and will be woven into every project, program and event. This does not preclude adult involvement but it does put limits around the type of participation adults have.

- Incorporating for-youth-by-youth practice and philosophy into every YOUCAN activity will leave a lasting legacy of skills that youth will inherit and carry on into their future endeavors.

- Every YOUCAN training and event will be approved only if it will enhance the capacity of youth and ensure success.

- Any youth's willingness to volunteer will be recognized and supported.

- As cross-cultural harmony is foundational to YOUCAN, so is access to and involvement of diverse youth from all backgrounds and beliefs.

YOU CAN make your community a better place

“Are you concerned about youth violence? We are!”

As youth we often are faced with an overwhelming array of issues from peer pressure to bullying to intimidation and violence. It seems we are regularly required to make hard decisions. We don't know about you - but we feel that most of us are not equipped to deal with such difficult and frightening problems.

Too often youth victims suffer in silence and never receive the help they so desperately need. Low school grades, school failure and drop-out rates have been linked to the experiences of victimization in teenage years. To many of our friends and relatives suffer, while we....

If so many of us teens are focused only on how to safely get through our day, it stands to reason we'll have less energy and regard for school, friends, family and the larger community. As a result we all become victims of youth violence and the safety and well-being of our families, schools and neighborhoods are at risk.

“Do you consider yourself a leader? Before Resolve It!, many of us were not seen as leaders. Now we are!”

Youth violence hits closer to home every day...

In 2003, it was estimated that 94% of shootings in Toronto were gang-related. Shootings in public places, such as the Eaton's Centre, mean that anyone can become the victim of youth violence. And the violence is not limited to big cities. Recently, Statistics Canada confirmed that:

- Regina, Winnipeg, Abbotsford, Edmonton and Saskatoon have had consistently higher homicide rates than Toronto for the past decade.
- The national homicide rate in Canada rose by 12 percent in 2004.

“My conflict resolution skills have helped me conduct workshops with other young people. Through my experiences with YOU CAN Resolve It! Conferences I learned how to engage young people in activities about creating peace.”

- YOU CAN CONFERENCE IMPACT SURVEY, 2005

YOU CAN was established in 1997 and is Canada's only for youth by youth organization focused on youth violence and conflict resolution. YOU CAN's mission is to “equip youth to engage and inspire others to peacefully resolve conflicts and develop healthy relationships in their communities.”

RESOLVE IT! 2006, will become YOU CAN's fifth International Youth Symposium. It's hard to believe that some of us came up with the idea in 1999 and since then we've done what we thought was impossible. Four national / international conferences in a row - we've been able to gather over 500 youth from every Province and Territory. We've proven that we as youth do have a voice and can create positive change!

This year's symposium will be highlighted in the following pages. We look forward to your participation in this incredible, youth-led, youth-run and incredibly effective event designed to help you become a leader in creating peace in your respective home, school and community.



RESOLVE IT! 2006 - OBJECTIVES

MAIN OBJECTIVES

YOU CAN's main objectives of the RESOLVE IT! 2006 International Symposium are as follows:

Objective #1: To unite and assist 500 diverse Canadian youth to improve their peacebuilding skills and move their individual action plans into their respective communities.

Objective #2: To run this initiative completely for-youth-by-youth. (A group of 20 - 25 diverse Winnipeg-based youth will form a planning team to develop the conference from start to finish. Support for this team will come from previous RESOLVE IT! planning teams, staff, board members and adult advisors).

Objective #3: To give youth, youth serving agencies, and all levels of governments the opportunity to network, to share their best practices, and to develop action plans in the areas of youth conflict resolution, crime prevention and violence prevention.

Objective #4: To integrate the skills and processes of conflict resolution into Canada's youth culture.

Objective #5: To give youth the opportunity to interact and discuss important youth issues among their peers in the areas of conflict resolution, violence prevention, substance abuse, employment, and various global issues.

Objective #6: To assist youth in learning and developing transferable skills that will help youth participants to secure employment and progress in the world of work. (Not only will these life skills be an asset to any resume but they will also prepare youth delegates for the world of work and personal relationships in the workplace).

Objective #7: To teach youth about youth issues in an interactive and engaging workshops, while discussing innovative methods of addressing these problems.

Objective #8: To give youth the opportunity to discover an area of Canada while learning and sharing from other young Canadians.

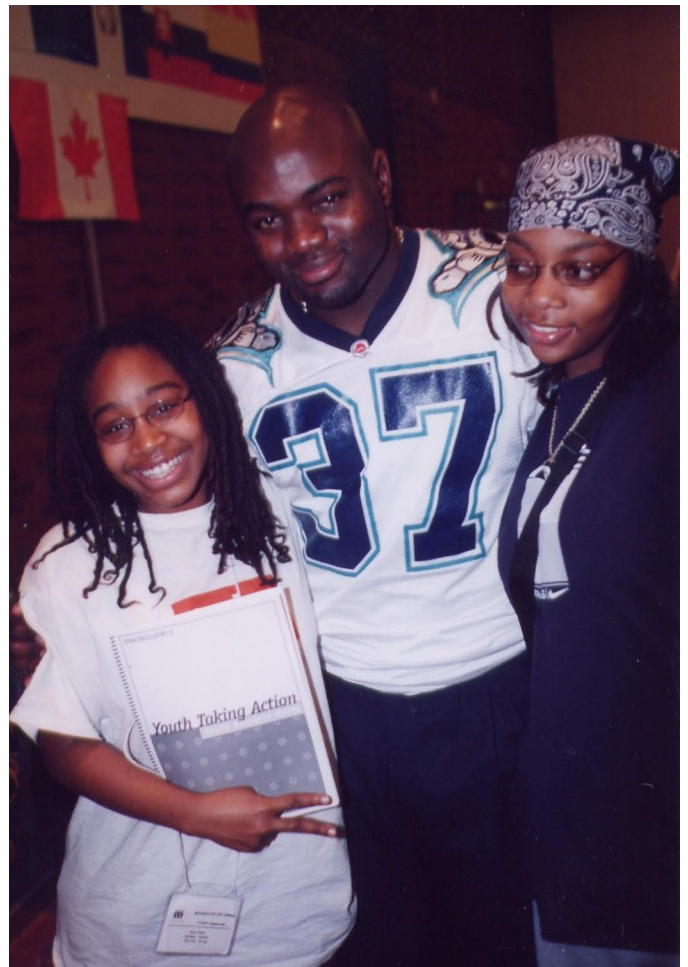
Objective #9: To move youth from the symposium to action through our innovative Action Planning Partnership. Each youth participant will create their action plan for positive change and will be mentored through an organization called Dream Now to complete their action plan post-symposium.

Objective #10: To create networks of responsible and knowledgeable youth leaders in an informal learning and relaxed environment.

Objective #11: Above all to have fun, meet new people and create lasting memories!!!

YOU CAN's annual Youth Symposium's on Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution, will involve youth from youth-serving agencies, schools, non-governmental organizations as well as federal, provincial, and territorial officials. These symposiums will serve as the foundation for future collaboration, sharing of research, and will help to define best practices in the area of conflict resolution, crime prevention and violence prevention for youth.

The design of the Resolve It! Symposium will continue to distinguish it from other events held across Canada. The Symposium continues to be youth led while ensuring that **every participant becomes certified in one of YOU CAN's Peacebuilding modules as well as leaving the conference with their very own action plan** to make a positive and peaceful difference on the issue they choose - upon return to their community.



RESOLVE IT! 2006 - PARTICIPANTS

YOU CAN will unite 500 Canadians, targeting youth aged 13-25 (including chaperones and guests). In addition, youth facilitators, presenters, chaperones, staff, and other special guests will participate in the conference to lend their experience, expertise and support. Only the Canadian youth and chaperones are eligible for YOU CAN Travel Subsidy's through Exchanges Canada.

To target a wide diversity of Canadian youth we will actively recruit the following breakdown of youth delegates:

Province	Projected # of participants
Alberta	35
British Columbia	65
Manitoba	100
New Brunswick	12
Newfoundland	14
Nova Scotia	15
Nunavut	12
Northwest Territories	12
Ontario	125
PEI	6
Quebec	50
Saskatchewan	27
Yukon	12
TOTAL:	500

In addition to ensuring fair and representative participation nationally, YOU CAN will also embark on a national marketing and recruiting campaign to ensure our delegates reflect Canada's rich heritage. In the past YOU CAN has had huge success gathering an incredible diversity at our conferences, and will work hard to ensure more success.



The type of diversity YOU CAN aims for is described in the following chart:

Demographic	# of Participants	% overall
Aboriginal	75-100	15-20%
Asian (East and South)	50-75	10-15%
African Canadian	25-50	7.5 - 15%
South American	10-15	0.2 - 7.5%
Caucasian	250 - 300	50% - 60%
Francophone	25-50	7.5 - 15%
Low-income households	100-150	20-30%
Rural/isolated regions	50-75	10-15%
Challenged/Disability	5-10	0.1-0.02%

*The total does not equate to 100% as many youth fall into more than one category, creating overlap.



UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS

One of YOU CAN's policies is to be as inclusive and representative as possible. We encourage the participation of traditionally under-represented groups such as: Aboriginal youth, youth with disabilities, youth in conflict with the law, street youth, youth from low-income homes, and youth from rural or isolated regions.

Previous YOU CAN Resolve It! conferences were successful at recruiting delegates from each of these categories. In 2003, 15% of the Canadian participants declared Aboriginal status. The Aboriginal participants came from a wide variety of communities across Canada. In total, thirteen different Aboriginal groups were represented. In addition, 23.6% of the Canadian delegates came from rural communities and 6.3% participants came from the three territories, which could also be considered "remote" areas.

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB. 6th.

<http://register.youcan.ca>

REGISTRATION

In the past YOUCAN has conducted its registration through mail, fax and email. New this year is our online registration system at "register.youcan.ca". Parental permission forms will be faxed to YOUCAN's national office, while payment can be mailed or completed through online transaction.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To help identify which delegates will receive travel bursaries as designated by Exchanges Canada, the YOUCAN Resolve It! Symposium website will include a "Request for Transportation" bursary component to our online registration system. Delegates will be asked to fill out the form and submit it to YOUCAN with their registration. YOUCAN staff will review all applicants and choose a representative number from each province.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

One chaperone will act as guardian and care for up to 10 youth. For youth who travel to the symposium by themselves, volunteer adults are screened (following the screening guidelines of Volunteer Canada as outlined on their website www.volunteer.ca) and designated as chaperones.

REGISTRATION FEES

Fees for youth and adults are as follows:

Earlybird Fees	Quad room	Single room
Youth	\$600	n/a
Chaperone	n/a	\$600
Adult	n/a	\$875

Late Fees	Quad room	Single room
Youth	\$650	n/a
Chaperone	n/a	\$650
Adult	n/a	\$925

"My friends were having a dispute over dating. I just attended the 'what's LOVE got to do with it workshop' at the YOUCAN conference. I was able to use conflict resolution skills to help them resolve their differences!"

- YOUCAN CONFERENCE IMPACT SURVEY, 2005

These fees typically cover all costs related to the conference. The breakdown is as follows:

YOUCAN's Costs for 5 days/ 4 nights.

	Accom.	Food	Reg. Fees	Training	Total
Youth	\$125	\$225	\$275	\$300	\$925
Chaperone	\$465	\$225	\$275	\$300	\$1,265
Adult	\$465	\$225	\$275	\$300	\$1,265

**The higher price for single rooms and late registration costs are a reflection of actual additional fees charged by the host hotel.*

YOUR FEE BREAKDOWN - 5 days/ 4 nights.

	Accom.	Food	Reg. Fees	Training	Total
Youth	\$125	\$225	\$250	\$0	\$600
Chaperone	\$125	\$225	\$250	\$0	\$600
Adult	\$400	\$225	\$250	\$0	\$875

IN-TOWN DELEGATES - 5 days (no hotel stay)

	Food	Reg. Fees	Training	Total
Youth	\$225	\$25	\$0	\$250
Chaperone	\$225	\$25	\$0	\$250
Adult	\$225	\$125	\$0	\$350



RESOLVE IT! 2006 - DRAFT AGENDA

Day One (Wednesday March 22nd, 2006)

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • Flights Arrive - Meet the welcome team at the airport
 • Take Shuttle & Check in to Hotel Rooms at York The Hotel
 • Registration
 • Rotary Career Fair
 • Board Meeting

5:00-6:00 p.m. Supper at Convention Centre
 6:15-7:45pm. Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Session #1

8:00-10:00 p.m. Training Session #1
 20 groups – choose between:
 (1) Peer Helping/ Negotiation
 (2) Mediation
 (3) Facilitation
 (4) Cross Cultural Conflict Resolution

10:15-11:30 p.m. Wind Down Time at Hotel & touching base with Chaperones

12 Midnight Lights Out!

12:15 -1:15 p.m.

1:30-3:30 p.m.

3:45-5:45 p.m.

6:00-7:00 p.m.

7:30-10:00 pm.

10:30-12:00 pm.

12 Midnight

Lunch at Convention Centre
 YOUCAN Board Meeting
 Workshop Series #2
 Training session # 5
 Supper at Hotel
 Manitoba Moose AHL Hockey Game or Movie Night at Hotel
 Chill Time at Hotel in the YOUCAN Lounge
 Lights Out!

Day Four (Saturday, March 25th, 2006)

7:30 - 9:00a.m

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

10:45 -12:45

12:45 -2:00 p.m.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

7:00 – 10:00pm.

10:00 – 1:00am.

1:30a.m.

Breakfast at Hotel
 Keynote Session #4 “EMPLOYERS & LABOUR TRENDS”
 TOWN HALL WITH AVI LEWIS - ‘YOUR CAREER PLAN’
 Lunch at Convention Centre
 YOUR CAREER PLAN - ENTRUPENUERSHIP
 Evaluations to be completed for Career Day and Free Time
 “UNLEARN” GALA/Culture Show (Dress Semi-Formal)
 MuchMusic Video Dance
 Lights Out!

Day Two – (Thursday, March 23rd, 2006)

7:30 - 9:00a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker #2
 10:30 -12:30 p.m. YOUCAN Training session #2
 12:30 -1:45 p.m. Lunch at Convention Centre
 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. YOUCAN Training session #3
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Free time and Mixer Supper at Hotel (Get to know people supper)

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. YOUCAN Training session # 4
 10:00-12: p.m. Chill Time at Hotel in the YOUCAN Lounge

12 Midnight Lights Out!

Day Five (Sunday, March 26th, 2006)

8:30-9:30 a.m.

9:30-12:00 a.m.

12:00-1:00 p.m.

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Breakfast at Hotel
 YOUR ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP - WITH YOUR PROVINCE/ TERRITORY
 Lunch at Convention Centre
 Closing Ceremonies & Awards Ceremony
 Goodbyes, Check-out, Gather Luggage, Hop onto the Airport Shuttle, Homeward Bound!

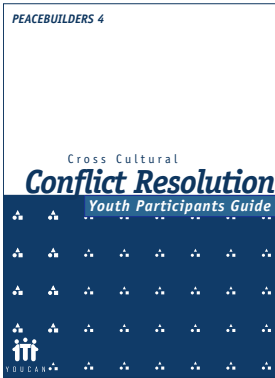
Day Three (Friday, March 24th, 2006)

7:30 - 9:00a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
 9:30-10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker #3
 10:15-12:15 a.m. Workshop Series #1

RESOLVE IT! 2006 - TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & ACTION PLANS!

EVERY RESOLVE IT PARTICIPANT CHOOSES ONE MODULE AND UPON COMPLETION, WILL RECEIVE A YOUCAN CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLETING THE 14 HOUR LONG COURSE.

EVERY RESOLVE IT PARTICIPANT CHOOSES 2 OF 18 POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS. EACH SET OF 20 WORKSHOPS ARE REPEATED OVER 3 - 2 HOUR SESSIONS.



PB 4 | Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution

A 14 hour course that teaches participants how to deal with the cultural elements that conflicts bring while trying to understand their own cultural identity. This module emphasizes the development of skills that a peacebuilder can use when confronted with racism, sexism, ageism, sexual orientation issues, homophobia, religious differences, etc...



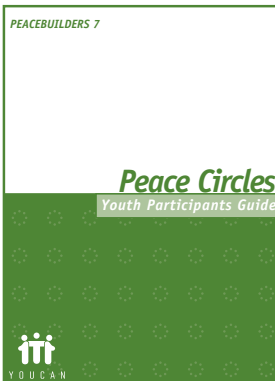
PB 5 | Peer Mediation

A 14 hour course that teaches participants how to deal with the conflict between two or more disputants and how to help those disputants resolve these conflicts peacefully. Peacebuilders develop the skills of a neutral or impartial third party in this YOUCAN module.



PB 6 | Facilitation

A 14 hour course that teaches participants how to deal with difficult situations and explore ways to enhance the creative potential of large and small groups. This skill-based training provides concrete opportunities to facilitate group processes and resolve conflicts in a constructive & peaceful manner.



PB 7 | Peace Circles

A 14 hour course that teaches participants how to deal with the conflict we face with the victims, offenders and community members in a circle setting together. This module helps participants understand Restorative Justice, the role of the circle-keeper and the resolution that can come for the circle process.

******PROPOSED SAMPLE OF POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS******

1. UNESCO Cities against Racism project.	10. DRUGS
2. URBAN Cafe	11.HUMAN RIGHTS
3. National Youth Strategy - ABORIGINAL JUSTICE	12. VICTIM'S VOICE
4. National Youth Strategy - MENTAL, SEXUAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH	13. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & THE PEACE-CIRCLE PROCESS
5. National Youth Strategy - EDUCATION	14. GANGS & GUNS
6. UNLEARN	15. HOMELESSNESS
7. PRISON LIFE	16. YOU TALKIN' TO ME? GETTING HEARD ON THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE!
8. ANTI-BULLYING EFFORTS IN SCHOOLS & CITIES	17. BRINGING LEADERSHIP TO YOUR COMMUNITY
9. ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE	18. INTERNATION CONFLICT - WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

EVERY RESOLVE IT PARTICIPANT ALSO COMPLETES AN ACTION PLAN. THESE ACTION-PLANS HELP YOUTH DEFINE WHAT ISSUES THEY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ABOUT AND DETERMINE THEIR OWN PLANS WITH TIMELINES TO MAKE THEIR ACTION-PLANS HAPPEN. FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT IS OFFERED THROUGH DREAMNOW.COM

******PROPOSED PLENARY SPEAKERS******

- (1) MAYOR & DAVE FARTHING - YOUCAN CO-FOUNDER
- (2) SUPRISE CANADIAN CELEBRITY
- (3) PROF. IRVIN WALLER, "CRIME PREVENTION"
- (4) CHRIS EMERY, LARRY FINNISON, PETER VAN STOLK & AVI LEWIS
- (5) GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA RECIEVES YOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS & SPEAKS

RESOLVE IT! 2006 - ACCOMMODATION & SPACE

ACCOMODATION @ YORK THE HOTEL

Located in the heart of Downtown Winnipeg, York The Hotel is only a few minutes walk to the Resolve It! 2006 meeting space at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Formerly the Winnipeg Sheraton Hotel, this hotel offers Winnipeg's best and most comfortable beds, high-speed Internet, comfortable sitting areas, and complimentary access to the pool and fitness areas. The majority are 420 square foot oversized living areas that also offer balconies with wonderful views of downtown.

HOTEL SERVICES include:

- Indoor Heated Pool
- Indoor Whirlpool
- Business Centre/Services
- Sauna
- Fitness Facility

For those of you located close to Winnipeg, the hotel is located at 161 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1M3. For those of you flying into Winnipeg, a YOUCAN shuttle and youth welcome team will pick you up at the airport when you arrive in Winnipeg and Shuttle you to the Hotel and Symposium.



RESOLVE IT! 2006

@ THE WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE

The Winnipeg Convention Centre opened its doors in 1975 and is a uniquely designed facility with over 160,000 square feet of meeting and trade show space.

YOUCAN's Resolve It! Symposium will mostly be based on the first floor level, with over 21,000 square feet of meeting space. Our Plenary Sessions, Training sessions, workshops and meals will all take place on this level of the convention centre.

The Chefs at the Convention Centre know that the success of Resolve It! 2006 will partly be based on the quality of the food and beverage service provided. They take pride in providing the "best of fine food and beverage service" starting in their kitchen where the emphasis is placed on fresh food preparation and innovative menu choices. Their award-winning chefs, will do everything they can to ensure us YOUCANers have the time of our lives while in Winnipeg.

The convention centre is located at 375 York Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3C 3J3. Delegates will only walk between the Hotel and Convention Centre with their Chaperone and in groups.



RESOLVE IT! 2006 - FUNDRAISING TIPS 101

The #1 concern for youth attending the Resolve It! Symposium is cost (really, when is \$ not a concern?). You will be each responsible for your own \$600 conference fees. Here are some tips we've put together to make your fundraising as easy as pie.

Feel free to call YOUCAN toll-free at 1 888 4 YOUCAN, and we'll be happy to share sample cover letters and powerpoint presentations to help you out. Until then, here are some ideas on what you and your friends can do to raise funds for this special and historic event!

1. Visit your local Optimist Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Legion, Church, Big Brother/Big Sisters, etc... and see what they can contribute to your fees. These are some organizations that have really helped youth with such events in the past.
2. Your relatives are usually a great place to start. Grandparents, aunts, cousins ... talk to them all. Share with them the vision YOUCAN represents and how you wish to be a part of it.
3. Your school/school board should be able to see the educational value in this experience.
4. Local community foundations, your Mayor's office (local government) and Police Service Boards, sometimes have funds that can help you get here.
5. Local business people are often ready to help. Don't be afraid to ask store owners, lawyers, politicians, your dentist or doctor, etc... to donate AirMiles or money. They can donate it to YOUCAN to be placed in trust for your transportation or registration needs and by doing so they'll receive a charitable tax receipt.
6. Car washes, bake sales, silent auctions, holiday theme parties (Valentines, Easter, St. Patrick's Day...), pizza/bowling/laser tag parties (fun themes like Survivor or Eco-Challenge are always a blast!) and garage sales all help fund the expenses of such a trip and if you raise enough - your friends can join you! Oh yeah - and these type of fundraisers can be loads of fun too! If you're really lucky - your local press may run some free advertisement for you. It never hurts to ask! Youth violence and community safety are issues that most Canadians are concerned about.
7. Contact your local Member of Parliament, and/or your Member of the Legislative Assembly and local City Counselor for support to attend the conference. They may also be able to direct you to other local funding sources.

If you're really stuck - please don't hesitate to give us a call toll free at 1-888-496-8226.



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GOOD LUCK and we hope to see you in Winnipeg!



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