



Alberta youth are invited to attend the 2nd annual Rural Roots Conference at the Gold Eye Centre. Send a delegation that inspires and creates change in their world, from your school student council, leadership team, or social justice club

The focus of the 2006 conference will be:
“Global Voices: Human Rights and Global Citizenship”

Participation will be available to 75 youth age 14-19 from across Alberta. The conference starts March 31 at 4PM and goes until Sunday at 11AM. The focus of this year’s conference is on learning about Human Rights locally and globally and the current issues challenging those rights. This conference will include speakers, interactive workshops, documentary films, and information on global opportunities for youth. In addition, we will highlight the ways that youth are living examples of solutions to difficult issues of human rights - including bullying, child labour, human rights abuses, conflict, the environment, agriculture, conflict and HIV AIDS. This conference will inspire as it showcases the many ways that youth are educating, raising awareness and making a key contribution as global citizens in their schools and communities, particularly in the area of human rights. **Parents and teachers are welcome** to accompany delegations from their schools or communities.

Cost: \$40.00 without transport and \$50.00 with transport. Cost includes all meals, snacks and two nights’ accommodation. Transportation will be available from Edmonton and Red Deer. Registration deadline is March 22, 2006.

Conference Schedule

March 31, 2006

4:00 pm Registration and welcome

5:00 pm: Supper and small group activities

6:30-7:00: Building a Youth Network to Change your world

7:00-9:00: Keynote speakers and interactive workshop: *The challenge of human rights from local to global*

9:00: **Documentary film:** Alternative media, popcorn and lively debate about issues that affect you!

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9:00 am: Breakfast and activity

10:00-10:30: **Keynote speaker: Globalization and Active Citizenship-Connecting the issues**

10:30-12:30: Four concurrent sessions:

- 1.) Green Justice: Food, Water, and You
- 2.) That’s Sick!: The Right to Health
- 3.) Little bullies and Big Bullies: violence, war/conflict, and the right to peace and diversity
- 4.) 2-4-6-8 We Want More and Better Aid: International Development and Poverty

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12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30: **Building a youth network to change your world-part II**

2:30-5:30: (Four concurrent sessions) **The Activist's Backpack: Tools to Take Back to School**

- A.) Writing for Progress: Human Rights Journalism
- B.) Community Canvass: Mobilize your school through Murals for Human Rights
- C.) Popular Theatre: Acting for Social Change
- D.) Creative Resistance to Design Your World

5:30-6:00 Free time and networking

6:00-7:00 Supper

7:00-9:00: Art n' Action: Time to have fun, make buttons, and reflect on the activities of the day. Bring an instrument or a favorite hobby.

Sunday April 2, 2006

9:00-9:30 Breakfast

9:30-11:00 Celebration of Youth Involvement in Social Action

11:00 Goodbyes and departures

Conference location is: Goldeye Centre. For more information on the conference facility please see www.goldeye.org. The Goldeye centre is an education and retreat facility located inside the first range of the Rocky Mountains in the towering pines above Goldeye Lake which is about 180km west of Red Deer on the David Thompson Highway #11.

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Date: March 31st (4:00pm) until April 2, 2006 (11:00am)

