

W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

<http://www.wkcf.org/>

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 by breakfast cereal pioneer W.K. Kellogg. During his lifetime, he donated \$66 million in Kellogg Company stock and other investments "to help people help themselves." Over the years, the Kellogg Foundation's programming has evolved, striving to remain innovative and responsive to the ever-changing needs of society. Today, the organization ranks among the world's largest private foundations. Grants are awarded in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and southern Africa.

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

<http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleVpartA/YES/resources.aspx>

This website has a listing of resources for young people and concerned adults who want to involve youth in meaningful ways within community organizations, governments, and other areas.

Youth Activism Project.

<http://www.youthactivism.com/Home.php>

This site aims to prove that minors can play a major role. Everyone--especially teens and "tweens"--are invited to email or call their toll-free hotline. A national nonprofit clearinghouse provides information and resources to youth workers, mentors, teachers, principals, policy makers, parents and organizations that want to support young advocates.



This is one of a series of resources on youth inclusion co-published by the Nova Scotia Youth Secretariat and the HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development. The list of topics in the series include:

- Why Youth Inclusion?
- What is Youth Inclusion?
- Benefits of Youth Inclusion
- Challenges and Strategies for Youth Inclusion
- Youth Inclusion Assessment Tool
- Resources for Youth Inclusion

The concepts are drawn from experiences working with youth and the listed resources.



Resources for Youth Inclusion

What follows is a selected listing of resources and organizations aimed at enhancing youth inclusion practices. The resources have been divided into the following categories, Youth Inclusion Resources, Examples of Youth Inclusion in Action, and Organizational Websites with Relevant Resources. For the most recent listing of resources and links with other organizations visit www.heartwood.ns.ca

Youth Inclusion Resources:
This section provides resources produced from organizations that have experience working with youth and inclusion issues.

Canadian Environmental Network Youth Caucus.

The Youth-Friendly Guide: The Youth Guidebook to Policy Change for Intergenerational Partnerships.

http://cen-rce.org/fre/publications/youth_guide.pdf

The Youth Friendly Guide provides the principles for intergenerational partnerships and guidelines on how to make organizations, meetings and documents youth friendly. It includes information on building connections between younger and older youth. After briefly describing youth participation, it shows how youth and adults can work together and create a youth friendly organization in a step by step process.

Canadian International Development Agency.

Meaningful Youth Participation in International Conferences: A Case Study of the International Conference on War-Affected Children. [http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/INET/IMAGES.NSF/vLUIImages/Childprotection/\\$file/war-affected-children.pdf](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/INET/IMAGES.NSF/vLUIImages/Childprotection/$file/war-affected-children.pdf)

This case study of a specific international youth conference provides excellent theoretical background on youth inclusion.

Institute on Governance.

Youth Involvement in Policy-Making: Lessons from Ontario School Boards. <http://www.iog.ca/publications/policybrief5.pdf>

This study assesses the ability of young people to influence public policy by being involved in policy-making processes. Although heavily focused on involvement in government policy making, the study offers insight into the barriers to youth involvement, and the reasons why youth should be involved in this process.

Search Institute.

Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth Tool Kit
www.search-institute.org

This toolkit is written for anyone interested in empowering individuals, organizations, and communities to nurture thriving children and adolescents by effectively building developmental assets. The kit offers a compilation of what has effectively worked well in communities already in this process, as well as adaptations from related efforts, disciplines, and resources.

The Works – Assessing Youth Involvement in Youth Health Organizations.

http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/Publications/The_works/index.html

This resource is an easy-to-read and well-detailed guide to a variety of ways for young people to be involved in youth health organizations.

Youth Participation Shop.

Roles for Adults and Youth

<http://www.mcs.bc.ca/youth/shop.htm>

This section of Youth Participation Shop's website will help adults better support the youth they collaborate with and help youth become aware of the support that is available.

Examples of Youth Inclusion in Action:

The following are working examples of youth inclusion within programs and organizational structures.

Leave Out Violence.

<http://www.leaveoutviolence.com/>

LOVE is a program that prevents youth violence by training youth to lead a movement against it. Leave Out Violence is a unique long-term violence-prevention youth program. Victims, witnesses, and perpetrators of violence undertake multi-media and leadership training to develop the positive life-skills, sense of community, and critical thinking that enable youth to analyze causes of, and alternatives to, violence. Through LOVE, youth see the impact they have on others: youth choose to use their voice to educate themselves, their peers and our communities.

New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth.

<http://www.gnb.ca/0049/index-e.asp>

The New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth is a provincial body representative of youth which voices the interests, needs, concerns and perspectives of young people aged 15-24, and presents recommendations to government and to the public. This is achieved by acting as an advisory body, through resource coordination, research and consultation. Through its actions, the New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth strives to be a catalyst for increasing youth involvement in society.



Nova Scotia Sea School.

<http://www.seaschool.org/>

For 10 years the Nova Scotia Sea School has contributed to the well being and growth of hundreds of young people from all over Nova Scotia, Canada and the U.S. Their instructors lead 10 students per trip out of Lunenburg Harbour aboard their flagship DOROTHEA. Students have visited the LaHave Islands, East Ironbound Island, islands in Mahone Bay, and St. Margaret's Bay.

Nova Scotia Youth Advisory Council.

<http://youth.ednet.ns.ca/>

The Youth Advisory Council is a voluntary group of young Nova Scotians between the ages of 15-24 who have an interest in the issues affecting Nova Scotia youth relating to policy, programs, and legislation of the government.

Created in 1993, the Youth Advisory Council acts as a sounding board for the Minister Responsible for the Youth Secretariat Act and other members of provincial cabinet on youth issues, and provides advice on areas of concern to youth. Most recently, the council hosted a focus group for the development of the NovaKnowledge Report Card, offered support to the Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities, and consulted on the province's Child and Youth Strategy.

Nova Scotia Provincial Student Education Council.

Contact (902)424-7387

The Provincial Student Education Council advises the Minister of Education on matters related to the secondary school system. It supports leadership development opportunities that make a student's transition from school to further education, training, or work as smooth and successful as possible. The council has provided comment on a bullying-in-schools program, the Nova Scotia Food and Nutrition Policy for Public Schools, and looked at ways to build leadership within the youth sector.

Nova Scotia Secondary School Student's Association.

<http://nsssa.ca/>

The Nova Scotia Secondary Schools Students' Association is a non-profit organization for the benefit of students across Nova Scotia. The organization is run by student leaders and focuses on leadership development at the high school level. The organization promotes communication among students in Nova Scotia. Throughout the year there are events such as fundraisers, youth symposiums, and regional and provincial conferences.

Peaceful Schools International.

<http://peacefulschoolsinternational.org/>

Hetty van Gurp, an internationally recognized educator and author, established Peaceful Schools International, a Canadian charitable organization, in 2001. A network of dedicated, local Regional Coordinators provides support to schools that have declared a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture of peace.

Students For Teaching Peace.

<http://peacefulschoolsinternational.org/sftp/index.htm>

"Students for Teaching Peace" is a project of Peaceful Schools International and is supported by The National Film Board, The National Crime Prevention Strategy, Sea to Sea Films and ViewFinders: International Film Festival for Youth – a presentation of the Atlantic Film Festival. Thirty two students from Saint Patrick's High School, Eastern Shore District High School and Oxford School in Nova Scotia, Canada and Elphinstone Secondary School (in British Columbia) have come together to form "Students for Teaching Peace", a youth-driven organization that attended a student-run peace conference in Belgrade, Serbia during the period of March 11-21, 2005.

Santropol Roulant.

<http://www.santropolroulant.org/>

Santropol Roulant is a volunteer organization established in 1995 and run by motivated and dynamic young people. The organization brings people and groups together across cultures and generations through an innovative meals-on-wheels service and intergenerational programs. They are based in Montreal, Quebec.

The Youth Project.

<http://www.youthproject.ns.ca/>

The Youth Project provides support and services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth (25 and under) across Nova Scotia. The Youth Project strives to meet the needs of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth across Nova Scotia regardless of geographic region, socio-economic condition, race, religion, gender, sex, ethnicity, etc. The Youth Project provides support, education and information to youth, their friends and families, school, social services, organizations, and the community.

Youth in Care Newsletter Project.

<http://www.youthnewsletter.net/>

"Youth in Care Newsletter Project", a 16-session program that teaches writing, drawing, and interviewing, and facilitates teamwork, responsibility, group decision-making, self-confidence, and community connections. All youth members are living in foster homes, group homes, or with a parent or relative, and some of them have started living on their own.



Organizational Websites with Relevant Resources:

The following organizations work to enhance youth inclusion and hold many valuable resources on their websites.

HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development.

<http://www.heartwood.ns.ca/>

The HeartWood website describes programs, services and resources with respect to youth inclusion and community youth development. It includes descriptions of HeartWood's workshops on youth inclusion for organizations interested in learning more about how to engage youth meaningfully. The site has valuable links to Canadian and international resources and organizations working towards linking youth development and community development.

Laidlaw Foundation

<http://www.laidlawfdn.org/cms/index.cfm>

The Laidlaw Foundation is focusing its work on Urie Bronfenbrenner's youth development framework, which recognizes that the ongoing interactions between a young person and the influences in his or her life affect growth and development. Positive youth development is more likely to occur if these influences provide multiple opportunities for young people to identify and nurture a talent, and interact with adults who are unconditionally supportive.

New Designs for Youth Development.

http://www.cydjournal.org/NewDesigns/ND_99Sum/index.html

New Designs for Youth Development is a quarterly publication dedicated to voicing progressive, humane, and caring approaches to the development of youth and community. It is the only periodical whose focus is Community Youth Development (CYD). You may browse through past articles on their website.

Nova Scotia Youth Secretariat.

<http://youth.ednet.ns.ca/>

The Youth Secretariat is an agency responsible for developing effective response by government to the needs of young Nova Scotians aged 15-24. The Youth Secretariat is the only agency in the provincial government with a mandate devoted exclusively to the youth population of Nova Scotia. They facilitate and coordinate the provincial government's response to needs, concerns, and aspirations of Nova Scotian youth and youth-serving organizations.

TakingITGlobal.

<http://www.takingitglobal.org/>

TakingITGlobal is an international organization - led by youth and empowered by technology. TakingITGlobal connects youth around the world to find inspiration, information and get involved in improving their local and global communities. TakingITGlobal works with global partners – from UN agencies, to major companies, and especially youth organizations – to build the capacity of youth for development, artistic and media expression, make education more engaging, and involve young people in global decision-making.

The Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement.

<http://www.engagementcentre.ca/>

The Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement (CEYE) brings together the expertise of youth, youth service providers, academic researchers and policy makers to identify, build and implement models of effective practices for meaningfully engaging youth. The CEYE is committed to youth being involved on a lead basis with the support of professional adults in every step of the research, policies and products generated. In addition, CEYE engages young people to benefit from the knowledge being generated by the other Centres of Excellence for Children's Wellbeing with specific focus on involving disengaged youth who have the potential to benefit the most from the positive health outcomes associated with meaningful engagement.

The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development.

<http://www.theinnovationcenter.org>

The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development connects thinkers and leaders of all ages to develop fresh ideas, forge new partnerships, and design strategies to engage young people and their communities. Their website contains many valuable pieces of research and reports on youth inclusion and engagement.

Training-Youth.Net.

<http://www.training-youth.net/INTEGRATION/TY/Intro/index.html>

This website presents the training opportunities and publications for European youth workers and youth leaders developed by the Youth-Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission. Please check the website frequently to stay informed about the latest developments in the field of youth training in Europe.