



Youth Restorative Action Project

2010 Anti-Racism Award – Centre for Race and Culture
2008 Alberta Solicitor General & Public Security – Crime Prevention Award
2004 Royal Commonwealth Award, Gold Medal Winner International, Georgetown, Guyana
2004 Government of Canada, Ron Wiebe Award – Restorative Justice
2004 City of Edmonton Youth Council, Community Organization Promoting Youth Award
2004 RISE Award in Recognizing Immigrant success and Endeavors “Youth Group Category”

What is YRAP?

The Youth Restorative Action Project is a Youth Justice Committee sanctioned under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. It is mandated to work in court with young people who have caused harm as a result of any number of significant social issues. YRAP is the **first ever youth justice committee to be comprised entirely of youth members**, and takes a unique approach to achieving the goals of Restorative Justice, mentoring, and the aboriginal circle process.

YRAP's vision was to form a program accessible to all youth which promotes empowerment and provides a support network that would aid in resolving social and systemic issues. In this spirit, YRAP was formed as a Youth Justice Committee in order to reach young people at a time when these issues held greatest importance, in court, and provides the support and mentorship necessary to address their situation. YRAP is mandated to work specifically with youth who have caused harm as a result of a number of social issues. These can include racism, discrimination, homelessness, substance abuse, poverty, prostitution, mental illness, and others.

Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Justice Committee – Panel Member (2 hours per panel)

When young people come to YRAP, personal panels are held for them by our youth volunteers. During these panels, the volunteers get to know the young person's background, interests, goals, and how they found themselves involved with the courts. In conjunction with the young person, and victims of the offence where applicable, YRAP develops **creative, effective consequences to try to repair any harm done to the victim and community while improving the conditions which may have led the youth to crime**. The final goal is a positive, self-sufficient lifestyle for the young person.

Mentorship – Youth Mentor (as needed, average 1-2 times a week.)

All youth who participate in the program are **assigned a youth mentor** who hangs out with them and supports them through their court involvement and consequences. This is an essential part of YRAP because it builds long-term relationships founded on trust while also offering a positive role model who is close to their age.

“Mentoring has helped me tremendously with a positive outlook on what I can do instead of people pointing fingers and telling me what I can't do. [My mentor] influenced me, and got me into a routine, and helped me grow up.”

“I like YRAP cause it taught me a lot and I like the mentors cause they're cool and you can trust them and they try to help you as much as they can.”

Fundraising Committee – various positions (Similar to Board positions, average 2 hours twice a month)

Youth Drop-in – Volunteer

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Bi-weekly our youth committee holds drop in events for all youth with activities such as movies, field trips, art projects and anything the youth can think of. As a drop in volunteer you add to the atmosphere and help facilitate any projects or activities while getting to know the youth.

Volunteer Expectations

Regularly attend monthly mentor/volunteer meetings- which are currently held on the last Sunday of each month. You will receive reminders.

Our active mentors and volunteers make reasonable efforts to attend at least one YRAP event monthly. In doing so we can brush up on the needs of our mentors, share experiences and what volunteers want from YRAP such as different trainings. These meets are roughly an hour and a half but are generally meant to be light and fun. We often play games or do activities. Some drinks and food are supplied.

Volunteers will be expected to attend at least two trainings a year.

We offer training four times a year that changes depending on mentor and volunteer needs.

Ideally volunteers should interact with YRAP about once a month.

This can be done through any form of contact such as the monthly meet, hanging out at the youth Drop-Ins that happen every week, or participating in mentoring and training.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION:

Note: You will be required to show two forms of government ID for a standard criminal record check.

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | | |
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| Last Name | First | M.I. | DOB: |
| Street Address | | Apartment # | |
| City | Province | ZIP | |
| Phone | E-mail Address | | |
| Emergency Contact: | Phone Number: | Relationship: | |
| Position Interested In: <input type="checkbox"/> Panel Member <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Drop-in Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | |

Do **you** speak any other languages? If yes, please list.

If you have access to a vehicle, are you willing to use it during volunteering?

Why do you want to volunteer with youth?

What attracted you to YRAP specifically?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Describe a supportive relationship in your life.

We encourage innovation within our volunteers, what do you hope to offer the YRAP team?

Let's get to know you! What are 5 things/hobbies/activities you are interested in?