

SOME TRAVEL AND EDUCATION OPTIONS TO CONSIDER...

Exchanges Canada (www.echanges.gc.ca) Has links to a large variety of programs for exchanges, youth forums, conferences and workshops.

Canada World Youth (www./cwy-jcm.org) Live, work and learn in a developing country for seven months. Students must be 17-29 years old. Participants live with host families, do volunteer work projects, build language and learn about another culture by immersing in it. Apply in January for priority in programs beginning the next summer.

Katimavik (www.katimavik.org) An opportunity for young people, age 17-21, to discover Canada and to learn new skills while volunteering in several regions of the country. Participants work on community development projects and expand their horizons while making a contribution. One of the regions will be francophone in order to learn conversational French. Malaspina University College recognizes the Katimavik program for three academic credits in the area of Recreational Management.

You Lead (www.youlead.org) Work in the UK, Australia, Thailand, India, New Zealand or Ghana after grade 12. Work in schools, care facilities or environmental study centres. An allowance is paid in most cases. Apply in the fall / early spring.

Au Pair (www.goaupair.com) An opportunity for young adults, 18-26, to provide child care in exchange for wages and room and board with a host family in various countries, including the U.S.A.

Student Travel Schools (www.stswestern.ca) A semester or a high school year abroad for students 14-18 years old. Programs are offered in 15 countries in Europe, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, USA, Brazil and Canada.

Adults Go Abroad (www.afscanada.org) – 5-6 months. The program combines placements in a work environment with a host family or work site accommodation.

Canadian Education Exchange Foundation (www.ceef.ca) Attend school in Europe or Mexico and immerse yourself in another language and culture. Host an exchange partner from another country.

S.A.L.T.S. (www.saltsociety.com)

Each year approximately 2000 young people (ages 13-25) participate in sailing trips aboard the *Pacific Swift* and *Pacific Grace* schooners. Programs combine all aspects of shipboard life from helmsmanship to galley chores, with formal instruction in navigation, pilotage, seamanship and small boat handling. Based in Victoria, S.A.L.T.S. schedules five different trips during July and August. Cost of a berth is \$963.54 and trips sell out quickly. Check the website for trip itineraries and a registration form.

Youth Challenge International (YCI) (www.yci.org) YCI has volunteer opportunities in Canada, Africa, Central and South America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. The intention is to build the skills, experience and confidence of young people by involving them in substantive overseas international development projects in partnership with local youth-serving organizations.

BC Heritage Language Association - Spain & Germany Exchanges (www.bchla.net) Grade 10-12 students with some Spanish or German language skills can apply for this unique three month academic exchange program. Applications are due on February 15th, 2007.

Leaders Today (www.leaderstoday.com) Develop leadership skills and make meaningful changes in the lives of others while volunteering at schools, medical clinics or community centers around the world. Summer excursions to Mexico, Kenya or India allow students to live with indigenous peoples while helping with community projects.

Global Journeys (www.global-journeys.com)

Four week summer programs provide students, ages 16-19, with a reliable way to earn secondary school credit in an enhanced learning environment. Programs, led by qualified teachers from Ontario, take place throughout Canada, Europe, New Zealand and Australia. Early registration is December 5th. The website also outlines Spring Break trips to Belize, Rome, and Paris.