



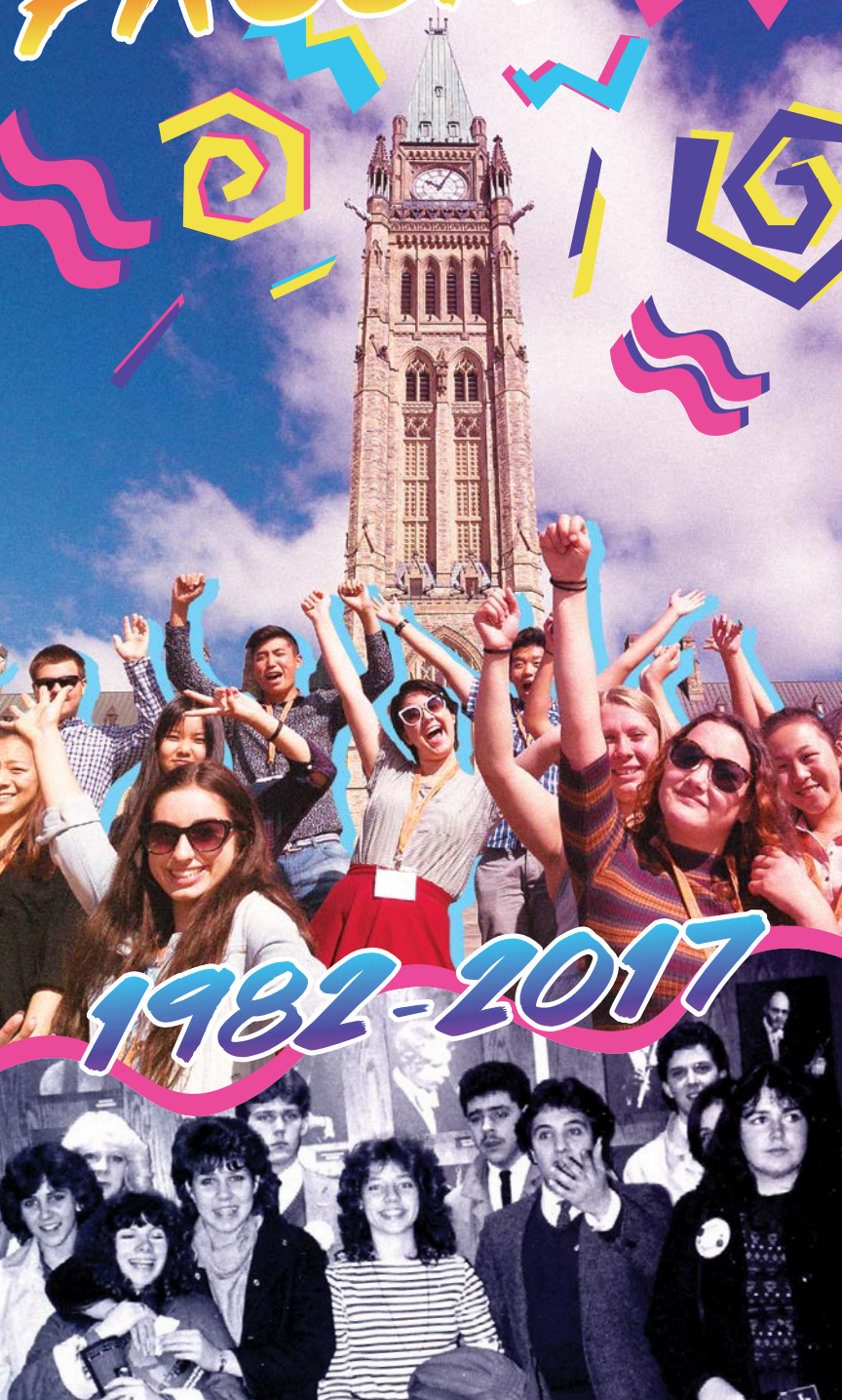
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ENGAGING YOUTH IN CANADA'S FUTURE

2017-2018 PROGRAM



1982-2017



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

2017 is going to be a remarkable year for everyone in our country. And Encounters with Canada will be celebrating too – not only our nation’s 150th anniversary of Confederation, but our own important milestone – 35 years since we opened our doors!

1982 to 2017 – Imagine 35 years of engaging youth in Canada’s future, promoting a sense of community, unity and leadership, by bringing young Canadians together in a bilingual and respectful environment, where everyone feels welcome and appreciated.



Our participants describe the Encounters’ program as “a life-changing experience,” saying that we “maximize youth potential” and “prepare tomorrow’s leaders.” Indeed, we are dedicated to all those things and so much more. The strong values upon which our program was founded still serve us well to this day - respect, collaboration, responsibility and acceptance.

As Canada’s largest youth forum, we truly care about the younger generation. Every day, we support them in their development and encourage them to aim higher and farther, so that they reach their full potential. We believe that providing a platform where Canada’s youth voices are valued and heard leads to a strengthening of youth leadership in Canada, and of our nation, as a whole. I can truly say that it is an experience like no other!

I am proud that Encounters with Canada has stayed the course, and fulfilled the dream of our founders. And I have had the great privilege of leading it for 18 of those 35 years! In particular, I would like to pay tribute to our dedicated and loyal network of teachers, volunteers, parents and former participants, who are all devoted to the youth of this country. They are an invaluable part of our program, which could literally not exist without their generosity and long-time support!

I invite everyone to take a look at our anniversary brochure, a nod to the legendary 1980s, when our program unfolded, to discover the unique human experience that is Encounters with Canada. And I ask you to join with us over the course of the next year in celebrating this magical milestone for our organization!

Linda Brunet
Director General



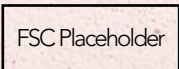
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THREE DECADES 100,000 ENCOUNTERS

NOW IN ITS FOURTH DECADE, Encounters with Canada (EWC) has hosted over 107,000 Canadian high school students, while continually evolving and enriching the content and delivery of its theme weeks to ensure they remain relevant and engaging for today's youth. EWC is a signature program of Historica Canada and is supported, in part, by the Department of Canadian Heritage.



“ Sophie Penney,
St. John's, NL, Medicine & Health 2016
This program teaches students about the history of our country and also opens up the door to information about the theme of your choice. I chose Medicine and Health, which has now encouraged me to try and succeed in my schoolwork to aim for a career in healthcare. **”**

RECOGNIZED BY THE PROVINCES, RUN BY PROFESSIONALS

EWC is recognized by the Ministry of Education in every Canadian province and territory – and has hosted youth from all regions of the country. Each year, over 160 current and retired teachers volunteer a week or more of their time to act as EWC teacher-monitors, sharing their talents, wise counsel and expertise with youth participants.

SURPRISINGLY AFFORDABLE, SIMPLY UNFORGETTABLE!

The cost per student for an Encounters' week in Ottawa is just \$675, including lodging, meals, most planned activities and local transportation. Travel to Ottawa from anywhere in Canada is ENTIRELY FREE, thanks to Exchanges Canada, a program of the Department of Canadian Heritage, which covers the fares for air, rail and bus.



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

When participants are not out visiting around the Capital, they are forging new friendships and connections at EWC's Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre. Located in Ottawa's east end, less than eight kilometres from Parliament Hill, the Centre includes separate men's and women's dormitories, a dining hall serving healthy meals, and state-of-the-art meeting rooms and facilities. The Centre welcomes participants with special needs and is fully accessible.



The
Terry Fox
Canadian
Youth Centre



Le Centre
Terry-Fox
de la jeunesse
canadienne

ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

The Encounters with Canada program takes place in a fully bilingual environment. Participation is open to students who are:

- ✓ 14 TO 17 YEARS OLD
- ✓ ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL OR AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION RECOGNIZED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN THEIR PROVINCE OR TERRITORY
- ✓ A CANADIAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CANADA — MUST HAVE A HEALTH CARD

Students register by contacting their EWC regional coordinators, or their school or guidance counsellors, who will provide individual access codes for online registration. Visit online for more information:

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Sarah Barry,
Wabush, NL, First Responders 2016

“ My week at Encounters was truly life changing... I have had the chance to experience a week in Ottawa, to go to the Canadian Parliament for the first time, to learn more about our Canadian history, visit many great locations in our country's capital, learn more about the theme of “First Responders” and make lifelong friends. I am very thankful for everything you have done for me and other students in NL. It will forever be appreciated. ”

THEME WEEKS 2017-2018

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA'S 2017-2018 CALENDAR provides participants with the choice of 13 different theme weeks, which enable them to explore and experience potential careers and areas of personal interest. Some of the more in-demand theme weeks are available multiple times throughout the school year, while others are only offered for one exclusive week.



Marina Night,
North Battleford, SK,
Communications & Social Media 2016

It was one of the best trips I've been on. It was fun touring Parliament and CBC Montreal. I enjoyed meeting new people from across Canada. EWC is a great program to get different opportunities and interact with different people. I hope to come back when I'm older to be a teacher-monitor.

MODULES

EWC participants take part in four unique and interactive modules:

HERITAGE MINUTE

This module encourages participants to reflect on Canadian history and to find innovative ways to commemorate and celebrate important milestones. Programmed in collaboration with Canadian Heritage.

LINGUISTIC DUALITY

Participants consider the benefits and challenges of living in a bilingual country. Programmed by the Office of Official Languages of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

PEACE

Participants honour and remember the brave men and women who are currently or have previously served to ensure all Canadians live in a free society. Programmed by Veterans Affairs Canada.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Participants meet notable personalities who discuss how they can become more involved and make a difference in their communities and in the political process.





ENCOUNTER WEEKS 2017-2018



CANADA REMEMBERS

Participants learn about the significance of Remembrance Day. They hear from Canadian Veterans, explore the history of Canada at war while at the Canadian War Museum, and attend a solemn and moving Remembrance Day Ceremony. Programmed by Veterans Affairs Canada.

DEMOCRACY & YOUTH



Participants take advantage of Ottawa's position as the nation's political capital. They see, first-hand, our government in action and how the country's democracy works. A VIP tour of Parliament, a visit to Rideau Hall, workshops with parliamentary interns, a mock election and presentations by politicians at different levels of government could all be part of this fascinating experience.



EXPERIENCE CANADA

The ultimate Canadian experience! New and first generation Canadians make friends from across the country. They discover Canadian history, culture and heritage in the nation's capital. They tour the many sites and attractions of Ottawa, see the RCMP Sunset Ceremonies, and participate in typical Canadian arts and sports. To cap off their experience, they join thousands of Canadians celebrating Canada Day on Parliament Hill.



MEDICINE & HEALTH

If helping people is their inspiration, this week provides the opportunity to join others who share similar career goals. Participants tour medical facilities and laboratories and study genetics, health research and medical ethics. They attend workshops such as midwifery, DNA and art therapy, and participate in discussions featuring recent university health science graduates, who provide valuable insights and information on future career options.



Keaton McLean,
Florenceville-Bristol, NB,
Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age 2016

Being here for Vimy week made me realize how privileged I am to live in this country and has made me so much more grateful for what the brave men and women did for us all those years ago and also for the people still serving today. The highlight of my week was talking and connecting with the veterans. It is something that I will remember for the rest of my life!



SCIENCE & ECOLOGY

It's our planet. Participants study with biologists, botanists, ecologists and other scientific experts, as they share their expertise. They explore a provincial park to observe its unique flora and fauna, discover various conservation techniques, and visit the amazing Canadian Museum of Nature.



SPORTS & FITNESS

Participants may start their adventure with dragon boating, wall-climbing, skiing, martial arts, water polo, Ultimate Frisbee and fitness boot camp, to name a few. They hear from accomplished athletes, Olympians, and fitness experts, and participate in discussions about ethics in the world of sports.

ARTS & CULTURE



The arts permit us to define ourselves, rather than allowing others to do it for us. Through different art forms, participants explore various mediums of expression that will free their creativity. Through the means of arts and culture, they reinforce their belief in themselves, develop their creative thought, acquire leadership skills and learn how to positively influence change in their communities.



COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA



In this era of instant communications, electronic and social media have become essential sources of information. Guided by communication specialists, participants develop their critical and creative thinking through hands-on learning activities and workshops. They will also gain first-hand experience about the world of radio and television at CBC studios in Montreal.



GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Globalization, human rights, diplomacy. Open their eyes to the world. Participants encounter ambassadors, senior bureaucrats, and international dignitaries and development experts. Visits to Canada's Supreme Court and international embassies could be part of their experience. Students will complete their week with a moving citizenship ceremony and witness people from around the world become new Canadians.



FIRST RESPONDERS

In search of an adrenaline rush? This week explores potential action-filled careers, challenging those not afraid of anything. Participants will meet police officers, firefighters and paramedics, who will inform them of the demands of a career as a first responder. At the end of this exciting week, participants will be better equipped to handle emergency situations and will receive certification from HeartSafe in CPR & defibrillation.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Challenge your students. Encourage them to discover fields ranging from DNA, forensics, robotics and space exploration. They will tour research institutes and laboratories, the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, and the Canadian Museum of Nature. A Let's Talk Science panel, featuring recent university science and technology graduates, will assist them when considering their future career paths.



VIMY: CANADA'S COMING OF AGE



Experience history like never before with this exciting week! Learn about Canada's First World War effort, with a particular focus on the remarkable story of Vimy for the 100th anniversary of the battle. Through hands-on workshops, students learn the full extent to which the Battle of Vimy Ridge changed our nation forever. Decode battlefield maps, discover the contributions of women on the home front, find out if you are fit to be a FWW soldier, and so much more! Sponsored by The Vimy Foundation, this week includes visits to the Canadian War Museum, Parliament Hill and the Diefenbunker, as well as guided tours and commemoration ceremonies. Vimy week brings students together from across the country for the experience of a lifetime!



LAW & OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

Be it law enforcement, correctional or legal services, this week focuses on law and order. Case studies optimize this experience. Participants expand their knowledge of Canada's legal system with possible visits to the Supreme Court of Canada, an Ottawa Jail Hostel and a police station.

BECOME A TEACHER-MONITOR

EDUCATORS — PRESENT OR RETIRED — consider becoming an EWC volunteer teacher-monitor. Travel, lodging, meals, activity and event expenses are all free of charge. Six teachers are required for each theme week at the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre.

VOLUNTEER MONITORS:

- act as hosts, facilitators, counsellors, friends and surrogate parents
- participate in incomparable professional development opportunities
- serve as ambassadors, sharing the unique characteristics and traits of their province/territory with fellow monitors and participants
- meet notable personalities and accomplished Canadians
- experience teamwork at its very best

Teachers, guidance counsellors, teacher assistants, school principals and vice principals, and retired teachers are encouraged to contact EWC: **1-800-361-0419**

EWC ALUMNI COMMUNITY



Making contacts and friends across Canada is a big part of the Encounters with Canada experience; keeping them for life is what our alumni community is all about. When you join EWC's Alumni Community, you become part of an exclusive club — with your very own group made up of past participants, teacher-monitors, staff and volunteers! Members have access to the alumni website to search for old friends, leave messages, create and sign up for events, share photos and keep up-to-date on each other's news. EWC is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our Alumni Community ensures it will last a lifetime.



2017-2018 THEME WEEKS CALENDAR



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ARTS & CULTURE

August 27 – September 2, 2017

April 1 – 7, 2018

October 29 – November 4, 2017



CANADA REMEMBERS

November 5 – 11, 2017



DEMOCRACY & YOUTH

March 18 – 24, 2018



EXPERIENCE CANADA

June 26 – July 2, 2018



FIRST RESPONDERS

September 17 – 23, 2017

March 4 – 10, 2018



GLOBAL AFFAIRS

October 1 – 7, 2017

February 11 – 17, 2018



COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

October 15 – 21, 2017

March 11 – 17, 2018



LAW & OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

September 10 – 16, 2017



MEDICINE & HEALTH

September 24 – 30, 2017

February 4 – 10, 2018

October 22 – 28, 2017

February 25 – March 3, 2018

March 25 – 31, 2018



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

October 8 – 14, 2017

February 18 – 24, 2018

November 12 – 18, 2017



SCIENCE & ECOLOGY

April 22 – 28, 2018



SPORTS & FITNESS

September 3 – 9, 2017

January 28 – February 3, 2018

November 19 – 25, 2017

April 15 – 21, 2018



VIMY: CANADA'S COMING OF AGE

April 8 – 14, 2018