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VIRTUAL
OCTOBER 13TH-17TH
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All participants will receive funding to lead a reconciliation project in their community.

Experiences Canada's Youth Leadership Forum on Reconciliation will bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth (aged 14-25) from across the country to develop reconciliation projects to undertake in their own communities. The forum will take place October 13th-17th – with three of those days being evenings only (5pm-8pm ET), followed by two full days of programming planned to take place over the weekend.

Virtual Forum Details

The Virtual Youth Forum on Reconciliation will bring youth together to discuss reconciliation priorities. Youth will hear from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, community leaders and youth leaders about some of the inspiring work that is happening right now to effect change. Participants will also work in small groups to refine their own project that addresses reconciliation as a priority and/or answer a **Truth and Reconciliation Commission's** Calls to Action.

During the forum, participants will be lead through the possible challenges that may arise when implementing a project. Topics to be covered include marketing and promotion; finding partners and funding; getting support from schools or organization, and more. The goal of the week will be for participants to leave the forum ready to implement a project that they feel pride in shaping and have the confidence and funding to lead in their own community. Ongoing support will be provided from Experiences Canada and volunteer mentors.

Canada Life Reconciliation in Action micro-grants

The Canada Life Reconciliation in Action Micro-Grants will provide youth participants with grants of up to \$2500 depending on the scale and scope of their project. The grants program will be administered by Experiences Canada and available to all youth participating in the Forum. Access to additional funding will also be made available through Rising Youth, and other program partners.

During the application process, youth will be required to provide information on a reconciliation project they wish to implement, or are in the process of implementing in their community. We have provided examples and guidance in our [Application Guide](#) as well as links to a webinar youth can join to help get their application complete.



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To ensure your projects take flight and leads to meaningful change, Experiences Canada is committed to supporting youth in the realization of these projects for up to a year after the event. The Forum could be just the start of another amazing experience.

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By attending this program, participants will:

- Receive exclusive access to reconciliation resources
- Share knowledge, learn more about, and celebrate their own and other indigenous cultures
- Hear from residential school survivors - support will be available.
- Hear from and ask questions to emerging and established Indigenous change-makers like Michael Redhead Champagne, Shina Nova, Jenn Harper (Cheekbone Beauty), Mya Beaudry (Kokum Scrunchies), and Samantha Matters (Future Ancestors)
- Learn the skills necessary to start their own community-based project
- Receive start up funding to get their project off the ground.

Technology Challenges:

There may be technology challenges for some participants living in remote and rural communities. We have identified a number of strategies to support these youth, so encourage anyone who sees this as a barrier to participation to reach out to us to discuss additional assistance we can provide.

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