

Applications now open for the Inspirit Foundation Pluralism Grants

Apply for grants of up to \$25,000 for community projects that bring together young people of different spiritual, religious and secular backgrounds

Toronto, April 30, 2014 – The Inspirit Foundation is now accepting applications from registered charitable organizations and First Nations bands from across Canada for its Pluralism Grants - Community Impact program. This granting program supports initiatives that provide opportunities for young people (aged 18 to 30) of different spiritual, religious and secular backgrounds to take action together to achieve a positive outcome for their community.

Eligible initiatives reflect the distinct realities of each community and range from a) arts, culture and media projects to b) community development and civic engagement programs and c) local environmental initiatives.

The deadline to submit an application is June 26, 2014, at 5:00 pm EDT. To apply, please visit: http://www.inspiritfoundation.org/en/pluralism-grants/community-impact

"Canada is more religiously diverse than ever. However, opportunities to learn about and connect with people of different spiritual, religious and secular beliefs are rare," said Andrea Nemtin, President and CEO, Inspirit Foundation. "In an environment where our differences and commonalities are not discovered and embraced, misconceptions and prejudice will grow. Supporting young people of different backgrounds and beliefs to work together in their community creates opportunities for positive relationships that will inspire young changemakers to build a more inclusive and pluralist Canada."

Since 2012, the Community Impact program has supported 30 projects and reached thousands of young people nationwide.

The Inspirit Foundation will host information sessions about the program in Halifax, NS (May 5), Fredericton, NB (May 7) and St. John's, NL (May 9). Click <u>here</u> to register for the sessions.

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