



**National Association
of Friendship Centres**
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des centres d'amitié**

32nd Annual Youth Forum
Reconcili-ACTION – Strengthening our communities
November 25-27, 2021
Victoria Conference Centre
720 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 3M7

GENERAL INFORMATION – YOUTH FORUM 2021

LOCATION	Victoria Conference Centre 720 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 3M7 Toll-Free: 1-866-572-1151
ARRIVAL DATE:	Wed, Nov 24, 2021, or Thu, Nov 25, 2021 Fri, Nov 26, 2021 – Opening Ceremonies will commence at 9:00 am
YOUTH REGISTRATION	Thu, Nov 25, 2021 – 4:00pm – 5:00pm Fri, Nov 26, 2021 – 8:30am – 10:30am
DEPARTURE DATE	Sat, Nov 27 or Sun, Nov 28, 2021
YOUTH FORUM CONTACT	registration@nafc.ca

ANNUAL YOUTH FORUM

Every year the NAFC, in conjunction with the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC), hosts an annual YouthForum for the Youth members of the Friendship Centre Movement. The Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) identifies the forum's workshops with input and feedback from the youth membership. Social and fundraising activities are organized by the host Centre, AYC and the NAFC. The host Friendship Centre this year is the

The 32nd Annual Youth Forum will be held November 26th-27th, 2021, at the Victoria Conference Centre. Friendship Centres and PTAs are encouraged to send youth (between 14 and 24 years of age) to attend the 32nd Annual Youth Forum.

As per the AYC Policies and Procedures, **two (2)** youth from each Friendship Centre and PTA can vote. The same applies to the Annual Meeting voting delegates and participants - guest room accommodations and all expenses must be covered by the Friendship Centre or PTA.

The Friendship Centre Youth Movement continues to grow. Its strength can be attributed to the participation of youth within local Friendship Centres and their respective regions.

The Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) utilizes the Youth Forum to discuss ideas at a national level and hold their elections. The Youth Forum is an opportunity for the



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Friendship Centre Movement (FCM) youth to connect and build solid relationships that may not be possible via telephone or email. The FCM youth and the AYC experience their form of an Annual Meeting and have their voice heard.

The Annual Youth Forum provides the opportunity for the youth to be involved and give direction to the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) initiatives. In addition, the Annual Youth Forum:

- Provides a national youth voice to the NAFC;
- Generates ideas for youth programs;
- Creates unity;
- Promotes and facilitates communication and information sharing;
- Fosters education and leadership training;
- Provides youth with skills and knowledge to increase their employability;
- Provides a place for decision making that affects youth;
- Promotes volunteerism;
- Identifies current youth issues on a community level and nationally;
- Promotes social conscience and responsibility on several relevant issues; and,
- Assists local youth in finding a place within the Friendship Centre Movement, including both cultural identity and general identity as a young person

Chaperones are not available through the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) or the NAFC national office. An adult should accompany all delegates under 18 years during the Youth Forum and evening social activities. If possible, the chaperone could be a delegate who is 18 years of age or older from your Friendship Centre or another Friendship Centre within your region.

The AYC is also requesting the Friendship Centre Movement to donate to the Youth Forum generously. Items such as promotional articles to be distributed as prizes and giveaways, a monetary contribution or items for the Annual Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated to help make the annual event a success.

For information on the 2021 Annual Youth Forum and activities, don't hesitate to contact Brandon Barberstock regarding youth-related functions at bbarberstock@nafc.ca.