



YMCA of Eastern Ontario Peace Medal Nomination Form



About the YMCA Peace Medal

Each year, YMCAs across Canada celebrate acts of peace by recognizing individuals and groups who, without any special resources, status, wealth or position, have demonstrated a commitment to building peace within their community or communities elsewhere in the world. During YMCA Peace Week, which will take place from **November 27 – December 1, 2023**, local peacemakers will receive special recognition and a medal at Peace Medal ceremonies across Canada. Peacemakers are selected through a nomination process. To nominate a Peacemaker, please review the selection principles and complete the enclosed nomination form.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominations should focus on activities that have taken place within the last two years
- YMCA staff members are not eligible for nomination
- Professionals who are paid to do peacemaking work are not eligible for nomination
- Self-nominations will not be considered

Peacemaker Selection Criteria

"...Peace has many dimensions. It is not only a state of relationships among nations. We cannot expect to live in a world of peace if we are unable to live in peace with those close to us – even those who differ from us....The responsibility for peace begins with each person, in relationship with family and friends, and extends to community life and national activities..."

YMCA Statement of Peace, World Alliance of YMCAs, 1981

Starting on November 26, this year's theme is "Do good. Build peace," YMCA Peace Week 2023 focuses on celebrating people who do good in communities here or around the world. Their efforts will continue to inspire our work throughout the year. During YMCA Peace Week, we encourage Canadians to ask themselves how they can bring change to their communities.

Peace Medal recipients should demonstrate the **values of PEACE**:

- P = Participation** – getting involved and encouraging others to get involved in community-building activities
- E = Empathy** – listening and understanding diverse perspectives to create a sense of belonging for all
- A = Advocacy** – making the case for positive change in the community
- C = Community** – building and strengthening community connections and capacity
- E = Empowerment** – inspiring others to foster peace and helping them gain the skills and tools to succeed

Please submit all completed Peace Medal nominations to Anna Hudson by Nov. 20

By email: anna.hudson@eo.ymca.ca or drop off at the membership desk at your YMCA, c/o Anna Hudson

eo.ymca.ca/peaceweek



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Reference

Title (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss): _____

Phone Number: _____
Home Cell

Name: _____
First Last

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____
House #, Street, Apt#

City/Province Postal Code

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nomination Questions

Provide a brief history of the individual or organization's work to do good.

How has the nominee inspired you and others through their acts of peace?

How does the nominee demonstrate their commitment to doing good and building peace?

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What is the impact of the nominee's peacemaking work on the local, national, or global community?

Describe any collaboration between the nominee and other groups and individuals

Additional information