



Frequently Asked Questions

About the Do Your Part! National Conference on Positive Youth Development

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Who Attends the Conference?

Community volunteers and professionals primarily representing the following sectors -

- Youth - approximately 1/3 of the participants are youth themselves who may be youth leaders, youth program participants or volunteers
- Youth Serving - those who serve youth either professionally or in a volunteer capacity
- Asset Builders - those who focus on Asset Building for their projects or initiatives
- Community Stories & Tools – participants who share stories and lessons learned related to Positive Youth Development from communities across the country. These tools and processes can aid communities in their positive youth development efforts.
- Education - participants who are involved in education and schools
- Families & Parenting - parents, families, and family-serving agencies
- Early Years - volunteers and professionals focused on child development from birth to age 6
- Health & Recreation - volunteers and professionals focused on healthy living and recreation for children and youth
- Policing - those who focus on Asset Building and community development from a police perspective
- Research & Evaluation – participants focusing on research and methods for evaluation related to Asset Building and Positive Youth Development

What is the Purpose of the Conference?

Many recent national conferences have focused on what's wrong with our kids

- bullying, violence, 'at risk' and the list goes on and on. We're taking this opportunity to focus on what's working and share our stories with others who know that focusing on strengths can be far more productive than trying to 'fix' what's wrong. When young people possess the necessary skills and competencies for life they are less likely to get involved with the negative influences and risk taking behaviour.

Our conference goals include –

- Connecting Canadians of all ages involved in strengths-based youth development
- Investigating how communities can prevent crime through social development, awareness and engagement
- Educating and exciting participants about what is available to support your Positive Youth Development efforts through Asset Building, Community Development, Youth Engagement, Youth Entrepreneurship and other effective strength-based approaches

What is the Conference Theme?

Do Your Part! – whatever that part may be in support of Positive Youth Development. Our theme is meant to be invitational, motivational, inspirational and inclusive to engage people of all ages, abilities, roles, and strength-based approaches in support of Positive Youth Development. You may think your part is small or all-consuming but each and every one of us has a part to play. You are automatically on the team for Positive Youth Development and welcome to take part in this gathering. The conference logo (above) encompasses many of the parts you can 'do' by name but there are certainly more to be added as we continue to define and refine the process and concept.