

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the vital role of raising awareness in Canada on global development issues, Local Committee members promote and are exposed to exciting overseas opportunities that are made available through the volunteer cooperation program funded by the Canadian government.

WUSC believes that women and youth are a driving force for economic development, and that Canadians have an important role in supporting them, both here and abroad!



PUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE!

WUSC offers Canadians and permanent residents studying or recently graduated from Canadian universities, CEGEPs, and colleges the opportunity to volunteer overseas, and contribute to sustainable development projects with partner organizations across Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

Volunteers are provided with a tangible learning experience as they support organizations in developing countries. Qualified students or recent graduates work overseas for 3 to 12 months where they can apply theoretical concepts to real work environments.

Since 2015, 394 students participated in overseas work!



ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR REFUGEES

Since 1978, WUSC's Student Refugee Program (SRP) has resettled over 2,000 refugee youth to Canada to study in safe and supportive environments. This program is the only one of its kind to combine opportunities for resettlement and higher education to refugees in a peer-to-peer refugee integration model, where student-led Local Committees provide direct support to incoming students.

For a minimum of 12 months, Local Committees and their partners on campus provide social, academic, and financial support to the student(s) they are sponsoring. They develop a settlement plan and budget, show the student how to navigate their new campus and community, and often form lasting friendships in the process.

In addition to supporting the integration process of refugee students, Local Committee leaders raise awareness about forced migration and access to higher education to build more welcoming communities in Canada. They collaborate with partners on their campus and in other WUSC Local Committees across the country to organize creative events around key dates (like World Refugee Day) to engage their communities on migration issues.

The SRP changes lives and students in Canada make it happen!

DID YOU KNOW?

Local Committees have welcomed refugee students from 39 countries of origin!

How can you change the world through education?

JOIN YOUR WUSC LOCAL COMMITTEE



One of the **strongest and biggest** youth networks in Canada!



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EMPOWERING WOMEN & YOUTH

ONE WORLD

The most marginalised people, particularly women and youth, are often excluded from economic and social development, thus preventing them from securing a good quality of life for themselves, their family and their community. Yet, these women and youth are the driving forces behind social change, and when empowered, contribute to building more inclusive, equitable and sustainable communities.

Local Committees improve understanding of global issues among people in Canada, and to engage them to actively participate in women and youth's social and economic empowerment.



WHAT IS WUSC?

The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a leading Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to providing **education, economic opportunities and empowerment** opportunities for youth in more than 25 countries around the world.

WHAT IS A LOCAL COMMITTEE?

A WUSC Local Committee is a campus group of passionate students, faculty & staff that believe education can change the world!

WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Educate their peers & influence change on global development issues
- Sponsor refugee students and support their integration on Canadian campuses
- Promote professional development volunteering opportunities overseas



To contribute to this movement, Local Committees:

- Organize thought-provoking events & activities to raise awareness on challenges women and youth face when wanting to play an active role in the social and economic development of their community
- Promote local actions to support women and youth to become key actors in the development of their communities
- Encourage people and institutions in Canada to think critically about their action and the positive global impact everyone can have when making informed decisions

WHY YOU SHOULD SIGN UP NOW:

- Connect with your campus and community to have a real impact!
- Take part in a unique refugee resettlement program & learn about forced migration
- Develop professional & personal skills
- Become part of the largest network of its kind in Canada: 95+ campuses!
- Have loads of fun, learn & make connections to last a lifetime.



REFUGEE GIRLS' EDUCATION

Girls who are displaced and affected by conflict can face added barriers to accessing education than their male peers. Managing expectations of household work and family care, refugee girls are often forced to miss classes or drop out of school altogether.

WUSC envisions a world where every woman and girl can pursue a high quality education, obtain fair and fulfilling employment, and live in peaceful societies free from discrimination.

WUSC Local Committees help achieve this vision by:

- Fundraising to equip displaced and conflict-affected girls with the resources they need to learn and succeed
- Raising awareness about the barriers to and importance of education for girls

"It's more than just volunteering your time. It's about joining a community & a family."