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## Lethbridge youth selected to visit peacebuilding projects in Uganda

EDMONTON, AB – The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is pleased to announce Aidan Sander from Lethbridge has been selected to join a team youth leaders from Alberta visiting Uganda in July. The youth will learn about the role Albertans play in supporting peacebuilding and community development initiatives in local Ugandan communities, and share their experiences with Albertans upon their return.

Organized by ACGC and hosted by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) of Alberta, the five youth will visit projects of MCC's partner organizations, as well as projects supported by other Albertan organizations. While in Uganda, the youth will learn about peacebuilding, reconciliation, and development through visiting partners working in four different sectors including health, education, peace, and food security. Youth will have the opportunity to visit project sites, engage with community members, and record their experiences through film to be shared with Albertans in the fall. Now in its fifth year, the Change Your World: Alberta Youth Leadership Program is a program funded by the Canadian government through Global Affairs Canada.

Aidan is deeply engaged in his school and community. Besides participating in a variety of student leadership activities at Catholic Central High School, he uses his talents in art and athletics as a mentor to youth in his community through Big Brothers Big Sisters. "I hope to make some life-long friendships with participants from Alberta, along with the people I meet while on the trip. We can work together to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to effectuate change in our communities."

Interview, as well as photo and video opportunities, will be available with the team of five youth when they gather at MCC's Calgary office before departure on July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional interviews with Aidan Sander outside of this time can be arranged by contacting ACGC.

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