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## Fort McMurray youth selected to visit peacebuilding projects in Uganda

EDMONTON, AB – The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is pleased to announce Alisha Goosney from Fort McMurray 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.

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.

Alisha is deeply engaged in her school and community, participating in a variety of student leadership activities at Fort McMurray Composite High School, as well as playing an active role on the Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth. While personally affected by the Fort McMurray fire, Alisha has shown great resilience and is more driven than ever to make a difference in her community. "I look forward to interacting with people both nationally and internationally, to tackle issues I feel strongly about. I want to be able to inspire others on issues while tackling them myself."

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 individual interviews with Alisha outside of this time can be arranged by contacting ACGC.

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