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Two Edmonton youth selected to visit peacebuilding projects in Uganda

EDMONTON, AB – The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is pleased to announce Rebeca Muñoz Ortiz and Andy Lee from Edmonton have 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.

Rebeca immigrated to Canada just over two years ago and has been actively engaged in her school community at Louis St. Laurent School ever since. With a passion for women's rights, Rebeca is confident this experience will broaden her worldview and instill in her a deeper understanding of her responsibility as a global citizen. Andy has been eager to participate in the Change Your World program since he heard about the opportunity while in junior high. Now, as a student at Strathcona High School, he is excited about using his experience to reach his peers. "I hope to learn more about global citizenship and bring this experience along with a unique perspective back to my community, and challenge the current apathy surrounding global issues."

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 6th and 7th, or in Edmonton between September 15-17th. Additional interviews with Andy and Rebeca outside of this time can also be arranged by contacting ACGC.

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