



Peace Medal Recipient Nomination Form



YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce Peace Medal Nomination Form

About the YMCA Peace Medal

Each year, YMCAs across Canada celebrate acts of peace by recognizing individuals and groups who, without any special resources, status, wealth or position, have demonstrated a commitment to building peace within their community or communities elsewhere in the world. During YMCA Peace Week, which will take place from **November 18-25, 2017**, local peacemakers will receive special recognition and a medal at Peace Medal ceremonies across Canada. Peacemakers are selected through a nomination process. To nominate a Peacemaker, please review the selection principles and complete the enclosed nomination form.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominations should focus on activities that have taken place within the last two years
- YMCA staff members are not eligible for nomination
- Professionals who are paid to do peacemaking work are not eligible for nomination
- Self-nominations will not be considered

Peacemaker Selection Criteria

“...Peace has many dimensions. It is not only a state of relationships among nations. We cannot expect to live in a world of peace if we are unable to live in peace with those close to us – even those who differ from us....The responsibility for peace begins with each person, in relationship with family and friends, and extends to community life and national activities...”

YMCA Statement of Peace, World Alliance of YMCAs, 1981

Peace Medal recipients should demonstrate the **values of PEACE**:

- P = Participation** – getting involved and encouraging others to get involved in community-building activities
- E = Empathy** – listening and understanding diverse perspectives to create a sense of belonging for all
- A = Advocacy** – making the case for positive change in the community
- C = Community** – building and strengthening community connections and capacity
- E = Empowerment** – inspiring others to foster peace and helping them gain the skills and tools to succeed

Please submit all completed Peace Medal nominations to the address below or email them to ealstein@ymcaowensound.on.ca by 2:00 PM on
Monday, October 16, 2017.

YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce
ATTN: Peace Medal Nominations Committee
700 10th Street E., Owen Sound, N4K 0C6
519-376-0484 x222

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Nomination Checklist

- Nominee meets nomination guidelines
- Complete nomination questions
- Attach ONE letter of reference from the Reference. Please do not add other attachments to the nomination package.
- Submit nomination by 2:00 PM, Monday, October 16

May we share the names of the Nominee, the Nominator and the Reference publicly during the YMCA Peace Medal process and celebration?

- Yes
- No

The YMCA Peace Medal Selection Committee is made up of community volunteers and YMCA staff chosen to represent a variety of interests, ages and experiences.

Though we receive many nominations of inspiring people and groups in our community, we are unfortunately not able to give a Medal to each one. Those not selected will be awarded a certificate honouring their nomination for the YMCA Peace Medal.

Recipients will be honoured with the YMCA Peace Medal at a special ceremony during YMCA Peace Week (Nov. 18 - 25).

To learn more about the YMCA Peace Week initiative, the Peace Medal Selection Committee and more, please visit:

ymcaowensound.on.ca

Questions? Please contact Ellen Alstein, Communications Lead, at 519.376.0484 x222 or via email at elstein@ymcaowensound.on.ca

Peacemaker Nominee Information

Medal Category: _____

Title (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss.): _____

Name: _____
First Last

Group/Organization Name: _____
(if applicable)

Mailing address: _____
Street Apt #

City/Province

Postal Code

Phone number: _____
Home Cell

E-mail: _____

Nominator Information

Title (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss.): _____

Name: _____
First Last

Mailing address: _____
Street Apt #

City/Province

Postal Code

Phone number: _____
Home Cell

E-mail: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____



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Nomination Questions

Provide a brief history of the organization or group. *For group nominations only.*

How has the nominee inspired you and others through their acts of peace?

How does the nominee demonstrate the YMCA values of PEACE? Please refer specifically to the values of PEACE acronym.

What is the impact of the nominee's peacemaking work on the local, national, or global community?

Describe any collaboration between the nominee and other groups and individuals.