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Canada's Parliament Education Forum

November 20-24, 2013

In collaboration with the UNF Ottawa-Gatineau branch, the **Paul Yuzyk Institute For Youth Leadership** is pleased to announce its second annual – **Canada's Parliament Education Forum** – a unique educational leadership forum to be held in **Ottawa November 20-24, 2013**.

Canada's Parliament Education Forum is inviting high school and university age students from across Canada to participate in an exciting five day exploration of the Ukrainian contribution to Canada's Parliament and to our Canadian Policy and Legislation on Multiculturalism. This unique educational leadership forum will give 12 young leaders the opportunity to learn how our government touches the lives of Ukrainian Canadians and how our Ukrainian community has helped build the Canadian nation and Canada's multicultural society.

The Forum includes site visits in and around Parliament Hill, the House of Commons and Senate, the Parliamentary Library, the War Museum, the National Museum of Canadian Civilization, Parliamentary Precinct, the Supreme Court, and National Archives and Library Canada. As well, visits to Ukrainian Canadian institutions, monuments, and memorials such as Ukrainian churches, Buduchnist Credit Union, and the Taras Shevchenko monument will be included.

Students between the ages of 14 to 22, of Ukrainian descent or simply with an interest to Ukrainian identity and multiculturalism must apply before November 1, 2013. This educational forum is limited to only 12 candidates who meet the selection criteria.

Cost: \$950 includes local travel, hotel accommodation, all meals, educational program, participants' handbook, training and facilitators. Please note this does not include air travel or costs to or from Ottawa.

Bursaries have been provided through a grant from the **Shevchenko Foundation**.



To download the application form and selection criteria, please visit:

<http://paul-yuzyk-institute.org/forum2013/> or www.unfcanada.ca

For more information please consult:

- the attached application form
- the attached program backgrounder
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BACKGROUND:

Paul Yuzyk Institute For Youth Leadership
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Founded in 2009 by the Ukrainian Federation of Canada (UNF) and the Ukrainian National Youth Federation of Canada (UNYF), the **Paul Yuzyk Institute for Youth Leadership (PYI)** takes its inspiration from the life's work of Senator Paul Yuzyk (1913-1986). A Canadian Parliamentarian, academic, Ukrainian Canadian community leader, and founder of the UNYF, he persevered through the economic hardship and ethnic discrimination of his youth to pioneer the official recognition of Canada as a multicultural country in 1971. The Ukrainian Canadian Community has also been considered a leading promoter of multiculturalism since the 1960's. These roles in the history of multiculturalism continue to be acknowledged today, as is evident in the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism awarded annually by the federal government to an outstanding contributor in the field.

However, past acknowledgement of the community's role in multiculturalism is not the same as providing leadership for the future. That is why the second annual PYI "**Canada's Parliament Educational Forum**" (to be held in Ottawa November 20-24, 2013) begins with the premise that today's youth have a role to play in leading multiculturalism, but that they need to prepare themselves for this task by learning about past and current issues and realities.

The PYI "**Canada's Parliament Educational Forum**" helps fill this need by inviting high school and university age students from across Canada to participate in an exciting five day exploration of the Ukrainian contribution to Canada's Parliament and to our Canadian Policy and Legislation on Multiculturalism. Our visit to Canada's Parliament will help develop leadership in multiculturalism by exploring the topic in its various aspects and by comparing the experiences of Ukrainian Canadians along with other groups. Participants will reflect on how Ukrainian organizations might better bind together and support one another across Canada to maintain the Ukrainian multicultural reality for many years to come.

The learning objectives of this educational excursion are threefold, focusing on the following leadership oriented themes:

- (1)** Strengthening the leadership abilities of the participants.
- (2)** Increasing understanding of Canada's multicultural reality and the role of the Ukrainian Canadian community.
- (3)** Improving the understanding of how the Canadian government works, as well as its role in the life of Canadians.

Multicultural leaders need to understand what we have in common and how to respect and understand our differences in order to be effective and to be able to imagine how all of Canada's peoples can best work together in the future. The Ukrainian Canadian community also needs leaders who understand the challenges faced by Ukrainian communities across Canada. The program will provide opportunities to reflect on issues such as intercultural solidarity, challenges faced by contemporary immigrants, and the challenges different cultural communities share in maintaining their heritage. Additionally, this educational forum will strive to connect students with their elected Members of Parliament in Ottawa in order to discuss issues of interest to youth in the Ukrainian Canadian community.