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### SEVEC exchanges/Les échanges SEVEC

The Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC) has been providing enriching educational exchanges to Canadian youth for 76 years. Each year, 5,000 youth and chaperones participate in exchanges through SEVEC's Youth Exchanges Canada (YEC) program. Through the funding of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the travel costs for each participant are paid, allowing youth from all regions and income levels to take part in the experience of a lifetime.

"A SEVEC exchange is the best way for students across Canada to connect with each other and develop a better understanding of our similarities and what makes us unique. National pride is always a result," says Roy Mills, a teacher from Vegreville Composite High School who has taken part in SEVEC exchanges. His many exchange experiences took his students to diverse areas including Newfoundland, Quebec City, and Charlottetown. "Through these types of exchanges students gain a better appreciation of our rich and fascinating history, says Mr. Mills. "Canada has a remarkable history that is both romantic and tragic and actually being there and experiencing these places can only help bind our country together."

Taking your students on exchange provides them with a unique, experiential learning opportunity to discover our country: our history, our geography, and our people – what makes us different, and more importantly, what connects us as Canadians. Don't wait! Apply online at **www.sevec.ca** and get ready to exchange, explore and experience in 2013-2014!

Depuis plus de 76 ans, la Société éducative de visites et d'échanges au Canada. (SEVEC) organise des échanges enrichissants et éducatifs à l'intention des jeunes Canadiennes et Canadiens. Chaque année, 5000 jeunes et accompagnateurs participant à des échanges grâce à notre programme Échanges Jeunesse Canada (EJC). Les coûts de transport de chaque participant étant assurés par le financement du ministère du Patrimoine canadien, ce programme permet aux jeunes de toutes les régions et de tous les revenus de vivre une expérience tout à fait unique dans leur vie.

« Les échanges de la SEVEC sont la meilleure façon pour les élèves de partout au Canada de créer des liens entre eux et d'avoir une meilleure compréhension de nos similarités et de ce qui nous caractérise. Il en résulte toujours une plus grande fierté nationale », affirme Roy Mills, un enseignant de l'école secondaire polyvalente de Vegreville, qui a participé à plusieurs échanges de la SEVEC.

Au cours des nombreux échanges qu'il a organisés, M. Mills a amené ses élèves dans diverses régions telles que Terre-Neuve, Québec et Charlottetown. « Grâce à ces types d'échange, les élèves apprennent à mieux connaître notre riche et fascinante histoire, explique M. Mills. Le Canada possède une histoire remarquable qui est à la fois romantique et tragique, et le fait de se retrouver sur les lieux et d'en vivre l'expérience peut réellement aider à unir notre pays. »

Les échanges seront l'occasion pour vos élèves de vivre des activités d'apprentissage expérientiel uniques qui ont comme objectif de découvrir notre pays : notre histoire, notre géographie et notre

population – ce qui nous rend différents et, plus important encore, ce qui nous unit les uns aux autres en tant que Canadiennes et Canadiens. N'attendez plus! Soumettez une demande de participation en ligne à www.sevec.ca et préparez-vous à rencontrer des gens, à explorer et à faire des découvertes en 2013-2014!

#### MusiCounts TD Community Music Grants Launched

### \$200,000 IN GRANTS TO BE AWARDED - APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED TODAY

MusiCounts is proud to announce the launch of the MusiCounts TD Community Music Grants program. MusiCounts has joined together with TD to expand programming designed specifically to create opportunities for youth in underserved communities across Canada. MusiCounts TD Community Music Grants will provide musical instruments and equipment to community centres, after-school programs and other non-profit organizations serving local communities.

Grant applications are being accepted starting today at www.musicounts.ca, with a submission deadline of May 15, 2013. The grants will be distributed in allotments ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and in total, \$200,000 in grants will be awarded to selected recipients. The announcement of the grant recipients will be in June, 2013.

"We are thrilled to partner with TD on this new initiative that allows MusiCounts to reach even more young people through our music education programs," said Melanie Berry, President & CEO, CARAS/The JUNO Awards & MusiCounts. "Music is the universal language that transcends all boundaries, having the ability to bring diverse communities closer together. Music can and does change lives."

The MusiCounts TD Community Music Grant recipients will be selected based on economic need of the non-profit/charitable organization; number of youth impacted by the music program; dedication of pre-existing staff & facilities to house/manage the music program and overall impact the MusiCounts TD Community Music Grant will make within the local community.

For more information, please visit: www.musicounts.ca

### Summer Institute – The Historical Thinking Project

Promoting critical historical literacy for the 21st century. Halifax | Toronto

In July 2013, come join one of the UBC Faculty of Education's week-long offerings of the Historical Thinking Project Summer Institute. This exciting institute will take you on an exploration of historical thinking, while examining the themes of immigration and aboriginality. As well, we will look at the broader substantive theme of cultural exchange across borders. Plenary lectures will be given by Dr. Peter Seixas and distinguished guests. Field trips will enhance the work conducted during the in-class portion of the institute. Come collaborate with history curriculum leaders, history teachers, and historical site and museum educators from across Canada for one of two exciting immersion experiences.

TWO DATES | TWO LOCATIONS Halifax | July 8-13 Canadian Immigration Museum at Pier 21 Toronto | July 15-20 Centre for Social Innovation Seats are limited to 30 people per institute; register now to reserve your seat!

REGISTRATION The program can be taken for credit (3 credits) or for professional development purposes (non-credit). Visit pdce.educ.ubc.ca/htp2013 for details.

### BURSARIES

A number of bursaries will be provided by our partner, THEN/HiER. Visit their website for information and application instructions. Bursary Application Deadline: May 15, 2013.

### LEARN MORE

Help promote the program. Download and share the poster. Web: pdce.educ.ubc.ca/htp2013 Contact: Jo-Anne Chilton (1-888-492-1122)

Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching

Each year, Canada's History recognizes 6 teachers for innovation, enthusiasm and best practices in teaching Canadian history. The recipients are awarded \$2,500 each (and \$1,000 for their school), and a trip for two to attend the awards ceremony at Rideau Hall and the Canada's History Forum in Ottawa. The award supports the important work our teachers are doing in the classroom, while recognizing and celebrating history education all across Canada.

The award is open to teachers from K-12. Applications are due April 1. More information can be found online at <a href="http://www.canadashistory.ca/Awards/Teaching.aspx">http://www.canadashistory.ca/Awards/Teaching.aspx</a>

### Huntsman Marine Science Centre - "All Things Marine" Summer Institute

July 15 to 19, 2013 - St. Andrews, New Brunswick

A cross-curricula maritime institute with connections between biology, art, history, culture, and cooking. Join us as we explore the unique environment of the Bay of Fundy and the diversity of life it supports. Open to teachers and friends. Cost is \$670 (early bird fee of \$610 if you register by May 15). For more information visit <u>www.huntsmanmarine.ca</u>, call (506) 529-1220 or email: tdean@huntsmanmarine.ca.

Delta Prince Edward - March Family Breakaway

Rates starting from: \$99/night

### Package Includes:

- Guestroom accommodation
- Special kid's check-in experience and gift
- Complimentary \$25 food & beverage credit
- Kid's kitchen tour and Chef's hat for keepsake
- Complimentary heated secure parking

# Added Perks!

- Option to book a 2nd bedroom for \$59 (same night)
- Early check-in and late check-out
- Baby-sitting services available (with 48 hours notice) ... AND full access to on site fitness centre & indoor pool!!
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Offer Valid: March 1 - 31, 2013

\*Certain restrictions apply. Subject to availability at time of booking.

For reservations: Call: 1-866-894-1203 e-mail: pri.reservations@deltahotels.com

### The New Canada Day Challenge/ Relève le Défi de la fête du Canada!

Be original. Be creative. Be part of the new Canada Day Challenge! The Department of Canadian Heritage invites youth between 8 and 18 years old to enter the new Canada Day Challenge (formerly the Canada Day Poster Challenge). It is an opportunity for young people to express what Canada means to them by submitting a piece of creative work inspired by this year's theme Canada: Strong and Free.

They can enter in one, two or all three of the following categories:

- Draw it! (original poster design)
- Snap it! (digital photography)
- Write it! (creative writing)

Plus, they can win great prizes, including a trip to Ottawa, Ontario to take part in the 2013 Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill, an iPad mini and much more! For more information on the Canada Day Challenge, including complete contest rules and regulations, entry forms and printer-friendly learning resources, please visit www.challenge.pch.gc.ca.

The submission deadline is March 22, 2013. Best of luck to all those who participate!

Sois original. Sois créatif. Relève le Défi de la fête du Canada!

Le ministère du Patrimoine canadien est fier d'inviter les jeunes entre 8 et 18 ans à participer au nouveau Défi de la fête du Canada (anciennement le Défi de l'affiche de la fête du Canada). C'est une occasion pour les jeunes d'exprimer ce que le Canada signifie pour eux en soumettant une œuvre inspirée par le thème de cette année Des plus brillants exploits.

Les jeunes peuvent participer dans l'une, deux ou trois des catégories suivantes :

- · Dessine-le! (affiche originale)
- · Prends-le en photo! (photo numérique)
- Écris-le! (création littéraire)

Il y a des très beaux prix à gagner, y compris un voyage à Ottawa pour participer aux célébrations de la fête du Canada 2013 sur la Colline du Parlement, un iPad mini et beaucoup plus! Visitez notre site au www.defi.pch.gc.ca pour en apprendre davantage sur le Défi et pour télécharger le matériel d'apprentissage imprimable. La date limite pour participer au concours est le 22 mars 2013. Bonne chance à tous les participants!

#### NLTA Council of Special Services Upcoming Workshops

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Sheraton Hotel, St. John's NL

Thursday, October 10, 2013 Fallen Angels: What Causes Children to Become Violent & How Can We Prevent It by Dr.Kathy Seifert

Friday, October 11, 2013 *Teaching With Wit and Wisdom* by Barbara Colorosa

For more information go to www.nlta.nl.ca/pd opportunities

#### Teacher/Secondary Principals Recruitment for Maple Leaf Schools in China

### **Teacher Recruitment for Maple Leaf Schools in China**

There are at least 175 staff positions for September 2013. Maple Leaf will assist with the process to gain B.C. Teacher Certification for any successful applicant.

Why teach at Maple Leaf Schools in China?

- opportunity for multicultural experience in China
- join a team of 350+ colleagues in 8 cities in China teachers are mainly Canadian and work collaboratively sharing resources
- schools are lead by Canadian principals and are annually inspected by B.C. ministry of Education
- students are motivated. They come from China and several other countries
- low cost of living allows 1st year teachers to save up to \$20000 CAD a year.

Benefits include:

- medical and dental for teacher, spouse and dependent children
- airfare provided from point of hire to city where working
- visas arranged for and paid for by school
- furnished apartments are available or will be located
- plus additional benefits

Go to Maple Leaf website www.mapleleafschools.com or contact Archie MacEachern recruiting agent at amaceachern@ns.sympatico.ca

## **Secondary Principals Positions**

Maple Leaf Schools - China (competitive salary, medical, dental, return airfare, low cost housing)

Maple Leaf Educational Systems - China operates several B.C. Certified Independent Schools. In September 2013, these schools will enrolled about 7000 students and employ 350 Canadian teachers. The schools are modern and well equipped. For more details, check the website <u>www.mapleleafschools.com</u> For September 2013, there are 4 principal positions open - two for new schools that are opening and two replacing principals who are leaving. Applicants must have experience as a principal or vice principal, a minimum of a Master's degree, be able to obtain B.C. Teacher certificate and be 62 years of age or younger at the start of the assignment. To apply and for more information contact Mr. Don Currie, hiring agent at don@mapleleafschools.com



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