

CEPI 2010



CANADA

EDUCATION FOR PEACE INITIATIVE 2010

Project Description

The Canada Education for Peace Initiative (CEPI) will provide qualified Kosovar students a unique opportunity to learn, experience, and share the Canadian way of managing diversity. Canada is known all over the world for its best practices of multiculturalism as a way to nourish cultural diversity while cherishing the Canadian identity. Kosovo, given its past history of ethnic conflict and more importantly its prospects for a peaceful and prosperous future can benefit from certain lessons of the Canadian experience as a multicultural society. Investing for a peaceful and prosperous future for Kosovo means investing in its new generation of people. Tomorrow's leaders of Kosovo can move beyond the tragic past of the country only when educated in better ways to see ethnic diversity. In this regard, young Kosovars can benefit tremendously from a first-hand experience through a study tour in Canada. They will learn how they too can nourish ethnic diversity in Kosovo, while cherishing their Kosovar identity. Except for the support of the Bislimi Group Foundation and DFAIT, CEPI will also benefit from the support of the Albanian Community Association in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Objective

The objective of the project is to enable at least five Kosovar students (registered full-time in an accredited institution of higher learning in Kosovo), with proficiency in English, and a keen interest in managing diversity issues, to travel to Canada on a study tour. The study tour involves a four-week stay in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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Expected Results

Increased understanding of Canada among Kosovar students; Increased knowledge of Canadian multiculturalism and lessons that Kosovo can take from it; Promotion of Canada as a study abroad location; Publication of a study-tour report and its public dissemination.

Activities

During their time in Halifax, the students will be taken on organized campus tours of Dalhousie University, St Mary's University, and Mount St. Vincent University to learn about the Canadian higher education system. Arrangements will be made for them to have full access to Dalhousie University Libraries during their stay for study and research purposes. With the help of the Albanian Canadian Society in Halifax, the students will also be given a chance to visit local immigration and newcomers centers and organizations (governmental and non-governmental). These students will also be connected to local Canadian students of various ethnic and religious backgrounds so that they can learn from their peers about what it means to be a Canadian, despite ancestral origin.

Key Activity: The students will be taking part in a summer course at Dalhousie University on Children and War (International Development Studies Program) during August 2010 (from 9 to 20 August). The class will be taught by Dr. Shelly Whitman, Deputy Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University. Each student will be given a certificate of completion by the Child Soldiers Initiative at the CFPS.

All the information and knowledge gained during their stay will be used by these Kosovar students to collectively produce a report titled "Canada: What Kosovo Can Learn" featuring their experience while on this study tour.

How to Apply

In order to be considered for the program, you have to:

- be a full time student at an accredited institution of higher learning in Kosovo (public or private);
- in good academic standing (GPA of 8.5+ out of 10);
- be proficient in English (must have passed TOEFL, IELTS or at least two university level English classes);
- be a citizen of Kosovo;

To apply, please contact your university's Office for International Education Programs. The Foundation has made agreements with several Kosovo universities and colleges to facilitate the application process.

The deadline to submit complete applications is July 9, 2010.

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A complete application consists of the following:

- a cover letter indicating your interest in the program;
- a letter of support/nomination from your university;
- a copy of your academic transcript;
- a CV / resume;
- a copy of your valid Kosovo passport.

All documents should be sent to:

TBG Foundation

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Prishtina 10000, Kosovo

For more information, please feel free to contact us:

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