

Do you know someone who should be **acknowledged** for their extraordinary stand for **PEACE?**



YMCA PEACE MEDAL NOMINATIONS

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YMCA Peace Medal Breakfast**

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"Peace has many dimensions. It is not only a state of relationship 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 on Peace

YMCAPeaceMedal.ca

Nominate someone from your community today!

Every time someone takes an action for peace, people are connected, to themselves and to each other. In every community there are people who make a difference and who are committed to bringing peace and prosperity to the world they live in, often in the face of great conflict and injustice. The YMCA Peace Medal is a way to recognize and celebrate members of your community who inspire us to join them in creating a more peaceful world.

The YMCA of Hamilton | Burlington | Brantford is accepting nominations for the 2025 YMCA Peace Medal Award. The award recognizes the achievements of individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to fostering a culture of peace in the community.

Deadline for nominations is:

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Medals will be presented at the YMCA Peace Medal Breakfast.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please contact: **Susy Comegna**

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REGISTER ONLINE AT: YMCAPeaceMedal.ca

Nominees must meet criteria

- The actions of the nominee have **demonstrated their commitment to the advancement of peace or the promotion of non-violence** within the family, the community, our nation or internationally.
- The nominee has **developed, on their own or with others, a program or activity that contributes to a safe/non-violent community and promotes social justice and community cohesion.**
- The actions of the nominee as a **'peacemaker' have motivated the local community.**
- The actions of the nominee will have **demonstrated ways to live and promote peace and harmony in an increasingly diverse society.**

For International nominees only - Activities must primarily benefit people living in other countries, outside Canada.

Please note, it is imperative that a nomination reflect compliance in all outlined criteria in order to be considered for a YMCA Peace Medal Award. All qualifying nominees will be contacted by the YMCA.

2025 YMCA PEACE MEDAL NOMINATIONS



Nomination Categories:

- Youth (Individual & Group) **25 and under**
- Adult (Individual & Group) **26 and up**
- International

Please submit nominations online at YMCAPeaceMedal.ca

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In order for nominations to be considered by the selection committee, the nominee must give permission for her/his/their name to be put forward. By submitting a nomination, you confirm that the nominee has consented to being photographed and that this submission serves as their Photo Release Consent.

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Please be prepared to answer the following nomination questions online at YMCAPeaceMedal.ca

Please attach a letter of recommendation and relevant materials, articles or photos to your online nomination that you feel will strengthen your submission.

1. **Background** - Information about the history of this individual or group or their previous experience.
2. **Activities** - Describe their peace-building initiative(s) from the past two years. What were the specific roles and responsibilities of the person or group you are nominating? Is the nominee paid for their peace-making work?
3. **Impact** - How have these activities helped to build peace and change people's lives?
4. **Sustainability** - How does this initiative create or contribute to a long-term, sustainable effect? Please explain.
5. **Collaboration** - Explain any collaboration or partnerships with other groups or individuals that are contributing to their solutions to violence, conflict, discrimination and/or promoting social justice and community cohesion.

For International nominees only:

6. Explain how the nominee's peace-building initiative(s) is actively impacting a country, outside of Canada.

Late and/or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Nominees' names are kept on file for a total of three years.

YMCA GLOBAL INITIATIVES

YMCAs in Canada build strong, supportive bridges across cultural and national boundaries through immigrant settlement services, global education programs, and collaborations with YMCAs in other countries.*

YMCA Global Initiatives helps inspire all Canadians to broaden their perspectives, build their community connections and leadership skills, and actively engage in strengthening their communities, both locally and worldwide through the global YMCA network.

* The YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford has an international partnership with the YMCA of Zambia.

WHAT IS YMCA PEACE WEEK?

The YMCA believes that peace is more than the absence of war. It requires the presence of something - the recognition of basic human rights and the provision of basic human needs. Since 1984, YMCAs across Canada have spent the third week in November organizing special activities to engage children, youth and adults in exploring peace from local and global perspectives. Annually, YMCA Peace Week brings Associations together with global partner YMCAs and hundreds of school and community partners in a week long event that highlights our common interest in creating a more just and peaceful world.

A highlight of the week is the presentation of the YMCA Peace Medallion to individuals and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to building peace locally or internationally.