

7 Montessori Adolescent Summits 2017



April 19-22, 2017

Dundas, Ontario,
Canada

Host School:
Dundas Valley
Montessori School/
Strata

**Farm to Table:
Rethinking how we Grow,
Share and Consume Our Food**

What Are the Seven Montessori Adolescent Summits?

An invitation to the Montessori Adolescent

Adolescents are uniquely suited to address the critical issues of the world. Only by directly experiencing the complexities of society and working in a global community will adolescents develop an authentic understanding of the human condition as their social and moral selves evolve. To encourage hope and positive action for the future, the adolescent needs to feel that they are part of the solution by their efforts to solve one problem at a time. When a group of Montessori students from different parts of the world collaborate, they become advocates for what is true human progress. This is their developmental task.

At each summit, adolescents will apply these skills, acquired in their Montessori experience, to global realities:

- an understanding of complexity applied to a particular issue
- an ability to identify the significant components of a problem
- a capacity to focus and concentrate on an issue
- an ability to ask essential questions about a problem
- a habit of conscious conversation in a problem solving capacity
- a desire to engage in dialogue that builds trust and innovation, and
- a hope to construct bridges across local, national, and international sectors.¹

¹Fisher & Ury. (1991). *Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In*. Houghton Mifflin Company, New York.



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Join Montessori adolescents from around the world in tackling major global issues. Our areas of focus are based on the interdependent elements: water, air, land, plants, animals, humans, and energy. All summit locations are home to a dynamic project related to their theme. Each summit will focus on one of these themes. The work can be thought of in three parts. First, participants explore the theme as is relevant to their local community. They then travel to the summit to connect and deepen their knowledge with other Montessori adolescents. Finally, they return home and enact a project born out of their research. The seven summits will culminate at the 2017 AMI Congress in Prague, where adolescents will present their summit work to highlight the interdependence of the issues at hand and the mission to work towards change for the future.



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On January 1, 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit — officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. The new Goals are unique in that they call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. One of these goals is to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. If done right, agriculture, along with forestry and fisheries, can provide nutritious food for all and generate decent incomes, while supporting people-centered rural development and protecting the environment.

Food, a fundamental human need, weaves itself through our lives; from individual dietary choices we make, family traditions, a culture's customs, to the practices of businesses and institutions. Supporting local farmers, sustainable farming practices



and learning how to prepare balanced wholesome meals affects not only the environment but human society. At Strata, our young adolescents are challenged to view the issue of global food security through the lens of our own daily lunch program and the choices we make as a community about the food we eat everyday. Our Farm to School project's focus is to explore and understand the impact humans have on global sustainability by putting responsible food choices into practice. The modern food system's impact on our health, society, and economy is also examined. The aim of the project is to create a community where its members are cooking and eating clean, healthy meals with whole foods and fresh produce, straight from the land that surrounds us.

Preparation:

- Research, analyze, and prepare a short paper and story to share at the Summit
- Choose one local and one international institution (organization, business, program, etc.) to interview/research and analyze to serve as case studies.
- Optional: Submit a photograph/photographs which captures the issue for our photo exhibit

During the Summit:

- Present research and conduct interviews with experts
- Develop and present guidelines and concrete action plans for local implementation
- Explore the photo exhibition and share stories

Follow Up:

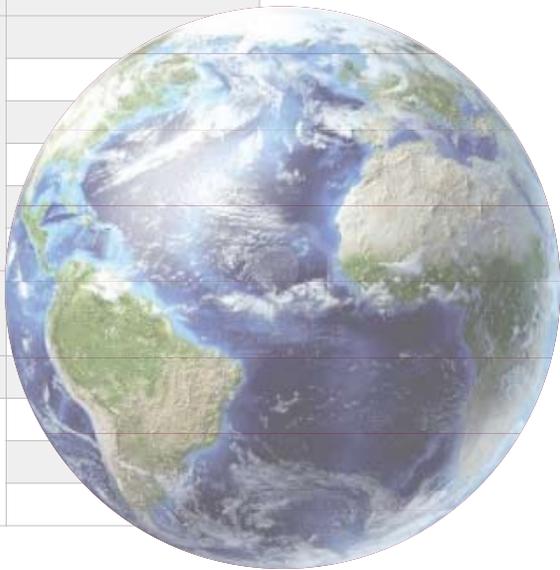
- Post updates (written, video or photos) of local action implementation on the PeaceX blog
- Contribute feedback to improve the Summit

Note for Adult Chaperons:

Each group of adolescents should be accompanied by an adult facilitator who is willing to oversee student preparation, to supervise students during the summit, and to assist in student implementation of their action plan upon returning to their home communities.

SUMMIT SCHEDULE

	WEDNESDAY APRIL 18	THURSDAY APRIL 19	FRIDAY APRIL 20	SATURDAY APRIL 21
9:00		Experiential trip/work option	Roundtable A NICK SAUL <i>Community Food Centres of Canada</i>	Completion and presentation of Gryp
9:30				
10:00				
10:30			Roundtable B BRITTANI FARRINGTON	
11:00				
11:30				
12:00	REGISTRATION At Strata.	LUNCH	LUNCH- prepared by Karam Kitchen	LUNCHEON w/ Hosts
12:30				
1:00	LUNCH: for host families and participants	ROUNDTABLE A SUE CARR ADAM CHIARAVELLE	Group work break out sessions through out the afternoon - Sharing of information from Interviews.	
1:30				
2:00				
2:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS CLARE WAGNER	ROUNDTABLE B BEES? SEAN CROCKETT		
3:0				
3:30				
4:00		END OF DAY	END OF DAY	
4:30				
5:00	DINNER			
	SOCIAL AND MOVIE AT STRATA/ Host appreciation evening	Group ART work	Social - Bowling	



Adolescent Summit Registration

Please complete one form for each student and adult attending from your school.

Registration fee: \$145 per person (\$185 per person after March 10, 2017)

Registrations will not be accepted after March 31, 2017.

Name: _____ adult student

Name of Your School: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Payment Options:

Check or money order enclosed. *Must be payable in U.S. currency & drawn on a U.S. bank.*

Bank wire transfer. *Must be payable in U.S. currency.*

Credit card: (Circle one) Visa; MasterCard; AmEx; Discover

Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ 3- or 4-digit Authorization Code: _____
(month/year) (found on front of AmEx, back of other cards)

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

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Topic: Humans

Dundas, Ontario, Canada

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Mail, fax, or e-mail the registration form at the end of this document to:

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Registration fee of \$145 does not include transportation costs to and from the summit location. Summit registration cost includes:

- All conference proceedings
- Breaks and Lunches
- Transportation for Conference Events

Accommodations:

Students will stay with host families provided by the school.

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March 1-4, 2017
Topic: Air
Cagayan de Oro,
Philippines
Host School:
The Abba's Orchard



March 22-25, 2017
Topic: Land
Chihuahua, Mexico
Host School:
Colegio Montessori
de Chihuahua



April 5-8, 2017
Topic: Plants
Houston, Texas
Host School:
School of the Woods



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May 8-11, 2017
Topic: Energy
Huntsburg, Ohio
Host School:
Hershey Montessori
School



May 22-28, 2017
Topic: Water
Brittany, France
Host School:
Collège Montessori
Amerique



May 26-June 1, 2017
Topic: Animals
Costa Rica
Host School:
MISP and Natural
Solutions' Peace and
Biodiversity Program

*Alternate date for
Humans topic
May 17-20, 2017*

Topic: Humans
Vienna, Austria
Host School:
Montessori Campus
Wien Hüttendorf

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