



What would it look like to build a community of learning that moves us closer to meaningful reconciliation?

The 4Rs Youth Movement is gearing up for 2017 - an important year of building our movement through the leadership of youth across Turtle Island. In this spirit, we are embarking on a learning journey together with a small core team of movement builders, drawing from a diversity of experiences, perspectives and life stories. We need your help.

4Rs is on the lookout for ten teams of young people, between the ages of 18-30, to join a National Learning Community of facilitators who will host cross-cultural dialogues in places and spaces relevant to them. Do you know someone who motivates you, who strengthens and balances you, who supports and inspires you to do things together that you could not achieve alone? Someone with whom you are stronger together? **Apply as a team to join our learning community!**



Cross-cultural dialogue within the context of reconciliation is deeply impacted by our personal identities. It can be a difficult journey, but when done with the company of others, it can also be liberating, renewing our sense of purpose, our spirit, and connection to the land and to each other. **Apply by January 15th**, to join a community of learning that will grow our collective abilities as young people to host and harvest meaningful conversations so that we can move towards possible futures of truth and reconciliation.

About the 4Rs Youth Movement

[The 4Rs Youth Movement](#) (Respect, Reciprocity, Reconciliation, Relevance) has evolved over the past 3 years as a youth-led collaborative, seeking to change the country known as Canada by changing relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people. Through dialogue and learning, our goal is to bring young people together to learn and talk about some of the most critical and challenging issues of our time.

Our work brings together a youth-led, intergenerational collective of organizations, facilitators, storytellers, contributors, and visionaries who seek to weave reconciliation into our everyday lives. We are a group that draws from many cultural, professional, and personal experiences and as a community, we have learned much about what it means to be in dialogue with one another. Each time we come together, we learn new things about ourselves, about each other, and about what a community of reconciliation can really look like across Canada and Turtle Island.

Through many pathways and helping hands, the 4Rs Youth Movement has developed a detailed framework to engage Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people in cross-cultural dialogue. By bringing young people together across difference, we can explore methods and approaches to strengthen our relationships and build capacity to take action on reconciliation. To be true and consistent to the land where we all find ourselves – on Turtle Island - in Canada - the starting point of these conversations is in relationship to Indigenous people.



An Opportunity to join a National Community of Learning

In 2017, 4Rs will form a small but mighty community of learning who will host conversation, in a diversity of geographic places and community spaces, using the 4Rs Framework for Cross Cultural Dialogue. To form this learning community, we are looking for young people who will join us as pairs of facilitators to practice and learn together throughout the year with the support of the 4Rs home base and national learning community.

Each pair of facilitators will:

- Join the National Community of Learning on a co-created learning journey, beginning with a facilitator's retreat in late February 2017
- Host two events in 2017 in collaboration with a locally-based team of young people
- Have the opportunity to travel across Canada to experience National and local 4Rs gatherings
- Benefit from the experiences of a homebase of shared communication, resources, people and supports from the 4Rs Youth Movement team throughout the year



As a learning community we hope to host dialogues that will support us to imagine possible futures for this land and its inhabitants, which are based in equity and social justice for Indigenous people.

Join us as we:

- Equip ourselves and others to facilitate meaningful dialogue - **making connections between theory and practice**
- Reimagine the process of reconciliation through the lens of authentic **relationship building and collaborative leadership**
- Better **understand the lived realities** of a diversity of Indigenous young people and the entangled stories of reconciliation
- Invest holistically (spirit, body, mind and emotion) in **ongoing capacity development** for practicing cross-cultural dialogue
- Bring folks together to **connect and deepen relationships** and see ourselves as a larger whole that can **plan forward**
- **Build a national community of learning** engaged in self-awareness, healing and reconciliation

Why Now?

Canada is experiencing a wake up call, which will require a new kind of leadership; we need leaders that organize to foster solidarity across cultures and generations in support of social change. In a time of truth and reconciliation in Canada, in order to help shape new understandings and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, our leadership must be grounded in respect, reciprocity, and relevance. These values centre the needs, voices, and perspectives of Indigenous people, communities, and nations in the process of talking about, and working towards reconciliation. As young people across diverse nations, we believe in the power of conversation to transform relationships. This starts by finding the strength that is deep within us as individuals, to carefully support and create brave spaces for dialogue and healing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Want to Join the Movement?

If you're as excited as we are about this upcoming year with 4Rs, you are probably wondering where to go from here. You have several great options....

Join the National Learning Community by January 15th, 2017 - EXTENDED DEADLINE!

As part of the National Learning Community, you will work in teams to host local gatherings using the 4Rs Framework for Cross-Cultural Dialogue. Throughout the process, you will be supported in your personal and collective growth by staying connected to a national learning community exploring youth-led reconciliation. [Apply now!](#)



Join a Conversation

The 4Rs Movement is brought to life by those who show up to contribute to a conversation in local communities where 4Rs gatherings are held. If a facilitation role is not your cup of tea, but you're still excited about all that you've read, consider [sending us your contact info](#) so that you can stay up to date about events happening in your area, and receive invitations to local gatherings as they occur.

Stay Connected

Do you see other ways that you could be involved? Why not [join our mailing list](#), or [share](#) your thoughts and ideas with us? Join the 4Rs Youth Movement [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), use the hashtag #4Rsyouth, and get in on the conversation. This conversation is for everyone; we all have a place here.

With respect, reciprocity, reconciliation, and relevance,
Jess, Nikeeta, & Hannah

