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# The United Nations Association in Canada

The United Nations Association in Canada (UNAC) came into being in 1948, soon after the UN itself was formed. UNAC is a charitable organization with a mandate to inform and engage Canadians in understanding, discussing, and supporting the global work of the United Nations in building a better world.

## *How we fulfil our mandate*

- We host seminars and conferences on such universal goals as peace, food, health, water, security, and human rights.
- We develop and distribute papers on these topics and work closely with educators to build their capacity to develop a global perspective in young people.
- We provide opportunities for youth to develop skills necessary to work toward the fulfilment of these universal goals.
- We award an annual Pearson Peace Medal to a Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution to international service.
- We undertake special projects for

government departments and various organizations — employing young people to carry them out.

- We organize an international Model United Nations which involves students from Canada and numerous other countries.

## THE WINNIPEG BRANCH

We are a volunteer group of approximately 300 members with one part-time Branch Co-ordinator. We combine with other prairie branches to have one representative

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on the National UNAC Board. Our mission is to fulfil the National mandate serving Winnipeg and Manitoba. Elected officers and a Board manage the affairs and develop the programs of the Branch.

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## The Winnipeg Branch Programming Year Currently Includes:

- ◇ Sunday Seminars: four each year on topics of current global and local concern.
- ◇ Annual Public Speaking
- ◇ Competition on UN themes for students from Grade 4 through Senior 4.
- ◇ Annual High School Human Rights Conference, on Human Rights Day (December 10).
- ◇ United Nations Day Ceremony held on or around UN Day, October 24, at the Manitoba Legislature.
- ◇ A Speakers Bureau providing speakers on UN topics and issues to service clubs, churches, schools, and groups on request.
- ◇ The UN Chair - a joint appointment of the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg, established on the initiative of our Branch. The Branch appoints a representative on the Advisory Board.



