

Honour Local Peace Makers: YMCA Northumberland Seeks 2026 Peace Medal Nominees

Cobourg, Ontario – Marking 38 years of celebrating acts of PEACE across Northumberland County, YMCA Northumberland is calling for nominations for its annual YMCA Peace Medal Awards. The awards honour youth, and adults, both as individuals or groups, who embody selfless service and make a lasting difference at either home or abroad.

Peace Medal recipients will be recognized for promoting and inspiring the core values of **PEACE**: Participation, Empathy, Advocacy, Community, and Empowerment. Honourees will be celebrated at the Annual Peace Medal Breakfast on **Thursday, November 19, 2026**, at the Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre (930 Burnham St., Cobourg).

"Our Annual Peace Medal Awards are a way to let hope shine in our community through celebrating those who make a lasting impact in our world, both locally or globally," says Eunice Kirkpatrick, CEO of YMCA Northumberland. *"We encourage you to consider nominating a Peace Maker to be recognized today."*

If you know a group or individual, adult or youth, whose selfless efforts shine hope in the world and uplift those around them, YMCA Northumberland calls on the community to nominate them today!

Submissions:

- Please visit our webpage <https://ymcanrt.org/peace-medal-2026/> to submit online or to print the Nomination Form and return by email to Kathryn Harrison, Kathryn.Harrison@nrt.ymca.ca or drop off at the Cobourg YMCA, 339 Elgin St. W. Cobourg, ON
- **Peace Medal Nominations are due by 5:00pm, Mon., Nov. 2nd, 2026.**

Nomination Guidelines:

- YMCA Staff members are not eligible for nomination
- Professionals who are paid to do peacemaking work are not eligible for nomination
- Self-nominations will not be considered

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ABOUT YMCA NORTHUMBERLAND

As a charity, YMCA Northumberland provides vital community services that have a positive impact on pressing social issues—from chronic disease to unemployment, social isolation, poverty, inequality and more. The Strong Community Campaign helps countless children, teens, adults, and seniors in the community. YMCA Canada is one of the longest standing and largest charities nationally, with a presence in Canada since 1851 and now serving more than 2.1 million people annually across 1,700 program locations.