

SYNOPSIS

Voices of Olympia Canada is a global citizenship learning - based initiative launched in Montreal in 2017. Through a yearly school competition, we offer a safe and informed discussion space where high school girls in Canada reflect on the central theme of gender inequalities and its impact on the empowerment of girls and women, using a dual perspective of human rights and social justice.

Participants use inquiry, critical thinking, problem solving and team work to understand the intersectionality of challenges facing girls and women around the world and in Canada; then, they propose solutions that can be translated into action in their local communities.

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TIMELINE

- October 2023-March 2024:** Teams work on their project; preliminary assessment.
- December 6th, 2023:** School Competition official launch.
- April 2024:** Final evaluation; selection of winners.
- May 2024:** Awards Ceremony.

VOICES OF OLYMPIA CANADA

SCHOOL COMPETITION
EDITION 2023-2024

“Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions with a human rights and social justice perspective”.

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COMPETITION THEME

Poverty has a direct impact on health and well-being. It perpetuates inequality and delays the attainment of the sustainable development goals of Agenda 2030.

About 700 million people live in extreme poverty in the world, 60% of whom are women. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of extreme poverty is reported to have risen, directly affecting more than 260 million people worldwide, the majority of whom are women and girls, (OXFAM 2022). These findings will guide your reflection as you, high school girls, explain how to:

“Accelerate the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions with a human rights and social justice perspective”.

You will propose solutions to help curb poverty in a local community of your choice.

The theme is aligned with the 68th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

MILESTONES SINCE 2017

- \$40,000 + awarded in Scholarships.
- 100 + students participating in VOOC School Competition.
- 50+ Collaborations locally, nationally, internationally
- 15 + Schools joining the VOOC School Competition.
- 21 + Youth-lead projects designed in collaboration with local communities.
- 15+ Schools have joined the VOOC School Competition.
- 17 teams coached to present their projects at the UN civil society Parallel Events Forum NGO-CSW.
- VOOC nominated for the World Summit on the Information Society's 2019 WSIS Award (Category C10).
- VOOC recipient of Young Afro Summit competition «Most Promising Initiatives 2023».



1st Prize: \$ 2 500



2nd Prize: \$ 2 000



3rd Prize: \$ 1 500



4th Prize: \$ 1 000

All participants receive a certificate attesting the community hours involved in this competition.

SCHOLARSHIPS