

Summer Internship

Mentorship matters. Investing in our youth means investing in our future. <u>Grow Leaders</u> is pleased to announce a summer internship. This new role will include working with the leadership team at <u>Grow Leaders</u> and working hand in hand with <u>Learn Peace Canada</u> to create a youth advisory committee, develop peace education curriculum, plan events, along with creating and implementing social media and marketing campaigns; her unique perspective and experience will move us forward as we create safe spaces and build sustainable cultures of peace where no one is left behind. *Welcome to Canada Ania!*



My name is Ania Szczesna. As a 15 year old, I was lucky enough to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange and experience life in Barcelona, Spain, where I got to learn both Spanish and basic Catalan, as well as making life-long friends. This journey, as well as various travels all over the world, has changed my life by showing me the broad scope of human inequalities and it inspired me to pursue a career where I could use my privilege to help those in need.

Volunteering at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews and at a local hospice has helped to make me even more centred on human lived experience, as well as offering a range of perspectives, providing me both with tools to think creatively and offer practical solutions.

I have always been encouraged to aim high and further my horizons, which inspired me to move to Kent in England to do the academically challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

These experiences, along with living in varying socioeconomic backgrounds has enhanced my understanding of different problems faced by people in distinct cultures and possible way forwards.

It also allowed me to develop skills crucial in the modern workplace, such as an effortless adaptation into a new environment and ability to communicate fluently in Polish, English and Spanish, while I polish my French skills.

Now, I am a second year student of Social Policy with Quantitative Methods at one of the world's leading universities - the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Alongside my studies, I work as a Data Manager in clinical trials for oncological therapies, as well as a part-time waitress in an Italian restaurant.

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