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CISV Volunteer Leader FAQs

What's CISV? CISV is an international (non--denominational, non-political) volunteer organization that promotes youth leadership development, multicultural awareness, cooperation, and global friendship and citizenship through unique, fun, educational programmes.

Programmes include -- but aren't limited to -- international camps where volunteer leaders help children learn to live, communicate and develop personal and social skills while exploring challenges posed by language and cultural barriers.



Where would I travel? CISV has chapters in 12 Canadian cities (including Victoria) and more than 60 other countries.

Destinations vary from year to year and also depend on how a leader's personal interests match up with an available programme opportunity and/or delegation.

But no matter what the destination, CISV leaders meet some great people and have a world of fun!

When does travel take place? Our delegations very occasionally receive invitations to travel for winter programmes.

However, most travel occurs during school summer holidays (usually July or August).

How old are CISV programme leaders? Junior counsellors are 16-17 years old. Leaders for travelling delegations and camps must be at least 21.

Specific leadership opportunities sometimes have other minimum age requirements; those are clearly communicated before candidates apply.

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What qualifications do I need for a CISV leadership position? CISV leaders come from a wide range of backgrounds. Engineers, educators, students, and others have successfully volunteered as CISV leaders. What they have in common is strong leadership skills and that they are:

- responsible;
- dependable;
- positive;
- able to get along with children, youth and adults; and
- keen to help people make friends, break stereotypes, and develop skills to build bridges across cultures.

All leaders must also clear a (free) Criminal Record Check and be able to commit to a schedule of CISV training and activities. Time commitments vary by programme.

What's in it for the leader?

- Free leadership training and eligibility for free travel.
- The chance to make global connections.
- The opportunity to enhance and demonstrate skills in areas such as facilitation, leadership, cross-cultural communications, team-work, and problem solving.
- The satisfaction of participating in meaningful volunteer activities that help youth build life-changing experiences.
- Fun. Adventure. New friendships.
- Good times and great memories.

How are leaders chosen?

Applications are reviewed and a leadership short-list is prepared. Short-listed applicants then participate in a panel interview process.

How do I apply? Please review the Leadership Roles and Responsibilities which are posted, for various program areas, in the *Resources* section of our website at www.CISVvictoria.ca. Then please complete and submit the leadership application form which is also posted there.

How can I learn more about CISV? Please check out our website at www.CISVvictoria.ca. Or ask us! Just email your questions to communications@CISVvictoria.ca

