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Philosophy

TORCH believes in the dignity and giftedness of young people. It invites participants to practice leadership that is inclusive and collaborative. TORCH awakens the inherent leadership young people possess, and affirms their values.

Aims

TORCH Conferences have four aims:

- √ To affirm the uniqueness, giftedness, and value of each person.
- √ To enrich and increase student participation in school and community life.
- √ To develop widespread leadership among young people.
- √ To invite young people to live a value based life and to empower them to enrich their communities: familial, school, local, national, and global.

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COMMENTS

"I have learned that anyone (child or adult) has the power to make a difference."

"I was blind to a lot happening around me. TORCH helped me to open my eyes. A small torch was opened inside me; I hope this torch will become bigger and stronger."

"Today I learned that leadership takes many qualities including having to be mature and take responsibility for your choices. I learned that decisions you make effect all the people around you."

"Three days later, I'm three days richer. I've learned not only how to, but how important it is to bond, vision, communicate, and lead to make a successful team."

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Nurturing and empowering
transformative leaders



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Origins

Jericho House began in 1986 in St. John's, Newfoundland and relocated in 1997 to Beaverdams Island, Thorold, Ontario. In 2000 it moved to its present interim home in Welland, Ontario. An outgrowth of **Jericho House**, the TORCH Leadership conference, was created in cooperation with five young people in the spring of 1991. The following autumn, Bill Carrothers and Jacquie Keefe facilitated the first TORCH Leadership Conference at Mono Mills, Ontario. Since then TORCH training has taken place throughout Canada, as well as in the United States, Ireland, and the West Indies. These experientially based, peer-led conferences weave together leadership, social justice, and values.





TORCH CONFERENCES

TORCH I

A leadership conference designed for young people ages 12 – 14. It is a leadership experience which affirms the inherent leadership of the participants and encourages and nurtures them through a peer leadership model of large and small group interaction.



TORCH II

A leadership conference designed for participants 15 years and older. This is a one day introductory event. It empowers the participants through a process of: assessing, articulating, and implementing leadership qualities within a community building context.



TORCH III

This conference was prepared for people 16 years and older. Participants are invited to: practice their leadership skills, develop concrete action plans, and experience different models of support.

TORCH IV

Designed for participants 16 years and over, this conference is based on the assessed needs of the participants' community. It seeks to develop skills and action plans that respond to identified needs.

