

## **How 4H Benefits the world**

4-H is an important part of Canadian culture. It inspires leadership and encourages healthy social interaction. 4-H lets us, as members, learn skills by doing them and teaches us how we can pass those skills on and do our part in building a better world. As we build our own confidence, we can reach out to the rest of the world in whatever life choices we make.

4-H gives many opportunities to motivate us as future leaders. It introduces the parliamentary procedure, through participation, and the carrying out of these tasks. More experienced members are encouraged to help introduce the new members to the proceedings under the guidance of well qualified leaders. It gently familiarizes them with forming and voicing opinions, which then leads to public speaking. 4-H helps solve the need for leadership, by teaching it and showing us as youth how to include it in our everyday life.

4-H provides opportunities for us as members learn about other country's and how they are related to the project that we are working on. Learning about where things originate, helps us know that there are things we share that connects us as people such as food, sports, animals and crafts. It helps us relate to others even though they come from different cultures.

Communication is another great value learned in 4-H. We are taught to respect each person as individuals with different strengths. We work as a team in different games and events to help us discover how we can use those differences to work as a team as well as individually. We are encouraged to cheer each other on in a healthy competitive environment. Building each other up as opposed to tearing each other down. Our leaders help us achieve our goal as a group and as a team.

Face to face interaction is becoming a lost skill that 4-H strives to hold on to today.

We are also given opportunities like this competition to build our confidence in our ability to be heard. We have been given a voice and the skills to use it to benefit others and to listen to others. 4-H teaches people the values and benefits of respecting others. No matter the race, religion or background. 4-H is a place of acceptance and friendship it gives us the courage to speak up and help communities around the world by doing things like raising money to dig wells, build schools and feed hungry families by teaching villages how to grow food that best suits their climate. As you can see 4-H does not just impact our country but can benefit countries all around the world.

In conclusion I would like to share the 4-H pledge which I think represents 4-H and its values beautifully.

**I pledge my head to clearer thinking**

**My heart to greater loyalty**

**My hands to larger service**

**My health to better living**

**For my club my community my country and my world.**