



**ACEE** Alberta Council for  
Environmental Education  
ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN ALBERTA

**Program Description: Alberta Youth Leaders for Environmental and Energy Education (AYLEEE) -  
a program delivered in partnership with the Centre for Global Education  
to support students during the 2019 - 2020 school year**

**Program Outcomes:**

- A cohort of at least 60 students from across Alberta who are passionate about environmental and energy education work with a powerful network of their peers across Alberta who share their passion and value of social and environmental justice.
- Decision makers across Alberta will have heard, and given consideration to, student arguments in support of increased environmental and energy education in the province.
- Students emerge from the program knowledgeable on the Alberta education system and as trained advocates who can “speak truth to power” - **and are hopeful about the future, because they know they’ve made a difference.**

**How we will achieve this:**

1. We'll approach 'green' teachers throughout Alberta who have demonstrated a passion for energy and environmental education through project-based learning in their classroom and/or by attending environmental or energy conferences. Our offer: give students the opportunity to connect with like-minded peers and organizations throughout the province, and to collaborate with students and build a platform they can use to talk with educational leaders about the merits of energy and environmental education - and why there should be more of this in Alberta.
2. AYLEEE participants will engage in bi-weekly after school Tuesday meetings to increase their knowledge in the following areas:
  - a. Environment, energy, and climate change
  - b. The power of advocacy and how to be powerful advocates
  - c. The existing education system, i.e. how decisions are made and how money is spent
3. Participants will have the opportunity to attend AYLEEE Summits in Calgary and Edmonton in October, 2019. Details to be determined.
4. Students will attend, and possibly present their perspectives on education in Alberta (and what might change) at events such as ATA conferences and conventions, linkages with Climate Hub citizens groups in major centres, and ACEE's April 2020 conference in Canmore - plus other emergent meetings created by ACEE and CGE with education decision-makers and local MLAs.
5. Interested students will review, revise, and approve of an update to the 2016 “Supporting Climate Leadership in Alberta Schools: Recommendations by Students for Alberta’s Educational Leaders” report
6. Students will develop public speaking skills, be given a platform to share their voice and ideas, and build confidence to take further environmental advocacy actions.
7. Students will also have the opportunity to speak to local, provincial, and/or national media.

**Timing:**

- Programming will run September 2019 - April 2020.
- The AYLEEE summits described under point 3 above will be in October of 2019, with speaking opportunities arising through the school year.

*Teachers will be required to provide a meeting space for students for bi-weekly meetings, and help students attend their local summit.*