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Alberta Youth Leaders for Environmental Education

Program Package
2023-2024



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Overall, we believe that if all Albertans are given better environmental education, we can work together to create a brighter future for everyone.

- Sasha A,
AYLEE Student



THE ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Founded in 2005, the Alberta Council for Environmental Education (ACEE) works collaboratively to advance environmental education in Alberta. We embrace and support environmental education for all audiences in Alberta, with a particular interest in supporting young people. We believe that educating today's youth to be tomorrow's environmental stewards is our best strategy to create a sustainable future. We also believe that youth voices must be included when discussing what students should be learning about and how - education is, after all, supposed to be about supporting students. Our Alberta Youth Leaders for Environmental Education (AYLEE) program is designed to do exactly that, bringing youth voices to forefront of the education system and empowering youth to take action. Learn more about us at www.abcee.org.

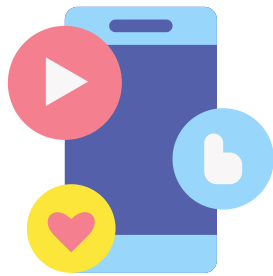


ALBERTA YOUTH LEADERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The Alberta Youth Leaders for Environmental Education (AYLEE) program is for grades 7-12 youth across Alberta, and is **FREE** to be a part of. AYLEE provides members with opportunities to connect with like-minded folks; learn about the environment, energy, and climate change; collaborate on projects that advance environmental education and climate action; present at and host various environmental and/or education related meetings and events across the province; and take action within their schools to help build a brighter, more sustainable future. To see what AYLEE members have worked on in recent years, check out our website: www.abcee.org/aylee.



PROGRAM AREAS OF FOCUS



MEDIA



**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**



POLICY

The AYLEE program has three main areas of focus, as determined by previous AYLEE participants. These help to guide the topics we focus on, the activities we do, the speakers we bring in, and the projects participants work on throughout the year.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



- Develop skills to effectively communicate about and advocate for environmental justice and conservation.
- Network with and learn from environmental and energy professionals.
- Attend in-person events across Alberta to explore topics in environmental education.
- Lead your own environmental action project. Great experience for your resume!
- Meet other youth leaders with similar interests from across the province.
- Receive a certificate of completion for participating in the AYLEE program.



2023-2024 CALENDAR

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Calendar Legend

AYLEE Information Sessions 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Virtual

Interested in more information on the 2023-24 AYLEE Program? Join one of our virtual info sessions! All sessions will cover the same content, so there is no need to attend more than one info session.

Meeting Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yeyanus4>

Password: **AYLEE**

AYLEE Biweekly Meetings 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM



Virtual

Oct 28-29 | AYLEE Fall Summit & Kickoff



In-Person

Feb 24-25 | AYLEE Action Project Planning Weekend



Virtual

May 25-26 | AYLEE Spring Summit & Showcase



In-Person

More events and opportunities will be added throughout the year!



AYLEE ACTION PROJECT



As part of the AYLEE program, you have the opportunity to design and deliver your own AYLEE Action Project during the second half of the academic year to take what you've learned from the program and apply it in a meaningful way.



During the first half of the year, start to think about what kind of AYLEE Action Project you'd like to do. It can focus on policy, community engagement, or media - our 3 areas of focus for AYLEE.



Attend the Project Planning Weekend in February 2024 to work with fellow AYLEE participants on the planning of your AYLEE Action Project with the support of ACEE staff.



During the second half of the year, complete your AYLEE Action Project, whether it be writing a policy recommendation, making a social media campaign, or presenting to a community group or school.



Share the story of your AYLEE Action Project through a medium of your choice (e.g., poster, written story, video, photo journal, mural, etc.), and present your project to other AYLEE members at the AYLEE Spring Summit & Showcase!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can participate in the AYLEE program?

Any interested grades 7-12 youth who are passionate about the environment or climate action can apply to be a part of this **FREE** province-wide program.

How do I apply for the program?

Fill out the **AYLEE Application Form 2023-2024** on the ACEE website. Once you apply and our Program Coordinator determines that you are eligible to participate in AYLEE, we will reach out to you to answer any questions you may have and provide you with a Welcome Package with more information about what the program will look like this year.

What do youth need to do to prepare?

To prepare for the program, we do ask that you read the Welcome Package documents, add the meeting dates to your calendar, and fill out the Registration Form and Waiver with your parent or guardian and send it back to us. These documents will all be sent to you once you are accepted into the program.

What is expected of participating youth?

We expect that you will attend our biweekly virtual meetings. Of course, we recognize that as students, you do have busy lives so we understand if you are unable to make a meeting here and there, but we ask that you please let us know in advance if you are unable to attend.

In addition to the meetings, we expect that you plan and deliver an AYLEE Action Project in your school or community. Your project may include activities such as creating social media posts, writing articles, meeting with education leaders, or presenting at events.

Reading this may sound like a lot but don't worry! We have made the program flexible so that you can participate at a level that works with your schedule and if at any point you need to take a step back, you are encouraged to do so. We don't want to see you burn out, we want to see you thrive, learn, and have fun!



CONNECT WITH US!



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