

Youth Circle for Mother Earth Coordinating Circle Nomination Form

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Circle for Mother Earth (YCME) project! This project is led in partnership between **Plenty Canada, Trent University's Indigenous Environmental Institute, Walpole Island Heritage Centre** and **Ontario Nature**.

The goal of the YCME project is to create and support a cross-cultural network of young Indigenous and non-Indigenous environmental leaders who become lifelong ambassadors for nature and conservation.

About YCME and What's Involved

The YCME project will be led by a Coordinating Circle of approximately 30 Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth who will determine the focus of campaigns and lead the delivery of project activities, by and for youth, with the guidance of project partners. Contributions from Coordinating Circle members will vary, depending on interest and availability.

All members are expected to support YCME outreach and communications materials using mediums/platforms such as presentations, blogs, articles, social media, etc. All members should dedicate approximately 4-5 volunteer hours per month for project planning and delivery, which will include monthly conference calls (1-2 hours). In addition, all members should attend the scheduled weekend-long retreat and annual summit (estimated two events a year).

Members with more specific roles/responsibilities can expect to spend approximately 2 hours a week on campaigns/projects/events. This may include, but is not limited to: research, coordinating/planning, creating social media content, connecting with other members, etc.

Key Project Elements

- The project will be a cross-cultural environmental network with mentorship.
- It will bring together like-minded youth (aged 15-25) to share a collective responsibility to take care of the land.
- It assumes that bringing together allies in conservation is key to making a formidable and positive change in the world.
- It will be led by a Coordinating Circle of approximately 30 Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth who will determine the focus of campaign(s) and lead the delivery of project activities, by youth, for youth, with the guidance of project partners.
- The August 2019 retreat for Indigenous youth who are interested in being part of the Coordinating Circle is to prepare them spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically for cross-cultural sharing and cooperation with other youth leaders for the shared purpose of protecting the environment.
- Preparation for non-Indigenous youth who are interested in being part of the Coordinating Circle will occur at the March 2019 retreat for the Ontario Nature Youth Council and at the September 2019 Youth Summit for Biodiversity.
- The larger 2020 retreat with all members of YCME will create the conditions for respectful cross-cultural learning and collaborative initiatives to occur.

In this nomination form, we will be collecting demographic information that will be shared among the partner organizations and funders to ensure we have a diverse group of young people participating in this project. Please be assured that your privacy is important to us, and your answers will not be shared with the public.

This project would not be possible without the support of TD Corporate and Canadian Heritage Youth Take Charge.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this form, please contact Christine toll-free at 1-800-440-2366 ext. 244.

Please print clearly in black or blue ink. All questions are required, unless indicated otherwise.

Basic Information

Full Name of Nominator: _____

Affiliation of Nominator: _____

Email of Nominator: _____

We will only contact nominators if we need clarification from the answers in the nomination form.

Full Name of Nominee: _____

City/Town/Community: _____

Postal Code of Nominee (if known): _____

Current Age of Nominee (select one):

15

16-17

18-24

25-30

Email of Nominee: _____

Communications regarding the project will primarily be over email. We will do our best to communicate via other means if you do not have access to a computer.

Phone Number of Nominee: _____

Gender of Nominee:

Male

Female

Prefer not to answer

Other gender identity (please specify): _____

Who did you hear this opportunity from?

Plenty Canada

Indigenous Environmental Institute at Trent University

Walpole Island Heritage Centre

Ontario Nature

Other (please specify): _____

