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.

<u>Please print clearly in black or blue ink.</u> 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	cla	rification 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 other means if you do not have access to a		marily be over email. We will do our best to communicate via mputer.
Phone Number of Nominee:		
Gender of Nominee:		
] 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):		

Being part of the Coordinating Circle will provide an opportunity to connect with like-minded youth and
spend time on the land outdoors in nature. For any part of the project, we strive to host inclusive,
accessible events and meetings in a safe, ethical space that enable all individuals, including individuals
with disabilities, to engage fully.

Are there any needs that we should be aware of to make our events and meetings as accessible as possible for your nominee? (optional)

Short Answer Questions

We are looking for young leaders who are committed, forward-thinking, open-minded, self-reflective, open-hearted and eager to learn from their peers, Elders and other knowledge holders. The questions below will give us an idea about how the nominee's passions and values align with and contribute to the Coordinating Circle. If the space below does not suffice, please attach another sheet of paper with your answers.

1. In a few sentences, why do you think your nominee should be chosen to participate in this project? Why would they be a good fit for the Coordinating Circle?

2. Is your nominee involved with any initiatives in their community? If applicable, is your nominee part of any leadership roles?

3.	What does your nominee know of Indigenous history in Canada? If possible, please specify if they learned of this history in school or by other means.
4.	Do you think your nominee is eager to learn from peers, Elders and other knowledge holders? Please describe a time when your nominee was working with a diverse team with youth and adults from different cultures and walks of life.
5.	What else do you think your nominee could contribute to this network of youth? This can be a skill, something they are very knowledgeable about, views from a different perspective, etc.
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	Next Steps
	half of the four project partners, thank you for your nomination. To send in your completed form, please pages to 416-444-9866 or scan and send via email to christinea@ontarionature.org by July 28,
selecte	we appreciate the time you have taken to fill out the form, please note that not all nominees will be ed. We will notify all participants by end of July 2019. If you have any questions regarding the project as le or the upcoming August retreat for Indigenous youth, please contact Christine toll-free at 1-800-440-

2366 ext. 244.