



EYA

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Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member at Large

Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) seeks community leaders with an interest in organizational leadership—plus passion for the environment, sustainability initiatives, and youth education—to join the Board of Directors. We are looking for people with professional experience and personal interests related to youth and the environment, strong administrative, organizational, and leadership skills, and possible connections to professional and funding networks in Vancouver.

EYA is a non-profit charity that cultivates transformative nature experiences in urban environments for youth facing barriers to foster community connectedness, build ecological leadership skills, and enhance their well-being. We work to engage and empower youth to create meaningful, positive action for our community and environmental health.

To learn more about EYA and our programming, please visit www.eya.ca.

Commitment

- Attend Board meetings. The Board of Directors meets every 4 weeks and meetings typically last up to 2 hours.
- Willingness to devote an average of 5-10 hours per month to EYA business above and beyond Board meetings, including participation in one or more Board committees.
- Participate in Board special events and meetings, typically two to four per year.
- Represent EYA at community outreach and donor events.
- Fulfill a three-year term, which may be renewed at your discretion.
- Currently, the Board is a working board focused on strategic planning, fundraising activities, and establishing policies and procedures to support the long-term success of the organization.

General Director Responsibilities

- Advise, govern, oversee policy and direction, and assist with the leadership and general promotion of EYA to support the organization's mission.
- Participate in Board Committees.
- Participate in EYA fundraising activities including developing and maintaining relationships with donors and pursuing new fundraising opportunities.
- Participate in community events on behalf of EYA.
- Be alert to community concerns that can be addressed by EYA's mission, objectives, and programs.
- Keep in touch with the general needs and concerns of EYA's operations.
- Help communicate and promote EYA's mission and programs to the community.
- Monitor organizational finances, including adoption and oversight of the annual budget, and financial resources and needs.
- Understand the policies and procedures of EYA and formulate policies where needs arise.



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- Financially support EYA through donor plan in a manner commensurate with your ability.
- Assist with periodic evaluations of EYA operations and programs with a view to improvement.
- Ensure succession planning for the Board of Directors.

General Skills Needed

- A high level of administrative, organizational, and leadership skills.
- Experience with charitable societies is considered an asset
- Knowledge of board governance and previous board experience is considered an asset.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team.

Specific Background In Demand

While we are always interested in meeting candidates interested in joining the organization, we are also currently seeking candidates with the following background and experience:

- Experience identifying, planning, forming and maintaining corporate partnerships or other ventures;
- Experience as a teacher or in educational program design, in particular working with youth facing barriers ages 12 -18; and
- Experience as a legal professional.

How to Apply

To apply for this position, submit a CV and cover letter outlining your interest and experience to Ben Heller, Chair of the Board Development Committee, at board@eya.ca. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.