



Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member

What we do: mission & mandate

EYA engages youth targeted by systemic barriers to become environmental stewards. We provide trauma-informed, land-based education and paid job training programs that engage youth to connect with nature, community, and skills through hands-on activities like growing native plants, stewarding urban wildlife habitat, and learning about plants as food and medicine. Our programs braid ecology and Indigenous knowledge systems through visits from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Find out more about our team and work: www.eya.ca

What you'll do: volunteer role overview

As a board member, you'll work with other EYA directors to provide proper governance and oversight to the organization. You'll also use your knowledge, skills, and lived experience to support EYA staff as we actively work to develop and decolonize our youth programs, operations, and fundraising.

Key responsibilities

- Attend board meetings and contribute meaningfully to discussion, including:
 - Monthly board meetings lasting ~2 hours (weekday evening)
 - Skills training and/or strategic planning meetings (~2 days per year)
- Serve on at least one board committee (monthly or ad hoc evening meetings)
- Provide advice and work collaboratively with staff on projects aligned with your skills
- Review the annual budget, annual plan, and quarterly financial statements
- Participate in strategic planning and visioning for the organization
- Help to recruit new board members and support board succession planning
- Help ensure EYA is meeting its legal obligations
- Contribute to our culture of philanthropy, including identifying potential donors in the community
- Get to know EYA's programs and act as an ambassador for our work in the community

Board members are expected to contribute 5-10 hours of volunteer time each month to EYA. When officer vacancies occur (e.g. Secretary, Committee Chair), we ask that you accept the call to fill one of these roles. Board members are elected for a 3-year renewable term.

What you'll bring

At EYA, we value lived experience and work experience when we decide who to interview and invite to our board. We encourage you to share what you think is relevant in your application. We are looking for people interested in a leadership role who may bring the following experience, knowledge, and abilities:

- Social work / supporting youth in care
- Non-profit / charity operations
- Traditional / cultural / ancestral knowledge
- Decolonizing / anti-racism
- Society governance / board leadership
- Fundraising - especially individual / corporate giving
- Communications / marketing
- Legal knowledge / human resources

How to Apply

E-mail a resume and short letter describing the experience and skills you would bring to this job and why you are interested in the role to Andrea Duke, Board Chair at board@eya.ca. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

EYA believes environmental stewardship must centre the voices, agency, and choices of communities who are historically and persistently targeted by systemic marginalization. As such, we prioritize applications from people who identify as Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, people living with a disability, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and others with lived experience of marginalization. Applicants are welcome to self-identify in their cover letter, but are not required. Applicants who require an accommodation for a successful interview may notify us in their application or any later stage.

EYA operates on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), sə́lílwətaʔt̓ (Tseil-Waututh), and Sḵw̓xwú7mesh (Squamish) people.