



Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member

Are you inspired by land-based education for youth facing barriers? Are you ready to step into a leadership role? Do you want to support local youth to lead the transition to a more just and sustainable future? We're looking for community members to join our board of directors!

As a board member, you'll help govern and oversee the organization. We're actively working to reimagine what governance looks like at EYA and decolonize how our board works. We're also working towards 50% youth representation. We start each meeting with a check-in question and land acknowledgement, and have rotating meeting facilitators. No prior experience on a board is necessary - we'll provide training and help you feel comfortable in your role as a board member.

Responsibilities

- Attend 5 online board meetings annually (2-3 hours, weekday evenings)
- Contribute an average of 5 hours/month of volunteer time, including board meetings
- Participate in strategic planning and visioning for the organization (every 2-3 years)
- Approve annual budget, annual plan, and quarterly financial statements
- Help to recruit new board members and support board succession planning
- Help to organize and attend EYA's annual general meeting in July
- Help to ensure EYA is meeting its legal obligations
- Help to facilitate board meetings if you feel comfortable
- Help to reimagine what governance looks like for EYA
- Get to know EYA's programs and act as an ambassador for our work in the community
- Be willing to take on officer roles (e.g. Secretary, Co-chair) when vacancies occur

Requirements & Assets

- Ready to step into a leadership role in your community
- Able to complete at least a 3-year board term
- Able to respond promptly to email communications
- Able to attend online evening board meetings using Zoom
- Clear and open communication skills
- Able to work collaboratively with other directors and EYA staff
- Personal values fit with EYA mission and culture
- Satisfactory criminal record check, including vulnerable sector check
- Past experience as an EYA participant (**asset**)
- Familiarity with non-profit financial statements (**asset**)
- Understanding of the legal obligations of a board (**asset**)
- Connections to local communities (**asset**)

EYA prioritizes applications from people who identify as Indigenous, Black, People of Colour, LGBTQ2S, living with a disability, and others with lived experience of oppression. We encourage you to self-identify in your application.

About the organization

EYA empowers youth facing barriers to become environmental stewards. We provide land-based education and paid job training programs that braid Western and Indigenous perspectives on land stewardship. Our work is grounded in the principles of intersectional environmentalism and a recognition of the intersections of social and environmental injustice. You'll be joining a collaborative team of caring, creative, fun, like-minded people and an organization committed to decolonizing action. Find out more about our team and work: www.eya.ca

EYA operates on the unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh), and Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) people.

How to Apply

E-mail a resume and cover letter to Emily Keller, Executive Director with “Board member application” in the subject line: emily@eya.ca

The deadline to apply is **June 30 or until filled**. Applications will be reviewed upon submission and interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis.

The interview will take about 30 minutes and will be held on Zoom. We'll ask you a few questions about your experience and motivation for joining the EYA board, provide you with more information about how the board works, and answer any questions that you have.