



Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member

Are you inspired by land-based education for all youth? Are you ready for a leadership role? Do you want to support youth to create a more just and sustainable future? We're looking for community members to join our board of directors!

Responsibilities:

- Attend 5 online board meetings per year (2-3 hours, weekday evenings)
- Volunteer an average of 5 hours per month, including board meetings
- Participate in strategic planning and visioning (every 2-3 years)
- Review and approve the annual budget, annual plan, and quarterly financial statements
- Support with recruiting new board members and support succession planning
- Attend the annual general meeting in July
- Help to ensure EYA is meeting its legal obligations
- Learn to facilitate board meetings, if you feel comfortable
- Help reimagine what governance looks like for EYA
- Conduct staff exit interviews, as required
- Get to know EYA's programs and act as an ambassador for our work in the community

It's an exciting time to join the EYA board. We are reimaging what governance looks like at EYA and decolonize how our board works. We've also maintained 50% BIPOC and 50% youth representation. We start each meeting with a check-in and land honouring with rotating facilitators. No prior experience on a board is necessary. We offer training and help you feel comfortable in your role as a board member. Board members are not required to make donations to EYA. [Learn more about our current Board Members here.](#)

Requirements & Assets

- Ready for a leadership role in your community
- Able to commit to a 3-year board term
- Able to respond promptly to emails
- Able to attend online evening board meetings using Zoom
- Available to attend occasional in-person meetings or events (1-3 times per year)
- Able to work collaboratively with other directors and EYA staff
- Clear and open communication skills
- Personal values fit with EYA mission and culture
- Satisfactory criminal record check, including vulnerable sector check
- Past participant of EYA programs (asset)
- Connections to local communities (asset)
- Understanding of the legal duties of a board (asset)
- Ability to read and analyze budgets and financial statements (asset)

EYA prioritizes applications from people from equity-denied communities. This includes folks who identify as Indigenous, Black, People of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+, living with a disability, or experiencing other forms of oppression. We encourage you to self-identify in your application.

About the organization

EYA empowers youth from equity-denied communities to become environmental stewards. We deliver land-based education and employment programs that braid Western and Indigenous perspectives. Our work recognizes the intersection of social and environmental injustice. You'll be joining a team of caring, creative, fun, like-minded colleagues 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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) people. Read our [land honouring](#).

How to Apply

E-mail a resume and cover letter to Carmen Wong, Co-Executive Director with "Board member application" in the subject line: carmen@eya.ca

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, May 20th, or until filled**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Interviews will be scheduled in May and June.

The interview will take about 30-45 minutes and will be held on Zoom. We'll ask you a few questions about your experience and motivation for joining the EYA board. We'll also give you more information about our board, and answer any questions that you have.