



Roots & Shoots Canada Youth Leadership Council **Terms of Reference 2011-2012**

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

The mission of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) Roots & Shoots program is to foster respect and compassion for all living things, to promote understanding of all cultures and beliefs and to inspire each individual to take action to make the world a better place for people, animals and the environment.

Our goals are:

- To implement positive change through active learning about, caring for and interaction with the environment
- To demonstrate care and concern for all animals
- To enhance understanding among individuals of different cultures, ethnic groups, religions, socio-economic levels and nations through our global communications network
- To help young people develop self-respect, confidence in themselves and hope for the future

Project Description

The Roots & Shoots Youth Leadership Council (YLC) of Canada has been gaining speed and increasing its impact over the last three years. We are now accepting new applications for the 2011-2012 term, from individuals across the country. The purpose of the YLC is to assist JGI Canada in advancing the vision and mission of the Roots & Shoots program, to ensure a youth perspective is brought to the development of all initiatives, and to mentor local Roots & Shoots groups across the country. We also offer once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to YLC members, in Canada and abroad.

This year, the main focus of the YLC will be supporting Roots & Shoots Service Learning in schools. This will predominantly take place in the Greater Toronto area, Halton and Peel regions, and Vancouver area. YLC members outside these areas will still be engaged in classroom outreach. The support will be mostly around workshop facilitation and student/school group mentoring throughout the year.

Objectives of the YLC

Roots & Shoots is growing all across Canada! There are now over 500 groups spanning almost every Canadian province and territory. As a youth-driven program, we are seeking youth ambassadors to implement Roots & Shoots programs and support members and other leaders, while developing their own leadership skills.

Expectations for YLC members:

- Be a Roots & Shoots ambassador
- Attend weekend-long leadership retreat in mid-August 2011
- Help facilitate one teacher-champion workshop in your area, where appropriate
- Provide mentorships for 5 to 10 new Roots & Shoots student/school groups, through:
 - Bi-weekly email or telephone call to class representative
 - Class visits (at least two) throughout the school year
- Deliver presentations to schools and communities



- Conduct a YLC group project
- Attend monthly conference calls beginning July 2011
- Contribute at least one written piece for the newsletter
- Attend local events on behalf of Roots & Shoots
- Build friendships with Roots & Shoots youth in Canada and around the world

Preference will be given to candidates who are**

- Between the age of 16 - 25
- Current Roots & Shoots members (participants, leaders or volunteers)
- Youth with experience in service-based projects
- Youth with experience in public engagement, education, conservation, international development
- Youth belonging to a diversity of communities across the country
- *Youth with little experience in these areas are still encouraged to apply!

Please send your completed application, along with reference letter to Sara Hsiao at sara@janegoodall.ca or fax to 416-978-3717. Call 416-978-7879 if you have any questions.

Deadline to apply: **Sunday, June 12th, 2011**

**Please note that there are a limited number of spaces available for the Roots & Shoots Youth Leadership Council. Members will be selected based on experience (in Roots & Shoots and related activities), desire, geographic diversity, and ability to commit to the duration of the term (July 2011 to June 2012). Please also note that these are unpaid positions; travel costs to the annual retreat and to certain events will be covered or reimbursed.