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Frequently Asked Questions: Youth Advisory Council

If you are interested in joining the Roots & Shoots Youth Advisory Council (YAC) but have some questions, please see the below:

1. Is there an age restriction?

Yes, we are looking for youth between the ages of 18-25.

2. What is the time commitment?

Council members are expected to commit to a 12-month term from July 2020 - June 2021. We estimate each person will dedicate 5-10 hours per month of his/her time.

3. Does it cost anything to be on the Council?

No, all costs are covered by JGI Canada. For our in-person gathering (depending on COVID-19 related travel restrictions) we will cover the travel costs for members to attend.

4. Will it all be online or do we meet in person?

All activities will be modified using virtual tools and online resources to respect the latest recommendations from Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments for social distancing in response to COVID-19. When social distancing recommendations permit, we plan to have physical meetings and events so members can meet each other in person.

5. What is expected of me as a YAC member?

The responsibilities of Council members are as follows:

- Promote Roots & Shoots and reach out to schools/communities
- Represent Roots & Shoots at public engagement events as appropriate
- Attend Roots & Shoots Board Committee on a rotational basis
- Review the annual [A.P.E. Fund](#) (Animals, People, Environment) proposals from across Canada
- Develop ideas for campaigns and resources related to climate action and Indigenous perspectives
- Attend online meetings (average once a month)
- Participate in training sessions organized by JGI Canada
- Amplify voices of Roots & Shoots youth through networking and engaging in other youth-related provincial and national platforms
- **Share your passion!** Help make your community and Canada a more sustainable place for animals, people and the environment.



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6. What is Roots & Shoots? Do I already have to be a member to be on the Council?

Roots & Shoots is a 4-step sustainability education program that allows youth to map their community for sustainability issues, find an issue they care about and then take action to solve it or bring awareness to it. Learn more about our youth action projects by checking out this [link](#).

You don't need to be a Roots & Shoots member to join the Council. We welcome you to apply if you are interested in making a difference and taking on a leadership role to make a positive impact on the world.

7. Are we able to develop campaigns and resources not related to climate change or Indigenous perspectives?

Yes of course! These are two themes where we see growing interest, but any topics related to sustainability and making the world a better place for people, animals and the environment are welcome.

8. What if I am no longer able to meet my commitments to the Youth Advisory Council?

While we ask members to commit to a 12-month term, we understand that unexpected things may happen and you may need to take time off away from your YAC duties. We will work with you to provide support and guidance on finding workable options.

9. Are we able to stay on for a second term?

Yes, after a review of your work in the first term, we welcome selected members to stay on and act as mentors for the new cohort of youth for the 2021-2022 Council.

10. Are there training or capacity building opportunities for YAC members?

We will provide workshops on the Roots & Shoots program and training to develop compassionate leadership skills. As a Council, there may be other capacity building opportunities through various Roots & Shoots programs.

11. I heard there are Roots & Shoots chapters worldwide. Will I get to connect with youth outside of Canada?

There are opportunities to connect with other Roots & Shoots chapters, like the annual Windsor Gathering in England. If you are interested in these opportunities, please let us know and we can provide further details.

If you are interested in applying to join the Roots & Shoots YAC and don't see your question answered above, please email our Roots & Shoots Manager, Lauren at lauren@janegoodall.ca.