



Hello,

Thank you for showing interest in our Youth Leadership Millennium program! We are excited to share the opportunity for your youth participate in our 8-month-long program that focuses on learning leadership and life skills through fostering connections and engaging in workshops and outdoor recreation. This is our 23rd year of offering the YLM program and we are proud to be entering our third year of funding from the Government of Canada. This program is packed with outdoor education, community service, guest speakers, high quality staff, field trips and much more. We have 100 spots available for youth in Metro Vancouver to join. Once we receive your online application, you will be contacted to participate in a virtual 'interview'. Priority will be given to youth who are newcomers (immigrants) to Canada or face other barriers.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we will be facilitating our weekly workshops online and resuming our outdoor activities when the health authorities deem that it is safe and prudent to do so. Our staff team is committed to supporting your youth in their personal and professional development through virtual engagement using communication methods such as Zoom (or similar video conference platforms), email, phone calls or other means. In person activities are dependent on advice of BC health authority's response to COVID 19.

We ask all participants, parents and guardians to read the information on the program flyer and look through our tentative schedule to ensure they are able to commit to the full program. All members of YLM should plan to complete the full program and complete a minimum of 120 hours of the program. If you would like to apply for the program, please apply <u>HERE</u> and a staff will contact you.

Activity	Description
Weekly Workshops	Youth attend weekly workshops to develop new skills and build connection with other group members. Workshops will be on a weeknight (Mon- Fri) from approximately 5-7pm.
Community Leadership Initiative Project (CLI)	Participants are given firsthand experience to apply their leadership skills to support their communities overcome challenges. Participants are placed into groups to work on the project together.
Hiking/Camping Trips	Anticipated hiking trips and camping trips will occur in accordance to the BC health authority's response to Covid-19.
Professional Development	Training will be provided on topics such as Career planning, Resume writing, Interview skills, Conflict Resolution, Emergency first aid and more!
Volunteer Opportunities	Participants will regularly be invited to participate in volunteer work. A minimum of 10 opportunities will be shared and may include neighborhood cleanup, foodbank, Letters to Seniors, Soup Kitchen, Mentorship opportunities and more!
Guest Speaker Events	Guest speaker will be invited to join and train youth on specific skills such as public speaking, financial literacy, or Microsoft word training
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Please see the program outline listed below:

We are committed to supporting parents and youth through the registration process so if you have any further questions, do not hesitate to send us an email at **info@successylm.org** or 236-888-143

Sincerely,

The Youth Leadership Millennium Staff Team



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Q: How does COVID 19 effect the program?

A: S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is committed to the safety of our clients and will be following the health authority's guidelines. YLM will start programing virtually and transition into gathering in person once approved to do so. In person workshops are scheduled to be at 28 W Pender St Vancouver, and other activities (hiking, volunteering, community exploration trips etc) will happen in metro Vancouver near public transportation. We will meet online using Zoom for the time being. For any in person gatherings, clients will be asked to respect COVID 19 guidelines such as wearing a mask, hand sanitizing, social distancing, and staying home when sick.

Q: What are the next steps to apply for the program?

A: After interested participants attend an information session, they are invited to apply to the YLM program. The registration form can be found online at successbc.ca at this link <u>HERE</u>. Once our staff have received your application, you will be contacted to have an interview scheduled. Interviews will happen via Zoom and last approximately 20 minutes. This allows Youth Workers to get to know you and see what cohort of the program would be most suitable for you to join.

Q: What precautions are staff taking to ensure cyber security during remote programing?

A: Staff will screen all participants of the program prior to being invited to group meetings to ensure the safety of all. During the first workshop on Zoom, staff will orient youth how to use Zoom in a safe manner that reduces risk of cybersecurity issues. Staff will share online etiquette and group expectations to maintain a safe group. A staff member will be present for all YLM hosted meetings.

Q: What if I cannot commit to the full program?

A: The Canada Service Corps has donated money for this program to be offered at no cost to participants. It is expected all participants intend to complete the entire program with a minimum of 120 hours achieved.

Q: What if I don't speak much English?

A: All workshops will be facilitated in English so it is important for participants to have the bility to comprehend and speak basic English. We typically have a very diverse group portfolio and so youth often can help one another with some translations, however English will be the primary language spoken.

Q: I don't meet the age criteria, can I still join?

A: All accepted participants must be between ages 15- 30 when they start the program. Unfortunately, we cannot accept members who are 14 of 31. We appreciate your interest and encourage you to apply next year!

Q: I'm not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Can I still join the program?

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A: All accepted members of the program must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent Resident. Please contact us about other youth programs that you may be eligible for if you are not a PR or Citizen.



