

Green Street Youth Engagement Program Youth Steering Committee Application October 2008



What's the Green Street Youth Engagement Program?

The **Youth Engagement Program (YEP)** links students from across Canada that have participated in Green Street sponsored events, such as in-class school programs and youth forums, with other on-going environmental and sustainability opportunities. (See *What's Green Street?*, below to learn about Green Street).

The **YEP** is a busy program! We do tons of stuff – like host a youth-driven, on-line *Youth Action Centre* website, send out monthly *Youth Action E-newsletters*, and support youth-friendly events like summer camps, internships and youth conferences. We also have an awesome **Youth Steering Committee**. Check out http://www.green-street.ca/youth_action_center/ to learn more about the YEP.

What is the Youth Steering Committee (YSC)?

About The YSC: A key feature of the YEP is the **Youth Steering Committee (YSC)**. The YSC is a group of very cool, very inspiring youth who come together from across Canada to help Green Street reach it's goal of having youth participate in environmental learning. Some YSC members are former Green Street interns, some have participated in Green Street school programs, and others have heard about the program through youth networks and wanted to get involved.

So What Does The YSC Do? The YSC is the **YOUTH VOICE** of Green Street. It helps make decisions, like: What kind of school programs should Green Street offer? What should our youth-outreach materials, like our website and e-newsletters, look like? And, what environmental issues are **REALLY** important to youth, and what do they want to do to help? The YSC has great ideas for new programs, resources and other stuff students need to help them be a serious force of change!

And Who Is The YSC? The YSC is a team of 8-10 secondary-level youth from across Canada. We generally meet via conference call once a month during the school year, email each other 1-2 times a month, and get together every spring in person during the Green Street Annual Meeting. It's a dynamic group of environmentally-aware, passionate youth - and we're currently taking applications for it new members.

Want To Apply? Fill out the **Application Form** on the next page and submit it.

What Do I Have To Do If I Get Accepted? Participate! We want to hear your voice. If you get accepted, here's some of the stuff that will be expected of you:

- Commit to a two year term, where you participate in calls and email dialogue during the school year;
- Provide advice on how to engage youth in learning about the environment, and help us identify environmentally-related areas of interest and concern that pertain to youth as a whole;
- Give input on youth-targeted outreach materials and marketing strategies (like print and web materials);
- Fulfill the role of 'Ambassadors' to the Green Street program, representing Green Street at select youth conferences, public events and annual meetings across Canada;
- Be a resource for Green Street Program Providers (yep – the YSC will help teach the adults how to better teach other youth about environmental and sustainability topics!);
- Fulfill the role of 'mentors' to incoming Green Street YSC members; and
- Take on a special project for Green Street (maybe you like to write 'zines? Work on web pages? Do hands-on projects? There's lots of opportunities...get involved!

So What's Green Street?

Green Street is a national program that supports environmental and sustainability education programs across Canada. Green Street was started by the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation. Under Green Street, Canadian environmental groups (for example, Earth Day, Club 2/3, Ducks Unlimited, etc.) deliver high quality school programs. Over 18 environmental groups are currently involved in Green Street! Through these programs students are actively engaged in learning about the environment and are motivated and supported in taking action. Want to learn more? Visit Green Street www.green-street.ca.

Green Street Youth Steering Committee APPLICATION FORM

Section One: About You (Contact Information)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Best Time to Call: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Grade completed as of June 2005 (circle/bold one): Grade 7 8 9 10 11 12 Other: _____

Name of High School (if currently attending): _____

Have you participated in a Green Street program? (**Not sure? See the box below) No Yes

If Yes, which one? _____ When? _____

****This could be a Green Street Internship, a summer gathering (like a *Sierra Youth Coalition Gathering*), a Green Street-supported conference (like the *Youth Climate Change Conference*), or a Provider delivered school program. If you need to see what a Provider is, or what school programs Providers offer, go to www.green-street.ca, click on *Teacher Zone*, then *Book A Program*. There you can look at what programs are offered in what provinces. Green Street Providers have included:**

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| * Clean Nova Scotia | * Ducks Unlimited | * Club 2/3 |
| * Earth Day Canada | * Green Group | * Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society |
| * Evergreen | * Museobus | * Safe Drinking Water Foundation |
| * Pembina Institute | * SEEDS Foundation | * Environnement Jeunesse |
| * Sierra Club of Canada, BC Chapter | * Sierra Club of Canada, Atlantic Chapter | |
| * Établissements verts Brundtland | * Trout Unlimited | |

How did you learn about the Green Street Youth Steering Committee? (Check all that apply):

- Green Street Provider Youth Action Centre E-Newsletter Friend /Former YSC member
 Youth Action Centre website Teacher/Advisor Other: _____

Section Two: Tell Us About You – What You Think, What You Do...

1. Tell us about your non-academic activities, such as employment or volunteer service, clubs, youth groups or hobbies.

2. Pick one environmental and/or sustainability issue that is important to you. In 150-200 words tell us why you think this is an important issue, and how you think youth can be engaged to help address this problem.

3. Why do you want to sit on the **Green Street Steering Committee**? What do you expect to gain and contribute to the Youth Engagement Program?

4. Finally, tell us something interesting about yourself!

Section Three: Your References

Your reference should be someone who can tell us about you. Your reference should **not** be a friend or a relative. **Good** references are teachers, advisors, employers, coaches, group leaders or other similar people.

Reference #1

Name: _____

Phone Number: _(____)_____ Best time to call: _____

Email: _____ School (if teacher): _____

Relationship to you: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Phone Number: _(____)_____ Best time to call: _____

Email: _____ School (if teacher): _____

Relationship to you: _____

What Now?

Send your completed application form to the Green Street Youth Engagement Program Manager:

Email: youthaction@green-street.ca
Post: Canadian Teachers' Federation
2490, prom. Don Reid Drive
Ottawa, ON K1H 1E1

Application Deadline: October 17th, 2005.

And don't forget to check out our *Youth Action Centre Website*:
www.green-street.ca/youth_action_center/