

Youth Climate Ambassadors Project: Join our Facilitation Team!

Facilitator Application link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycap-facilitator-hiring-2022>

*****Please note the dates above are incorrect, but the survey is still open and accepting applications on an ongoing basis until mid-October 2023.***

Youth Climate Ambassadors Project (YCAP)

...is a collaboration between UBC Climate Hub and Be the Change Earth Alliance (a Vancouver-based climate education charity) consisting of **climate storytelling workshops** in high school classrooms and other community settings (virtually or in-person) where the goal is to foster hope and agency by empowering participants with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to become "Climate Ambassadors" in their own communities.

These peer-to-peer workshops introduce **high school aged (14-18) youth** to concepts of climate justice, systems change and community-based climate solutions through honest, vulnerable conversations led by university student volunteer **facilitators**. (This is where you come in!)

About the Position

We encourage anyone interested in climate justice and youth empowerment to apply to join our facilitation team! Beyond **developing public speaking skills**, facilitators will be part of a **warm, fun and supportive community**, and are bound to meet like-minded folks and learn a lot! Facilitating these workshops offers the opportunity to **guide and mentor younger folks** as they navigate their role in the climate crisis.

This is a **volunteer commitment** for at least the upcoming academic year from **September 2023 to April 2024**, with the opportunity to continue into the summer. We anticipate an average commitment of **5-10 hours per month**, including preparation for workshops and travel time for in-person workshops (if applicable). All successful applicants will be trained in facilitation skills and storytelling techniques in an initial training in late August, and ongoing monthly facilitator team meetings. Facilitators need not be physically in the Vancouver area to be part of the program, if applicants are only interested or able to deliver virtual workshops!

Who we're looking for:

- Youth-identified UBC students or recent graduates (within 2 years)
- Passionate about climate change and social justice
- Public speaking or facilitation experience (Experience working with youth an asset) → Excellent interpersonal skills

→ Strong time management skills to balance other commitments, school, and this

position **Applications are open until mid-October.**

Facilitator Duties and Responsibilities

★ Lead Climate Workshops

- Facilitate 60-90 minute workshops to groups of youth (virtually or in-person depending on context)

★ Pre-workshop duties

- Practice and develop personalized presentation of workshop
- Tailor the workshop content to the specific group. This may include adapting and modifying the workshop design to meet the group's needs and desired learning outcomes

★ Post-workshop duties

- Distribute and collect surveys and receive written feedback from in-person workshop participants
- Follow up with the teacher or point of contact, and the youth participants as needed (eg: to book another workshop, share news about upcoming opportunities, etc.). ★

Other responsibilities

- Attend monthly meetings/socials and all required training sessions

Application Steps

1. Read this job description thoroughly and decide if the position is something you can truly commit to.
2. Complete the online application form. The application will require you to:
 - a. Answer the application questions below (written or video response)
 - b. Upload your resume (max. 1 double-sided page)
 - c. Indicate your availability for training and workshop shifts throughout the academic year.

Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview. Prior to hiring, candidates must successfully pass a criminal record check.

Application Questions

In the application, you will be prompted to answer the following questions EITHER in a written response (maximum 2000 characters including spaces for each question) OR a 3-5 minute video.

1. Tell us your story. How did you become motivated to work on climate change or other social/environmental justice issues? What has been meaningful about this work?
2. What skills or experience would you like to gain from this position?

At the UBC Climate Hub, we value diversity, inclusion and kindness. We are committed to an

anti-oppressive approach in our work and we encourage all qualified applicants to apply. We cherish differences in gender, orientation, religion, beliefs, age and abilities. We welcome any feedback and are happy to make accommodations upon request at climatehub@ubc.ca.

More Info

UBC Climate Hub

UBC Climate Hub is a student-led, campus-wide initiative that mobilizes the power of hopeful climate narratives to engage community stakeholders in systemic climate action. With a hybrid structure composed of student workers, community volunteers, and UBC support staff, the Climate Hub is uniquely positioned to empower university students with climate storytelling techniques and peer facilitation skills that resonate deeply with other youth.

The Climate Hub is located in the University Sustainability Initiative offices on the second floor of the Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (2250 West Mall). Any questions can be emailed to climate.hub@ubc.ca.

Why YCAP?

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Current climate narratives often focus on the apocalyptic, hopeless aspects of the climate crisis which can be paralyzing, demoralizing, and overall ineffective for mobilizing students to act. The Youth Climate Ambassadors Project offers an alternative perspective that highlights how the climate movement can be filled with hope, community, and purpose.

Facilitators tell their own Climate Story, sharing the personal experiences that have motivated them to take action towards climate justice. Offering vulnerability and openness will help youth participants relate to and connect with the facilitators. We believe this peer-to-peer connection is crucial for bringing more youth into the climate movement.