



Participant Registration Package
Young Leaders' Summit on
Northern Climate Change
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
November 10th -12th, 2011

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Summit Description

The North has already experienced drastic climatic changes in a very short period of time and Indigenous populations within Canada and the circumpolar region have been significantly affected by these changes. As a polar country, Canada should be a leader in the international climate negotiations however this is not always the case. The outcome of international negotiations will have a profound impact on the lives and future of youth. For that reason, it is important for youth to take action in their communities, regions, countries, and even internationally.

There is already a significant mobilization of young people at an international level on climate change. However, there is still very little dialogue in the North about climate change policies, despite the fact that northerners are among the highest per capita emitters of greenhouse gases. There is an immediate need to strengthen networks of young leaders concerned with climate change in the North and to synchronize this network with national and international movements. Gwich'in Council International, Arctic Athabaskan Council, Dene Nation, Climate Action Network Canada, The Pembina Institute, and Ecology North are planning a Young Leaders' Summit in Yellowknife in November. The Summit will bring together emerging young leaders from the North and elsewhere who have a demonstrated interest in climate change and the North. The objectives of the Summit are for young leaders to: build leadership skills; learn to effectively communicate the impacts of climate change through diverse media and storytelling techniques; develop a set of recommendations to stimulate stronger action by leaders.

The Young Leaders' Summit on Northern Climate Change 2011 is a follow-up to the very successful Young Leaders' Summit on Northern Climate Change 2009. For more information on the upcoming Summit and on the 2009 Summit, visit www.climateleaders.ca.

Eligibility

Are you concerned about the impacts of climate change in the North?

Do you want to create action on climate change?

Do you want to bring information and solutions to your community?

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30?

Do you have an interest in climate change related issues in the Arctic, sub-Arctic or circumpolar world?

Yes? Then the Northern Young Leaders' Summit on Climate Change may be right for you!

Application Process

To apply, complete the application form and send it by email or fax.

Applications are accepted until October 13th, after which time people will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

You will receive confirmation of receipt of your application by email. We may contact you for follow-up information.

If you are selected as one of the 40 participants, you will be notified by email no later than October 20th, 2011 (applicants will be selected and notified earlier than this date on a rolling basis – applying early is recommended). If applicable, you will also be notified about bursary information. There is no registration fee for the Summit.

We welcome presentations by young leaders on topics related to civic engagement on climate change issues. For example presentations could include video work done on climate change, gathering of traditional knowledge about climate change, engagement in grassroots climate justice organizing on your campus or in your community, and research on climate change related topics. If you are interested in presenting please attach a summary of your topic.

Application Form

First name _____ Last name _____

Email _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Current address _____

Dates at current address _____ to _____

Permanent address _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Community in which you are currently active (such as a town/city, or a group or entity such as a campus) _____

Affiliated organization (if applicable): _____

Indigenous background (if applicable): _____

Current work/school/university/college _____

Year in university/college: 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year other

Preferred language: _____

How did you find out about the Young Leaders' Summit on Northern Climate Change?

Short Essay

Why do you want to participate in the Young Leaders' Summit on Northern Climate Change? Please provide a brief explanation including the current issue or concern that most sparks your interest, and what you hope to learn in relation to your future aspirations. No more than 500 words please.

Please provide us with a short biography, as well as any experience you may have in climate change policy/advocacy work:

Bursary

We aim to make the program as accessible as possible and to provide some financial support to participants who need assistance. Depending on our sponsors, we will be able to offer bursaries to a limited number of participants for travel. Guidance to help locate applicable funding for specific participants will also be provided when possible. To apply for a bursary, please indicate below what your costs are and how much you are able to get covered by other sources.

Please submit this application (by email or fax) to Ecology North

Ecology North,

Attn: Dawn Tremblay

Phone: (867) 873 6019

Fax: (867) 873-4304

Email: dawn@ecologynorth.ca

General Information for Participants

Food: All of the breakfast and lunches will be provided during the Summit. Participants will be responsible for covering the cost of all other meals. There are a variety of places to eat within walking distance in downtown Yellowknife.

Travel: Travel discounts may be available. Please contact us before booking travel.

Accommodation: The Summit is working to provide billets for participants. Please indicate if you would require a billet or if you know someone in Yellowknife and therefore, can arrange your own accommodations.
