



# Young Canadians' Parliament INFO SHEET

**2023 - 2024**

## The Young Canadians' Parliament (YCP) Program

The Young Canadians' Parliament (YCP) is a growing movement of young people under 18 who are standing up for their rights – even at the highest levels of government. Launched in 2020, the YCP program educates young people about their rights and Canada's democratic system. Children and youth also learn how to advocate for themselves and others in their community. Together, young people are speaking up on the issues that matter most to their generation – creating leaders of today and tomorrow.

## What Skills Will Young People Gain?

- Leadership skills
- Critical thinking
- Public speaking
- Effective communication

## Who Can Apply?

Anyone under the age of 18 who resides in Canada is welcome to apply for the YCP program.

## Benefits of the YCP Program Include:

- Meet other kids and youth from across Canada and join the YCP community
- Engage with Parliamentarians and other leaders in Canada
- Receive a certificate of completion at the end of the one-year program
- Gain exposure to networking and career development opportunities
- Discuss important issues that young people care about
- Learn more ways to take action, get involved and make a difference!



## What is Involved?

As YCP members, children and youth participate in a 12-week program of working sessions and events. YCP members discuss issues that are important to them and make policy recommendations. YCP members also learn how to influence legislative change at the federal level and participate in the development of:

- Advocacy Plans
- Recommendations to Government
- Mock Parliamentary Bills

YCP members plan, develop and host a National debate on their mock parliamentary bills with many Parliamentarians and Leaders in attendance. At the end of the program, researchers develop a report of recommendations based on the YCP members' work throughout the program which is presented to Parliamentarians.

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## Key Dates and Program Schedule

Members are required to attend 12 online sessions to complete the program. Here are the key dates for the 2023-2024 YCP cohort. Each session will last 1.5 hrs.

- Saturday, November 4, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, November 11, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, November 18, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, November 25, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, January 6, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, January 13, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, January 20, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, February 10, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. ET

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## Questions?

Have a question about the YCP program? Do not hesitate to reach out to [info@childrenfirstcanada.com](mailto:info@childrenfirstcanada.com)

