



Young Canadians' Parliament Facilitator Info

2024-2025

About Children First Canada (CFC)

A strong, effective and independent voice for all children in Canada. Children First Canada has a bold and ambitious vision that together we can make Canada the best place in the world for kids to grow up.© We are mobilizing an alliance of Canada's leading children's charities, hospitals, research institutes, and corporations that invest in kids, teachers, parents and kids themselves. We are improving children's well-being by building greater awareness among Canadians about the urgent needs of kids in our country and mobilizing the government and other key influencers to change the status quo.

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.



Facilitator Role and Responsibilities

We are currently in the process of looking for young people to be facilitators for the next cohort of the Young Canadians' Parliament with at least one of the following pre-requisites:

1. Be a young adult (under 25)
2. A former member of YCP (under 18)

A facilitator is a young person, who takes on the role of facilitating a topic group during the YCP program. YCP Facilitators have demonstrated the ability to support other young people in dialogue and discussion. Facilitators can also be from a previous YCP cohort.

Required Skills

- You are comfortable working with young people between 12-18 years of age.
- Know how to use Zoom in a breakout group.
- You are able to log onto the Internet.
- You have some understanding of Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Jamboard and Google Slides.
- You are friendly and confident in supporting others.
- You have demonstrated leadership skills, reliability, and have a positive attitude!

What You Get

We truly appreciate your time and effort to create a great environment and to support young people in Canada to learn and speak up on issues that affect them. To show our appreciation, we would like to provide you with the following, as a small token of thanks:

- A letter of volunteer hours completed - 30 hours
- A letter of recommendation from YCP

Expectations

- Attend all facilitator training provided by YCP staff:
- Support young people in their group to complete tasks.
- Understand the YCP Program and be able to support young people to navigate
- Be an advocate and support to the members of their assigned groups
- Check in with young people in their group to promote a safe environment
- Help young people in their group access support they may need
- Create a positive team environment
- Vulnerable Sector Check

YCP Events and Work Sessions

You are **required to be available** to participate and facilitate during the following dates and times:

- Saturday, November 2 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, November 9 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, November 16 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, November 23 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, November 30 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, December 7 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, December 14 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, January 11 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, January 18 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, January 25 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, February 1 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, February 8 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, February 15 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, February 22 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)
- Saturday, March 1 – 12:30PM-2:30PM EST (2 hours)

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