



**YOUTH
CHALLENGE
INTERNATIONAL**

Climate Futures Lab

*50 HRM youth taking local
action on climate*

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Who We Are

Youth Challenge International believes that youth innovation drives positive change. We develop creative solutions that catapult youth around the world to succeed and prosper.



What We Do

Our approach explores the intersection between youth and innovation by addressing health, the environment and inequality within the employment solutions we co-create.



YCI's Core Values

- Youth Leadership
- Gender Equality
- Peer to Peer Learning
- Social Innovation
- Local Ownership
- Digital Inclusion

YCI is a leading global youth development organization that promotes youth innovation to drive positive change.

For over 30 years, YCI has supported and amplified youth-led innovation, both in Canada and around the world.

Our climate action, social entrepreneurship, and international internship programs catapult young people into positions of leadership where they can truly prosper.

In partnership with municipal leaders, local experts, and community partners, we transform conversations about youth and innovation into real solutions that help young people realize meaningful employment and support local and global communities.



“ We need to remember that the climate crisis is not just an issue, it's an opportunity to completely **reimagine the world we want to live in.**”

- Anjali Appadurai

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The purpose of the Climate Futures Lab Program in Halifax is to support youth in establishing and growing climate solutions that have the potential to achieve measurable positive impacts, directly or indirectly, on climate change within the Halifax Regional Municipality

CFL – Program Components

Self

- Develop & enhance profession skill set
- Explore personal values & motivations as a climate advocate
- Network with local climate leaders & stakeholders

Team

- Participate in Design Jams as a Team
- Collaborate to design & Implement Climate Action Project together
- Attend update meetings with YCI, Local Partner, and Design Thinking Office Hours together

Network

- Past, present and future Climate Action Catalysts (300+) on LinkedIn
- Guest speakers, community partners & panel events
- Collaboration and communication anytime via Slack

Catalyst Support Network

YCI

- **Key contact** for program
- Deliver Climate Action Catalyst Network **Live Sessions**
- Administer the **Impact Fund**
- **Design Consultations**
- **Team Coach**

Peers

- **Team** - support system for project implementation
- **Friends & family** – let them know about CFL! Their advise and support can make a big difference
- Climate Action Catalyst **Network**
 - Slack
 - LinkedIn

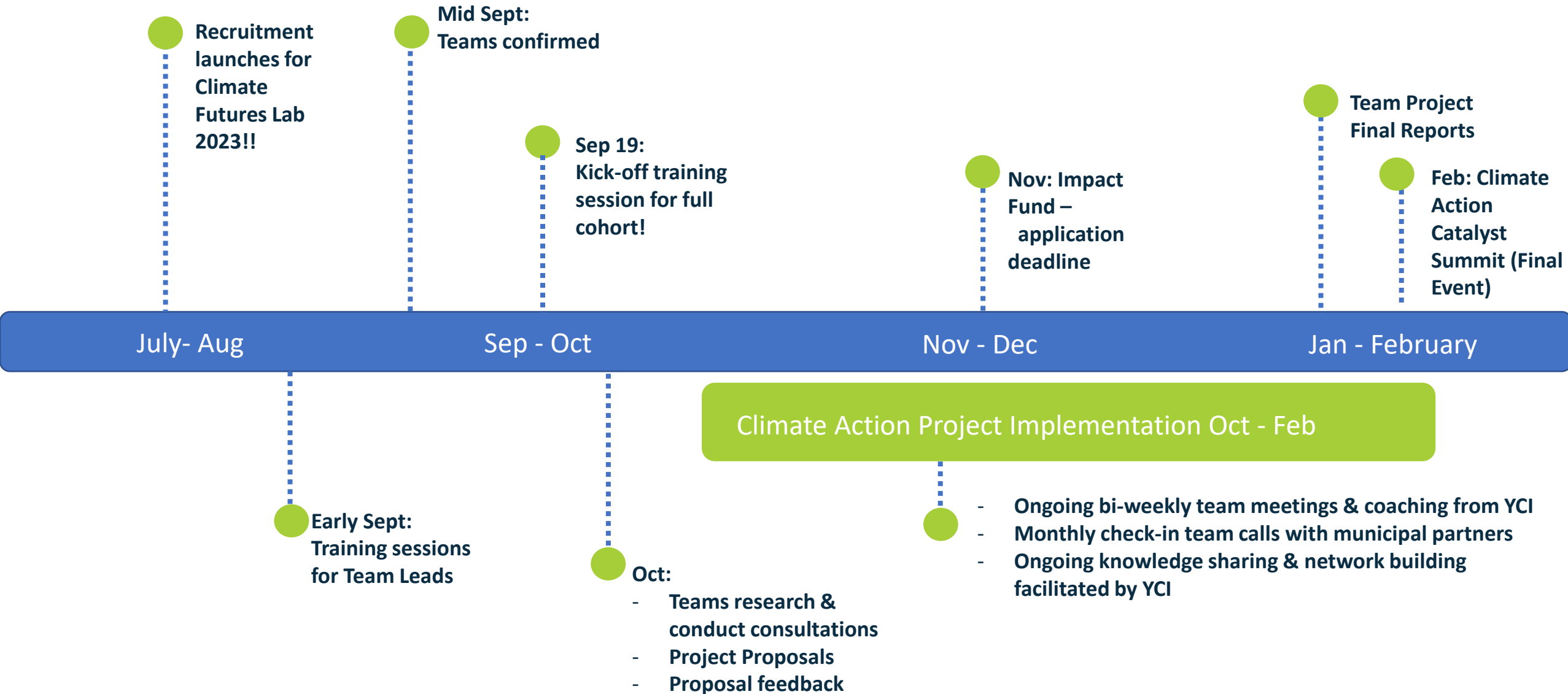
Mentors

- Issue **challenge question** related to their climate priorities
- Monthly **check-in** meetings
- Helpful source of information, data, **connections** to stakeholders
- Provide **expert** guidance

Climate Future Lab Challenge Questions from HRM

- How might we engage young people in the HalifACT movement?
- How might we accelerate the decarbonization of transportation in Halifax? (ex: transit, bikes, EVs)
- How might we engage homeowners around deep energy upgrades to their homes? (ex: energy audits, solar city, home energy pilot, rebates)

Climate Futures Lab - Timeline Overview



Key Stats

- 250+ youth recruited
- 50+ place-based teams across the GTHA
- 2000+ community members engaged through in-person events & activities
- Over 14,000 people reached through digital channels
- 40+ local events held

Project Themes

- Renewable energy
- Sustainable and active transportation
- Waste reduction and food systems
- Biodiversity
- Climate education and awareness

Approaches

- Awareness raising & behaviour change campaigns
- Repair Cafes
- Knowledge Translation
- Seed Library
- Panel Events & Conferences

Check out the 2020 Climate Action Summit!



Climate Action Catalyst teams designed and implemented 20 climate action projects that address climate issues facing their communities.

How to support Climate Futures Lab's next steps!

INNOVATE MY FUTURE

PROJECT TITLE: Reducing the Number of Single-User Vehicles
GROUP NAME: CanSustain

Team Members:

-  **DHIREN KHATTAR**
-  **KIMBERLY MAHADEO**
-  **UNNATI TRIVEDI**

PURPOSE: The purpose of our team's project was to raise awareness about single-user vehicles on local GHG emissions, and to promote action on sustainable transportation. We hosted multiple events, a conference, and launched personal commitments from community members to carpool or use sustainable transportation.

IMPACT: So far, we have had 60 people sign our pledge to commit to a more sustainable transportation. Furthermore, our pop-up event had a turnout of 100 people with whom we hosted conversations about transportation in Hamilton. We also had a "sustainability" hike for an audience of 10 and a conference on Feb. 24 with 15 attendees.

KEY LEARNINGS: The project was an impeccable learning experience for us. We learned how to manage community relationships and brainstorm and plan every aspect of the project. The analysis model that we used to come up with the project was a great learning tool to continue using in our personal lives.

LOCATION: Hamilton

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Alicia Liu
Ask Me About
Climate Change &
Sustainability

Next Steps!

Still Space To Join

We have the capacity to bring on a few more team members. If there is anyone you think may be interested, please encourage them to apply!

Spread The Word

The Climate Action Catalysts will be making many connections within the community. The More the community is aware of the program, the stronger these connections can become!

Collaborations and Connections

If there are any ideas the Youth Advisory Council has for the Climate Futures Lab team, please let us know! The more information sharing the better.



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CLIMATE FUTURES LAB

6-MONTH PROGRAM

Collaborate with young people aged 16-24 to create community climate action projects.

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The poster features a central globe with a green and yellow color scheme, set against a dark blue background with white wavy lines. The text is in white and yellow, with a yellow starburst containing the text '6-MONTH PROGRAM'. Logos for Youth Challenge International, Canada Service Corps, and the Canadian flag are in the top left corner.

Thank You!!

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