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Forum for Young Canadians: Vancouver Regional Event

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Forum for Young Canadians is holding its first regional in-person event, where young British Columbians will be equipped with the tools to participate in lifelong, meaningful civic engagement.

The three-day program will build youth's leadership skills, teach advocacy skills including writing and public speaking, and provide opportunities to build community with peers and potential mentors.

At the Vancouver Regional Event, participants will:

- **Deepen their understanding** of how democratic institutions and elected officials can be champions and support policy and programs of interest to young people.
- Strengthen their network of allies and mentors who can support their efforts to create change and open opportunities to learn and engage with others in the future.
- Hone their skills and capacity as leaders and recognize that it is possible to lead in a variety of ways.
- Learn advocacy skills like persuasive writing, public speaking and team building.
- **Build confidence** in their own abilities and develop their strengths.
- Think critically about issues and recognize competing perspectives and views.
- Sharpen their problem-solving skills including consensus building and lateral thinking.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Young changemakers, particularly students living in Lower Mainland British Columbia, aged 14 to 18 years old.

DO YOU KNOW A YOUTH WHO MIGHT BE A GOOD CANDIDATE?

Contact the Forum team at **forum@forum.ca**. Spaces are limited and youth will be selected based on a variety of criteria, including leadership potential and demonstrated interest in issues impacting their communities. We are looking for students from diverse backgrounds. Formal leadership experience is not required.

Submissions for the Forum Vancouver Regional Event are now open. Youth can apply at **forum.ca/connect**. Deadline: Thursday, October 17.

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