

## Collaborative High-School Action Mentorship Program



CHAMP equips high school youth (grade 8 to 11) with the knowledge, skills, inspiration, and support to influence sustainability in their school communities and beyond. Through skill-based learning, community building, and rich learning experiences, participants from across Metro Vancouver will:

- Learn more about regional sustainability issues and climate action
- Meet and be mentored by students and community leaders of all ages who share a passion for sustainability
- Exchange ideas, strategies, and tools for action
- Receive support to generate a collaborative action project
- Develop leadership and communications skills
- Be part of a fun and dynamic group

### FAQs

**Q.** How much time will I have to dedicate to the program outside of the sessions?

**A.** CHAMPs will work on a collaborative action project and submit short feedback samples in between sessions. You will get a journal to track your progress and reflect on leadership skill development. We estimate that participants put in 1 – 3 hours per week from September – December outside of session time.

**Q.** What if I can't make it to one of the sessions?

**A.** If you are unable to participate in a session, you will need to advise the Youth4Action coordinator prior to the session. It is important to attend sessions to meet the objectives of the program and to receive a certificate.

**Q.** Will we be graded on our collaborative action project?

**A.** You will receive feedback on your project. We want CHAMPs to build and practice skills and be willing to improve based on feedback.

**Q.** What if I'm not in grade 8 – 11?

**A.** Send us an email; we would be happy to learn about your interest in the program.

**Q.** Will this assist with/be applicable to my university application?

**A.** This program can be included as an extracurricular activity to bolster your application to universities. However, there is no formal recognition from universities of this program to raise the profile of your application.

**Q.** Where do the in-person sessions take place?

**A.** In-person sessions are located close to a major transportation hub. Field trips will include return school bus transportation from this starting point.