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Young Urban Forest Leader

The Young Urban Forest Leaders (YUFL) Program is a free four-month training and mentorship program. Virtual and in-person workshops provide skills and experience in arboriculture, urban forestry and community engagement. The program is open to all Toronto youth while seeking to support those from underrepresented groups including (but not limited to) newcomers, women, non-binary people, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQ+ persons and racialized individuals.

Benefits to Participants:

- Gain experience in urban forestry, arboriculture and community engagement
- Obtain skills in leadership, public speaking, outreach, tree identification and more
- Explore career paths and network with professionals
- Build community capacity and public appreciation of the urban forest

LEAF staff will help YUFLs:

- Assess the canopy within a community and develop an Action Plan for tree stewardship and planting
- Conduct an inventory of park trees
- Promote the importance of planting native species through outreach
- Develop and lead an in-person tree tour

"The Program equipped me with local knowledge, new skills, and greater confidence in my abilities. It empowered me to pursue my goals of having a green career and affecting positive change. Thank you YUFL!"

- Sam Baleutz, 2022 YUFL

Join our **Virtual Information Session** on **March 7, 2023** from **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Register at yourleaf.org/events

Visit yourleaf.org to apply! The YUFL application deadline is **March 21, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.**

Applicants must be aged 18-29 and live in Toronto. They must attend all 15 hours of the online Tree Tenders Training and commit five hours per week from April 25th to August 29th. Priority will be given to applicants from underrepresented groups within arboriculture and urban forestry or those with a need to participate in a fully-funded training program.

