

DESIGNING A CANADIAN YOUTH CLIMATE CORPS

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RESEARCH QUESTION

Based on Youth Climate Corps BC (YCCBC), the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and other successful youth employment programs, what are the most important elements to include in a Canadian Youth Climate Corps (YCC)?



WHAT IS A YCC?

A YCC is a federally-funded youth employment program that would offer a good, green job to any young person who wanted one.



METHODOLOGY

- Literature review
- Jurisdictional scan of YCC models
- Analysis of municipal climate action plans
- Interviews

FINDINGS

- Work with Indigenous Peoples, youth, other levels of government, educational institutions, and trade unions
- Create a new federal Crown corporation and local governing bodies
- Community-based
- New climate action projects that wouldn't otherwise be happening
- Post-secondary institutions should be involved in training
- YCC employees should be unionized, work with trade unions to provide a streamlined pathway into the trades
- Living wage and other benefits
- Focus on enlisting marginalized youth