

## The Australian Youth Climate Coalition: Victoria Co- State Coordinator

**LOCATION:** Melbourne, Victoria

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Laura Melville (Organiser)

**TIME COMMITMENT:** The equivalent of 2-3 days a week for a 12 month time period (negotiable)

**SALARY:** This is a volunteer role. Reimbursement is available for associated expenses.

The AYCC is currently looking for one to two outstanding individuals to lead the AYCC Victoria branch and local action groups for 2017, alongside our current Co- State Coordinator James Ha. This is an incredible opportunity to build AYCC Victoria to powerfully implement strategic grassroots campaigns at a crucial time for the climate. This is an opportunity to use your existing leadership, communication and strong interpersonal skills to make a significant and lasting contribution to the climate movement. This position also offers the opportunity to develop your skills through ongoing training and development programs. You will build skills in management, community organising, strategy, campaigning and much more. This is your chance to be part of a dynamic and exciting leadership team that is building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis.

### ABOUT THE AYCC

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition has grown from a handful of people in 2006 to over 120,000 members and 100 local action groups around the country. We have successfully campaigned to get a price on carbon, held Power Shifts with thousands of participants, created a media storm with our 'climate elephant' mascot during 2010 Federal Election, and convinced Lend Lease and three of Australia's big four banks Commonwealth Bank, NAB and most recently ANZ, to pull out of involvement with the Abbot Point coal port expansion on the Great Barrier Reef. We've reached hundreds of thousands of young people with our message demanding a safe climate future and are building a generation wide movement to solve the climate crisis before it's too late. We do this work alongside the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network. In 2017 our main focus will be ensuring that the Adani coal mine in Queensland does not go ahead.

### ABOUT AYCC Victoria

AYCC Victoria is constantly growing, expanding and evolving our structure to adapt to the changing needs of our members and volunteers. We believe in empowering our volunteers and building a strong culture in which everyone plays a part. Currently, we have between 40-50 regular committed volunteers, as well over one hundred more who are involved in a semi regular or occasional basis. We have proven ourselves to be a strong part of the climate movement in Victoria.

2016 has been a great success in Victoria! We have seen our volunteer base grow and diversify, with more and more passionate young people wanting to take action on climate change and developing the skills through the AYCC to do so.

This year has been focused largely on the federal election. We've used creative and engaging tactics which place pressure on key influential politicians to aim higher on climate. We achieved some great public promises from both the government and opposition, such as no public money for Adani's Carmichael Mine in the Galilee Basin in Queensland (Now we just need to hold Malcolm Turnbull to it). Since the 2016 election we've been working hard to hold our politicians accountable to their promises. We've run the Meet Your Member campaign nationally; in Victoria we've met with more than 20 federal politicians to keep climate change on the political agenda, and ensure that politicians hold their leaders to their election promises. We've also been working with young people in the Latrobe Valley to support their visions for a future beyond coal, mentoring high school students to run campaigns in their schools to transition to renewable energy, and run a successful two-day training camp with 50 volunteers from all around Victoria! Most excitingly, we contributed to a successful national campaign to stop BP from drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight!

## ABOUT THE ROLE

An AYCC State Coordinator needs to have a deep passion and commitment to solving the climate crisis through building and mobilising a generation-wide movement. They will possess strong leadership qualities and will be required to inspire and mobilise young people on climate change.

The State Coordinators are responsible for building a diverse grassroots movement in their state. This requires a large amount of initiative, experience in managing volunteers, strong communication skills and ability to create and implement campaign and grassroots strategy. While a challenging role, it doesn't get more rewarding than this!

\*\* Please note that the AYCC is undergoing a Grassroots Model Review, to look at how we manage our state branches and to see if we can make changes to manage them more effectively. There is a possibility that our structure in 2017 may look different from 2016. If you are keen to take on a leadership role, you are encouraged to discuss your interest with the current state coordinators. \*\*

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Build and mobilise a grassroots movement
- Manage core branch volunteers
- Maintain communication between National AYCC, other state teams and internal communications
- Input into AYCC's National Grassroots Strategy
- Develop and implement AYCC campaigns and projects in Victoria
- Support and build local groups in Victoria (and build a team to do this)

- Manage volunteer support systems with the state team. This includes the mentoring, training and support of Victoria state teams and providing volunteer training opportunities.
- Network and collaborate with other organisations in Victoria that we can learn from and work with
- Operate with long-term strategic goals in mind
- Endeavor to create an open, inclusive environment for people of all backgrounds, abilities and identities
- Work alongside Seed - Indigenous Youth Climate Network

#### ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Confident in working independently and with strong initiative
- Outstanding communication skills
- Efficient, highly-effective and reliable
- Committed to teamwork
- Resourceful, innovative and flexible
- Experience in inspiring and motivating others including public speaking and facilitation experience
- Committed to building a youth climate justice movement
- Embrace AYCC purpose, theory of change, and culture
- Experience in working with a diverse range of people

#### HOW TO APPLY

Please send a short resume (1 page), and cover letter (1 page) detailing your experience and interest in the role to Laura Melville at [laura@aycc.org.au](mailto:laura@aycc.org.au) **Applications are open until 5pm January 27th.** If you would like to discuss the role further please feel free to contact the current State Coordinators Phoebe Rountree (on 0401 166 263 or [phoebe.rountree@aycc.org.au](mailto:phoebe.rountree@aycc.org.au)) or James Ha (0448 889 989 or [james.ha@aycc.org.au](mailto:james.ha@aycc.org.au)).

*We also acknowledge that sometimes the best people for the role may not fulfil all the above criteria, but are motivated and quick learners. We encourage all to apply.*