

We're recruiting a Schools Mentor



TYPE OF POSITION: Volunteer

LOCATION: Melbourne

KEY RELATIONSHIPS: Internal staff and volunteers, high school students, high schools

TIME COMMITMENT: 2-5 hours per week for 6 months

REPORTS To: Victorian Schools Coordinator/s

We're looking for a passionate person to support and mentor high schools students to lead the Repower our Schools campaign across Melbourne/Victoria, empowering students to build community momentum for a transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

The candidate will mentor 2-6 students from 1-3 high schools across Victoria to take meaningful action on climate change and lead a transition to renewable energy in their school and community. Schools mentors will be responsible for supporting students to take on and lead the Repower our Schools campaign, which gives students the opportunity to commit to a plan to make their school more sustainable, from getting solar panels to reducing energy use. Schools mentors play an important role in providing students with the skills, knowledge and networks to create change, and empowering them to become lifelong climate leaders.

Key Responsibilities

1. Mentor 2-6 students from 1-3 high schools students and schools to engage their whole school, create a sustainability action plan and adopt the repower pledge.
2. Organise in-school workshops and out-of-school meetings to build the skills and capacity of high school students to lead climate action
3. Coordinate and facilitate ongoing mentoring, including face to face, Skype, phone and email communication.
4. Work with the state Schools Coordinators to develop resources and tailored support for high school students, including Student Climate Action Network meetings and trainings
5. Coordinate data management including on and off line data pathways and management systems to track communication and relationship building with students and schools
6. Attend Schools Team meetings with other schools mentors and Schools Coordinators and actively contribute to the Repower our Schools state strategy and events. Meetings will be held fortnightly or monthly for 1-2 hours, determined by the state Schools Coordinators.

Experience and Competencies

The ideal candidate will be a passionate person who has been involved in youth education programs before ideally in schools or has been involved/interested in community organising. We are made up almost entirely of young people, so we understand that many people do not have a lot of experience but that enthusiasm counts for a whole lot. Regardless of your experience, the ideal candidate will have:

- Experience working with young people and in high school settings

- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate with a wide-range of audiences from diverse backgrounds
- Interest or experience in community organizing
- Interest or experience working in and knowledge of sustainability and climate justice
- Commitment to the mission and values of the AYCC

About the AYCC

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) is Australia's largest youth-led organization, with 500 volunteers nationally, and over 120,000 young members across Australia.

AYCC's mission is to build a generation wide movement to solve the climate crisis. AYCC focusses on both political impact and cultural change. Since its founding in 2006, AYCC has become one of Australia's most effective and innovative social change organisations.

About the AYCC Schools Program: Switched on Schools

The Switched on Schools program uses a unique peer-to-peer approach to ignite high school students' interest in climate Justice. Each year we educate, inspire, empower and mobilise high school students to become leaders and take ownership of national campaigns in their schools and communities.

The key components of this program are:

- In-school workshops that educate students on the issue of climate justice and inspire them to take action;
- Summits that bring together 50-200 students for two days of learning, networking and skill development.
- An online hub that enables students to take on national campaigns, build a network with like-minded young people across Australia and access resources to start their own campaigns.
- Student Climate Action Networks where active students can get together in their region, build leadership skills, develop campaigns and troubleshoot challenges. Active students can also be supported by AYCC volunteer mentors.

In 2016, Switched on Schools empowered 1000 students through eight two-day summits and two regional workshops. A further 15,000 students were reached through in-school presentations and campaigns, across 390 schools.

About Repower our Schools

The campaign has been designed to empower high school students to take meaningful action on climate change. Dangerous global warming is happening now, and it's the younger generation who will inherit the consequences. Australia is the windiest and sunniest country on earth, and has the ability to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy in the next 10 years.

The campaign involves students building whole school support for climate action through running inspiring presentations, build groups and offering fun events to get peers to sign-on to their campaign. They meet with key stakeholders in their school and develop a clear and attainable action plan for making their school more sustainable. They then get their school administration to adopt the repower pledge. This provides a public opportunity for the school to pledge to climate action and implementing their sustainability action plan. Students are encouraged to engage local media and meet with

members of parliament to share their stories and call on Australia to follow their lead and transition to 100% renewable energy.

For more information please go to <http://switchedonschools.org.au/repower>

Application Process

Please fill out the google form and attach your CV so that we can get to know you better and we will get back to you.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.