

## REPOWER OUR SCHOOLS COORDINATOR

**TYPE OF POSITION:** Volunteer

**LOCATION:** Townsville, Queensland

**KEY RELATIONSHIPS:** Internal staff and volunteers, high school students, high school staff and teachers

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 8 hours per week for 12 months

**REPORTS TO:** National Schools Program Team



We're looking for a passionate person to coordinate the delivery the Repower our Schools campaign in Townsville. The candidate will empower hundreds of students from 10-15 high schools within the Townsville region to engage with climate justice and lead the Repower our Schools campaign. Repower our Schools gives students the opportunity to build whole-school support for meaningful climate action and commit to a plan to make their school more sustainable, from getting solar panels to reducing energy use to purchasing clean energy.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Recruit students and schools to take on the Repower our Schools campaign
2. Mentor students and schools to engage their school community, create a sustainability action plan, and adopt a pledge to power their school with 100% clean energy
3. Organise in-school workshops, out-of-school meetings and ongoing student mentoring.
4. Recruit, train, manage and support volunteer mentors to implement the campaign
5. Data management including on- and offline data pathways and management systems
6. Collaborate with other Townsville AYCC teams on shared campaign goals
7. Oversee a Student Climate Action Network of leaders from various schools.

### EXPERIENCE & COMPETENCIES:

We are made up entirely of young people, so we understand that not every applicant will have all of the requisite experience - but enthusiasm and a willingness to learn counts for a lot.

Regardless of your experience, the ideal candidate would have:

- Experience working with young people and in high school settings
- Prior involvement in youth education programs, ideally within high schools
- 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 750 volunteers nationally, and over 150,000 supporters across Australia. AYCC's mission is to build a generation wide movement to solve the climate crisis. AYCC focuses 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**

### **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 2017, Switched on Schools empowered 1000 students through eight two-day summits and two regional workshops. A further 10,000 students were reached through in-school presentations and campaigns, across 350 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.

Through leading a campaign in their school, students look to build whole school support for climate action. They run inspiring presentations, build a group and offer 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 implement 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 info go to <http://switchedonschools.org.au/repower>

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Please send your CV and a one page statement addressing the key selection criteria (dot points are fine) to Nick Carter (QLD organiser) - [nick.carter@aycc.org.au](mailto:nick.carter@aycc.org.au) by August 12th, 2018.

