

We're recruiting Queensland Schools Mentors!



TYPE OF POSITION: Volunteer

LOCATION: Queensland: Brisbane, Gold Coast and Townsville

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

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

REPORTS TO: Queensland Schools Coordinators

We're looking for passionate people to support and mentor high schools students to lead the Repower our Schools campaign across Queensland, empowering students to build community momentum for a fair transition to clean, sustainable renewable energy and away from fossil fuels.

The candidate will mentor 2-6 students from 1-3 high schools across Queensland 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 a critical role in providing students with the skills, knowledge and networks to create change, and empowering them to become lifelong climate action leaders.

Key Responsibilities

1. Mentor 2-6 students from 1-3 high 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 on climate action
3. Coordinate and facilitate ongoing mentoring of those students, including face to face, video conference, phone, email and/or social media communication.
4. Work with the Queensland 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 offline data pathways and management systems, to track communication and relationship building with students and schools
6. Attend 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 2 hours, determined by the 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 entirely of young people, so we understand that many people do not have the most experience - however, 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 2017, Switched on Schools empowered 1000 students through two-day summits and workshops in various localities across Australia. A further 20,000 students have been reached through in-school presentations and campaigns, across 420 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 send your CV and a one page statement addressing the key selection criteria (dot points is fine) to Queensland Schools Organiser nick.carter@aycc.org.au and CC: National Schools Program Director laura.sykes@aycc.org.au. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

