

We're recruiting

ACT Schools Coordinators x 2



TYPE OF POSITION: Volunteer

LOCATION: Canberra

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

TIME COMMITMENT: 1-2 days per week (or equivalent of 12-16hrs) for 12 months

REPORTS To: NSW Organiser/ACT Mentor & National Schools Program Director

We're looking for 2 passionate young people to coordinate the delivery the Repower our Schools campaign and build, train & empower the student youth climate justice movement in the ACT. The candidates will empower hundreds of students from high schools across the ACT 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. In driving the Repower Our Schools campaign & ACT Schools program, you will help lead our work for climate justice getting schools to commit to 100% renewable energy, to having students lead the fight to #StopAdani and ensure that young peoples climate demands aren't ignored in the upcoming 2019 Federal Election.

Key Responsibilities

1. Recruit students and schools to take on the Repower our Schools campaign
2. Mentor students and schools to engage their whole school, create a sustainability action plan and adopt the repower pledge. Organise in-school workshops, out-of-school meetings and ongoing mentoring.
3. Recruit, train and support new school volunteers to mentor students to lead campaigns & actions in/out of school
4. Coordinate data management including on and off line data pathways and management systems
5. Coordinate Repower our Schools campaigns with the ACT AYCC branch to achieve shared goals
6. Recruitment of schools and students for in-school workshops, AYCC trainings and other events
7. Build schools students as a key part of the AYCC ACT Branch and provide them with the trainings & support to help lead on all of AYCC's campaigns & projects
8. Be an active member of the ACT Core Team, AYCC National Schools Team & National AYCC Leaders network
9. Develop & manage relationships with local networks for a stronger, bigger & more diverse movement e.g. schools, community groups, climate orgs, youth orgs, students from the 'School Strike 4 Climate'
10. Where desired, actively support & mentor the high school students leading the 'School Strike 4 Climate'

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 1000 volunteers nationally, and over 150,000 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

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;
- 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.
- Trainings to equip students with the skills & knowledge to lead campaigns, &

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. In the ACT context, this sees students working to wholly repower their schools to 100% renewable energy, beyond the kW the ACT government has already installed.

2018 was the biggest year yet for student lead climate action, with 300+ school students organising & partaking in the School Strike for Climate Action. In 2019 the ACT Schools team will train, empower and support hundreds of school students to lead youth campaigns for climate justice. 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 Sally Coggiola (NSW Organiser) - sally.coggiola@aycc.org.au. **Applications close midnight Monday 28th January 2019.**