

# NSW Schools Coordinator



**TYPE OF POSITION:** Volunteer

**LOCATION:** Sydney, NSW

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

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 1.5 - 2 days per week (10 - 12hrs) for 12 months

**REPORTS To:** NSW Organiser & National Schools Program Team

We're looking for a passionate young person aged 18-30 to coordinate the delivery of the Switched on Schools program across New South Wales, alongside our existing schools team. The candidate will empower over 1,000 students from 20-40 high schools across New South Wales 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 & NSW Schools program, you will help lead our work for climate justice in Western Sydney and the state campaign to pressure the NSW State Government to commit to repowering all high schools in NSW with clean renewable energy.

## 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 to commit to meaningful action on climate change and to create a sustainability action plan
3. Coordinate and deliver the Student Climate Leadership Program (SCLP) from August - December 2019 with 20+ high school students from across the state
4. Organise and recruit schools and students for in-school workshops, summits and leadership programs
5. Recruit, train and support new volunteers to mentor students
6. Coordinate campaigns with NSW AYCC branch to achieve shared goals
7. Coordinate data management including data pathways and management systems (NationBuilder)

## Experience and 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
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate with a wide-range of audiences from diverse backgrounds
- Organised, effective time management skills, works well in a team
- Interest or experience in community organizing (e.g. planning, event logistics, facilitation or training)
- Interest or experience working in and knowledge of climate justice and sustainability
- 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
- Summits that bring together 150-200 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
- The 6 month intensive Student Climate Leadership Program, a training for 20+ high school students from across Sydney & surrounding areas to develop their skills in campaigning, organising, leadership, communications
- 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.

### 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.

### Application Process

Please send your CV and a one page cover letter addressing the key selection criteria (dot points is fine) to Isabella Gray (NSW Organiser) - [isabella@aycc.org.au](mailto:isabella@aycc.org.au). **Applications close midnight Tuesday 25th June.**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.